



**GARFIELD COUNTY
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Master Gardener News

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MAY 2025

Next Meeting Date – May 13, 2025

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Hospitality: Lori Bowers
Program: Bees

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Do you remember the old saying “April showers bring May flowers?” Well we should have an abundance of flowers this month! Thanks to all who came out on Earth Day and helped in the gardens. We got a lot of cleaning up done and beds ready to plant as soon as it dries out a little. The new building is about finished and the extra storage will be appreciated.

Lori and Kathryn did another great job organizing the booth for the Home and Garden Show. Thanks to all who helped with set-up, working the booth and tearing down on Sunday. We had several people interested in joining the next Master Gardeners class this fall. We also worked a booth at the Johnston’s Spring Fling that Saturday.

Unfortunately, the weather cancelled our St. Joseph’s student visit. It was just too wet and cold for the students. We did have a group of six members who attended the *Art in the Arb* at the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plain, KS. The weather was great and the tulips were fantastic! We all came home ready to plant tulips this fall, but not 40,000 of them!

April was such a busy month for us and all of your contributions were appreciated. Now maybe we can slow down and enjoy just being in our own gardens and helping a little making our demonstration garden a show stopper for our community! Don’t forget the upcoming State Master Gardener Conference in Stillwater on June 12 & 13. The theme is “50 Years of Sowin’ Growin’ and Knowin’”. See you at our next meeting on May 13th!

Garfield County Master Gardeners Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Coontz.

Members having April birthdays were recognized. The minutes of the March 11th meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report: (Ruth Carvalho)

Beginning Savings Balance	\$24,214.82
Total deposits	+ 2,368.00
Savings transfer	- 1,400.00
End Savings Account Balance	\$25,182.82
Beginning General Checking Balance:	\$1,000.00
Total deposits	+ \$5,628.91
Total Expenses	- \$3,264.05
Transfer to Savings	-\$2,364.86
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$1,000.00

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden: (Mike Gwinnup)

The new storage building is under construction and should be finished soon. Thanks to Mike and his guys for all of their efforts! This will be a great addition to our gardens.

Children's Garden: (Diane Ford)

Diane shared that progress is being made in cleaning out the flower beds in preparation for planting.

Seed Library: (Heidi Bender) A cabinet has been donated by Heidi to house our seed library. Martha Posey has volunteered to help get seeds ready and get drawers labeled. It remains a work in progress.

Scholarship: (Cheryl Kephart) Nothing to report at this time.

Hospitality: (Linda Severin) Linda thanked those providing the refreshments for the day.

Educational Outreach: (Janet Coontz) Pre-K and Kindergarten students from St. Joseph's would like to come to the Children's Garden in April if weather permits. Several members volunteered to help with the visit. Also, the Lifelong Learning 8-week session will begin in September. More information about that outreach opportunity will be coming soon as lessons are planned. It was discussed and the group decided to have a table at Johnston's Spring Fling on April 26th. Pam Lyon and Heidi Bender volunteered to help with manning the table.

Spring Workshop: (Jenny Gwinnup) Jenny presented a report about the successful Spring Workshop and thanked all of those who helped make it a success. She reported 92 registrations. Expenses were \$1,379.22 and income was \$4,204.00 for a profit of \$2,824.78. The silent auction items brought in \$260 and the boutique sales were \$716.

Home Show: (Lori Bowers & Kathryn Redding) They are waiting on information on the size and layout of our booth. Lori will be

sending an email out soon with the schedule for volunteering to help at the booth. Set-up will be on Thursday and tear down late Sunday afternoon. Members are encouraged to sign up for 2-hour blocks to help with the booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 25, 26 & 27. We will have plants and other items for sale in the booth as well as OSU gardening factsheets. Information about the next Master Gardener class this fall will also be presented. This is a great outreach and fun event to volunteer at. Hopefully there will be no tornado warnings like last year!

Old Business: Anyone interested in attending the tulip festival at the Bartlett Arboretum on April 12th should contact Janet.

New Business: To celebrate Earth Day on April 22 we will have a workday in the gardens to get ready for planting and mulching.

Meeting adjourned.



Gloriann Byrum - 9

Sarah Cook - 21

Barbi Oliver - 21

Mickey Chapman - 30

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