



**GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION**

Master Gardener News

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OCTOBER 2025

Next Meeting Date – October 14, 2025

Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting: 9 a.m.

Location: Garfield County OSU Extension

Hospitality: Teresa Boeckman, Jenny

Gwinnup, Sheryl Colenbaugh

Program: OSU Training

Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Can you believe it? Suddenly it is October and our busy gardening year is beginning to slow down. Hopefully you can take some time and just enjoy the beauty of Oklahoma and your garden in the cooler weather of fall. The fall colors are just beginning to be noticeable in our area and the weeks to come will bring more colors and cooler weather and hopefully some rain!

We missed some of you at our fall picnic in September, but a good time was had by those in attendance. We also had quite a few of the members from our new class attend. They will be completing their third lesson this week. If you are serving as a mentor, please reach out to them and answer any questions they might have. We are trying to build strong relationships with them throughout their training so it should be easier to get them plugged into our group in January. I met with them and explained that they had a mentor

that would be contacting them so be sure that you do so soon if you haven't already. I also gave them a tour of our gardens so they have a little knowledge of what we have to offer. They are very enthusiastic and new members come with such excitement about learning. We ended up with 14 in the class.

We are working on officers for next year, so please consider this if you are contacted. We need several new officers. I also need to know if you are a committee head if you wish to continue with that. I will be contacting those, and we will discuss that at our October meeting. We will vote in November for officers. We are working on updating the book for next year.

Our Life Long Learning classes are going well. There are over 20 in the classes, and they seem to be enjoying them. Thanks to all our members who have so graciously stepped up and offered to teach these sessions. It is my experience that you learn the most yourself when you teach others. They have been informative and fun classes, and I have enjoyed seeing each of our presenters grow and share their knowledge. If you have presented, Thank You!! Also, if you have presented, save your materials, notes, and power points. We have a big announcement to make at our October meeting!

At our next meeting on Oct. 14th, we will be registering with the OSU Volunteer portal. A representative from OSU will be there to

walk us through the process of registering. We need as many computers as possible that day, so if you have a laptop or tablet, please bring it with you that day and have it charged. We will do this session first, take our break, and then have our business meeting. **Please remember that this registration MUST be completed and if you cannot attend that day, you will be responsible for getting it completed soon.** The new students completed it in their first session and it was very helpful to have her there to deal with issues that arose.

Oklahoma Proven Plant

Tecoma stans

Yellow Bells is a tropical shrub used as an annual in Oklahoma. It can reach a height of three feet and produces striking yellow flowers above glossy green leaves from summer until frost. Orange flowering cultivars are also available. Give this plant a southern exposure; it loves the heat and sun.

Sun Exposure: Full

Soil: Moist, well-drained

Hardiness: Use as an annual



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