



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
EXTENSION**

# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – February 11, 2025

**Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**  
**General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Garfield County OSU Extension**  
**Hospitality: Karen Boileau, Susie Skaggs,**  
**Sharon Ronck**  
**Program: Rick Nelson, Soil Regeneration**

### Message from Janet Coontz Garfield County Master Gardener President

Happy New Year!!! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends. Beginning a new year is always fun with new ideas and plans and everything seems possible. I get excited in January because gardening season is just a few months away. You will find me flipping through those garden catalogs and searching for new ideas to try in the garden. Sure helps to pass those cold days of winter. We are making new plans for our Master Gardener year also. I would like us to focus on three words this year. They are **OUTREACH, EDUCATION** and **SERVICE**. We will be discussing these at our February meeting and how to put them into action. Please come on the 11<sup>th</sup> with some ideas to share on ways to implement them.

We had a good turnout for our Christmas dinner and missed those who could not attend. We had a great time and enjoyed some very good food and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all in February as we kick off another year!

### Garfield County Master Gardeners Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Coontz. New 2025 Yearbooks were handed out. Dues need to be paid within 30 days. If dues are unpaid, names

will be marked off the roll. January birthdays were honored.

#### Minutes of October Meeting:

Minutes were corrected. Mickey Chapman was incorrectly listed as secretary for 2025. It is to be Eddie Lou Strimble.

#### 2025 Officers:

President: Janet Coontz, Vice-Pres.-Barbie Oliver, Sec.-Eddie Lou Strimble, Treasurer-Ruth Carvalho, Finance Chairman—Joy Johnson

#### As of December 10, 2024:

Beginning Savings Account Balance:	\$27,564.32
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$25,698.78
State Convention Checking Balance	\$967.31
State Convention Checking Account Balance	\$0.00
Beginning General Checking:	
Account Balance	\$1,000.00
Total Checking Account Balance	\$1,000.00

#### Treasurer Report as of January 14, 2025

Beginning Savings Account Balance	\$15,698.78
Ending Savings Account Balance	\$25,632.15
Beginning General Checking Balance	\$1,000.00
Ending checking Account Balance	\$1,000.00

President Coontz would like suggestions as to how we can use our money wisely to improve our garden and the organization. Bring your ideas in February.

Our focus for this year: Outreach; Education; Service. We will reach outside ourselves and not look just inwardly. The finance Committee needs to have an audit done by the next meeting. Three people to audit are Mickey Chapman, Ruth Carvalho and Joy Johnson.

#### Committee Reports:

**Demonstration Garden: (Mike Gwinnup)** Thanks go to Mike Gwinnup for taking the lead on putting Christmas Lights in the Demonstration Garden. In February, we need to plant for the upcoming workshop. Also, the extra storage building needs to be put up in March.

**Children's Garden: (Diane Ford)** Stella Janzen (Park Avenue Thrift) wants to come see the children's shed. We received a grant from Park Avenue Thrift for the up-grades.

**Office/Phones: (Rick Nelson)** Rick was in Stillwater today. Rick wrote a great article in the newspaper about making gardens attractive to wildlife and it included ideas to consider as gardeners plan spring gardens with emphasis on trying something new.

**Newspaper: (Kris Vculek)** The sign-up list for the newspaper articles was passed to the members. Kris explained that Garfield County Master Gardener articles are published on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

**Scholarship:** No report

**Hospitality: (Linda Severin)** There are still openings for people to help with our monthly breakfasts. The sign-up sheet was passed once again.

**Spring Workshop: (Jenny Gwinnup)** Our Spring Workshop is to be held Saturday, March 29, at Autry Tech. Registration is 8:00-8:45. The cost is \$35.00. There will be 3 sessions. Dr. Lou Annella will speak on drip irrigation, Jennifer Husman from Ladybug Lane Farm will speak and a 3rd speaker is to be decided.

**Old Business:**

After a discussion about our web page, it was proposed to hire a new web page builder. Kelli Tompkins will charge \$60.00 per hour to set up the website and a monthly fee to sustain it. She will use Weebly which will involve an additional monthly fee. Kris Vculek will be our liaison to make this effort go smoothly and successfully. **A motion was made to pay these fees and to get our website updated and set up and kept up to date with the caveat that we review fees as we move forward. Diane Ford/Barbie Oliver Passed.**

**Education Outreach:** Janet Coontz is leading people who would like to plan lessons for both children and adults. Anyone interested in working on this is invited to a meeting Tuesday, January 21, at 9:00AM at the Extension Office.

**A motion was made to spend up to \$700 to purchase two terminals for the Square which will allow this organization to accept credit cards.** This will eliminate the need to go through personal accounts and or use personal phones. **Diane Ford/Barbie Oliver. Approved.**

Farm to Table will not be held this year. Alternatively, Jenny Gwinnup and Diane Ford have been talking to Gail Wynne about the possibility of having a tea in her backyard. It would be held May 17 in the morning. A maximum of 64 people will be accommodated at 8 tables. Mothers and daughters would be encouraged to attend. This would be something new to keep our image fresh. **A motion was made to have the tea on May 17, in Gail Wynne's backyard. Louise Milacek/Ann Bryant. Passed.** Diane and Jenny will chair the event.

**Looking to the future:**

The State Conference will be in June in Stillwater.

Possible "outings" for members were discussed. Keep your eyes open for details. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Lou Strimple, Secretary



*Ann Bryant — 7*

*Stephen Case — 11*

*Kris Vculek — 12*

*Mary Adams — 20*

*Mary Hawken — 22*

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