



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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Next Meeting Date – November 11, 2025

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
General Meeting: 9 a.m.
Location: Garfield County OSU Extension
Hospitality: Joy Johnson
Program: Composting 101

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Fall has officially arrived with cooler temperatures and lovely fall colors. The maple trees are showing off, and other plants are contributing their fall colors as well. Please take some time to enjoy the beautiful weather and fall foliage in your area.

If you didn't attend last month's meeting or haven't yet registered with the OSU website, please contact Donna or Rick at the OSU Extension office to make arrangements to get registered ASAP.

November is a busy time for us. Dues (\$15) need to be paid for next year. We need information updated for our book and hostesses for our monthly meetings. We will be taking care of these things at our November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11. We will also be electing new officers. At this time the proposed officers are:

President-	Steve Case
Vice-President-	Eddie Lou Strimple
Secretary-	Karen Boileau
Treasurer-	Barbie Oliver

We will also be making arrangements for our December Christmas party. You are missed when you don't attend meetings, so please try to be at the November meeting as we have some important issues to address—this include spending some money—please come with ideas!

**IF YOU ARE A MENTOR TO A MEMBER OF
OUR LATEST CLASS, PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH
WITH THEM!**

Garfield County Master Gardeners Minutes

October 14, 2025

Following a training session the purpose of which was to guide members through registration in order to facilitate OSU background checks, the meeting of Garfield County Master Gardeners was called to order by President Janet Coontz at 10:15AM.

Announcements:

Thanks to Jenny Gwinnup and Teresa Boeckman for amazing refreshments.

The new class of 14 people is going great. There is lots of enthusiasm.

Birthday celebrations (in absentia) for Martha Posey and Diane Ford.

Minutes: There were no minutes in September. The picnic took precedence over a September business meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Ruth Carvalho)

There was little activity to report.

Savings Account Balance	
beginning of month:	\$26,813.31
Quarterly dividend	+3.40
Transfer to savings	-82.23
End Savings Account Balance	26,734.48
Beginning General	
Checking Balance	\$773.77
Total Deposits	+226.23
(Gloves \$144.00 Transfer from Savings \$82.23)	
End General Checking Balance	\$1,000.00

A proposal was made to earmark \$15.00 per year per person for future background check fees. New members will be \$32 for their initial enrollment. This first year, the cost is being paid for by current Master Gardener Funds. There was also discussion about the possibility of raising dues to \$20.00. It was decided at this time we would not raise the dues.

Committee Reports:

Demonstration Garden: (Mike Gwinnup) Mike Gwinnup and Steve Case picked up mulch and spread it in the garden. There are still 3 trees to be planted. These were donated and are now about 3' tall and need to be in the ground. Steve did much needed repairs on the water feature. Mike is in the process of setting up an account at Lowe's so we can charge for MG expenses.

Children's Garden: (Diane Ford) No Report

Newspaper: (Kris Vculek) Everything is up to date.

Radio Program: (John Jinkerson) Alan Clepper will be reporting from the Extension Garden tomorrow (Oct 15)

Seed Library: (Heidi Bender) No Report

Scholarship: (Cheryl Kephart): Cheryl attended the awards ceremony in Stillwater. There was \$190,000 given in scholarships. \$4,000 of this was from GCMG. It was given to 4 students, all of whom are majoring in Landscape Architecture. One extremely heartfelt thank you note was read to the group reflecting the impact these dollars have on the lives they touch.

Hospitality: (Linda Severin) Many thanks to all who contribute each month!

Educational Outreach: (Janet Coontz)

Spring Workshop: (Jenny Gwinnip) Eddie Lou Strimple will co-chair this project this spring. The workshop date is March 28, 2026, with set up at 2:00 PM on March 27.

Home Show: (Lori Bowers and Kathryn Redding) No Report

Rick Nelson: Rick announced his retirement at the end of December. He offered to continue contributing to Garden Talk until a replacement can be found. Rick will certainly be missed!

Old Business:

New Business:

The County Fair was successful. GCMG booth was manned constantly and these representatives estimated talking to at least 300 people. There were 3 registrations for the Master Gardener course of which 2 have followed through and are in attendance at the classes. Children enjoyed the swallowtail caterpillar, everyone loved getting free seeds and children enjoyed the planting activities.

Autry Tech approached GCMG about teaching classes at the Vo Tech. They needed an answer immediately, so our officers made the commitment. There will be 8 topics covered, and we will follow the same format as we have used in teaching Life Long Learning.

It will be 8 weeks of class - one class per week 90 minutes long. These are scheduled for Thursdays at 6-7:30PM. The time frame is mid-January to mid-March.

Ideas were discussed to get more people involved in Master Gardener Training. Ideas shared: remote training; evening training.

Officer nominations should be given to Barbie Oliver. It is appropriate to self-nominate if a person feels so led. The election will be at the November meeting.

Johnson Seed would like Master Gardeners to have a meeting at their store.

Members are in favor of this arrangement. It would build a stronger relationship between this enterprise and the members of our organization. Janet will communicate with Johnson Seed to find a good date.

- Garden Tours. This will be a fundraiser held this spring. We would need to get the word out now through the website and Facebook that we need people who are willing to share their home gardens.
- Condolences to Susie Skaggs who lost Dennis recently.
- Janet Coontz expressed appreciation for the wonderful attitude with which members of this group signed up for background checks.
- A door prize was awarded to Karen Boileau.

Meeting adjourned by Janet Coontz.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eddie Lou Strimple, Secretary

Happy Birthday

Joy Johnson – 7
Judy Huhman – 15
Sharon Ronck - 27

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