



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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MARCH 2025

Next Meeting Date – March 11, 2025

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Hospitality: Anne Bethell, Linda Severin,
Eddie Lou Strimple
Program: Herbs

Garfield County Master Gardeners Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Coontz.

Announcements:

Moving forward, the newsletters will be sent via email. If there are those who would like a paper copy mailed, Master Gardeners will need to pay postage. Members should check to make sure their email is correct. The Newsletter will come from Donna Groneweg. Check Junk mail or Spam to make sure it is coming to your inbox. Minutes are in the Newsletter.

February Birthdays were honored.

Minutes of January 14 stand as written.

Rick's wife has been diagnosed with cancer. A card was passed giving each member an opportunity to sign. It will be left on Rick's desk waiting for his return.

Treasurer's Report:

As of February 11, 2025:

Beginning Savings	
Account Balance	\$25,732.15
Transfer to checking	\$ 1,000.00
Ending Savings	
Account Balance	\$24,732.15

Beginning Checking	
Account balance	\$ 1,000.00
Total Deposits	\$ 1,030.00
Dues	\$ 30.00
Transfer from Savings	\$ 1,000.00
Total expenses:	\$ 1,302.39
Gloves	\$ 419.95
2 Square Terminals	\$ 738.44
1 Year Weebly Website	\$ 144.00
Ending Checking	
Account Balance	\$ 727.61

Message from Janet Coontz

Garfield County Master Gardener President

Can you believe it? Spring is really here! Of course this is Oklahoma so there will be cool days and windy days, but slowly the soil will warm up and our growing season will be begin in earnest. Spring is so fun with the excitement and promise of warmer days ahead and gardening will soon be in full swing. Save a little time to volunteer in our demonstration gardens and with our spring workshop that is coming up March 29th. Jenny and her committee have been hard at work and it will be a very popular workshop focusing on Beat the Heat as it pertains to gardening in the Oklahoma sun. Please try to attend our next meeting on March 11th. We will be discussing and making plans for our gardens and outreach projects. Your ideas are needed to inspire our activities for this year. We will also be planning a trip to the Bartlett Arboretum near Wichita. See you on the 11th and Happy Gardening!

Audit report will be made next month.

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden: (Mike Gwinnup):

Christmas lights are down and now we need to find a place to store the boxes while we tear the old shed down in order to build the new one. The cost of the new one has gone up \$200. We are still within the amount voted, but there will be more expense as we still need to purchase some treated lumber and shingles. Mike is working with Lowes to get the best price. There may need to be a vote next month to allow more funding to complete this project.

Jenny has planted plants in the greenhouse for the Spring Workshop. There have been some problems keeping it warm enough. Two oil heaters are currently in use, but it has become evident that the front outlet is not working.

Children's Garden: (Diane Ford) No Report

Newspaper: (Kris Vculek) The sign up list was passed again. There are still a few more opportunities for members to share gardening experiences in the newspaper!

Radio Program: (John Jinkerson) This radio program is done in an interview format and is prerecorded. This week it will be recorded on Wed AM and airs Saturday AM. Alan Klepper has volunteered to come to our meeting to speak about what it involves for members to do the radio show. John will confirm a time with him.

Scholarship (Cheryl Kephart): No report.

Hospitality: (Linda Severin): Thanks to Suzy Skaggs, Karen Boileau and Sharon Ronck for a wonderful morning brunch.

Spring Workshop: (Jenny Gwinnup) Registration Forms are ready thanks to Kris. Sign up forms were sent around the room including opportunities to sign up to help with set up, to bring food and to bring boutique items. The workshop date is Saturday, March 29 with registration beginning at 8:00. Set-up will be Friday, March 28 at 4:00.

Home Show (Lori Bowers and Kathryn Redding): The home show will be April 25 (Fri: 5PM-7PM), April 26 (Sat 9AM-7PM), April 27 (Sun 10AM-5PM). Sign up will be next month.

Master Gardeners will provide donations of flowering plants, tomatoes, vegetables, herbs.

Education plans need to be ready for the Home Show including mini activities to provide hands-on experiences for children.

Old Business: The Website is coming along. It is a tedious process and many thanks to Kris for working with our website builder Kelli Tomkins to get it up and running. We will need members to write information about our programming and functions. As it evolves, we will want to add pictures of projects and events.

The seed library is in process. Heidi has lots of seeds and a cabinet. This cabinet will be put in the Master Gardner office and seeds organized. Then we will be ready to start using it next month! There will be a learning process to be refined as it is put into use. One question to be considered: "Is it to be used for Master Gardeners only or is general public invited to make use of the seeds." If it is to be opened to the public, it could be announced on the radio, in the newspaper and on the website.

Spring Tea Party (Jenny Gwinnup, Diane Ford, Ann Bryant) There has been a date/time change. The event will be May10 from 1-3PM. It will be in Gail Wynne's garden and will be open to a maximum of 64 adults. Cost is TBD. Save the dates will be sent out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eddie Lou Strimple,
Secretary

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