



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
EXTENSION**



# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – February 10, 2026

**Executive Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**  
**General Meeting: 9 a.m.**  
**Location: Garfield County OSU Extension**  
**Hospitality: Lori Bowers, Ruth Carvalho, Kris Vculek**  
**Program: Constructing Prairie Rock Gardens, Steve Owens, Bustani Plant Farm**

### Message from Stephen Case Garfield County Master Gardener President

I'm excited to see our member signups for the various volunteer Committees, 'many hands make for light work'. Officially, we have 30 Master Gardeners approved on background checks. My approach to this OSU requirement will be business as usual, including members opposed to the requirement by simply referring to such members as episodic members. We are currently amending our organizational bylaws to reflect our MG approach!!!

We finally received much needed moisture in the form of snow, we will take it (6 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain). February is a great time to prepare for spring planting and applying soil, spring planting and applying soil amendments, cutback grasses, shrubs and roses.

This year the first day of Spring or the spring equinox is March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**NOTE:** Mark your calendars for a FREE presentation. David Hillock, OSU Extension Horticulturist will be at the Extension office on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1 pm to present a short 1-hour presentation on Springtime Gardening!!!!

The Master Gardener Spring workshop will be held Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available at the Extension office starting March 1, and at the door the day of the workshop.

Stephen Case  
Master Gardener, President

### Master Gardener Meeting Minutes Date Jan. 13, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Steve Case at 9:02. Steve introduced himself by giving information about his background. He attended OSU and majored in geology. He traveled to several countries with his job. He became a Master Gardener in 2023. He is interested Okla. Proven plants and has started seedlings in our greenhouse and might be used for swapping with our members or selling. He also cleaned out the greenhouse.

During December our extension garden was vandalized. They tore down the lights, threw cobblestones from the dry riverbed and broke the pottery fountain. Steve cleaned up the mess and stored the lights in tubs. He checked into prices for new pottery fountain, but they were \$400 to \$500. He replaced it with a double insulated fiberglass. One of our members might be able to paint something on it. Steve checked into battery operated blowers but thinks corded or gas powered would be better.

Rick Nelson will continue in our group as a lifelong volunteer member in his retirement.

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Joy Rhodes, a current employee, will temporarily take over his paperwork.

Our water sprinkler system is old and needs repairs. However, Lang Sprinkler Systems gave an estimate for \$30,000 for repairs and parts. We will continue as we are by using hoses and try to patch some of it.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The executive committee decided to leave account totals off the newsletter.

#### Total Expenses:

Dec. Garden	216.84
Luncheon	155.65

Checks:	30.44
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Scholarship:	4000.00
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#### Jan. Expenses:

Garden	227.17
Luncheon	155.65

### COMMITTEE REPORTS;

**Spring Workshop:** Jenny Gwinnup. Workshop will be held Mar. 28, 9-12 at Autry Tech. Set up will be Mar. 27, at 2:00, price is \$35. Any members that want to sit in the auditorium and get the pamphlets must also pay the \$35. George Milacek is planting the tomato plants that will be for sale. Food sign up will be in Feb. Teresa Boeckman will be in charge of the store. There will be a silent auction and other items. Barbi Oliver is going to plant herbs for the workshop and the home show. Darrell Clark who works in the garden at Leonardo's will give us his extra seeds donated by Lowe's.

**JANET COONTZ:** Spring classes at Autry Tech will start in Jan. if the class gets enough enrollees. There will be 8 classes from 6-7:30. Our members will teach.

Next month's meeting will be Steve Owens from Bustani Farms as our guest speaker. The lesson for January were videos

required by OSU for volunteers. This goes along with background checks. They are about guidelines and rules for working with minors and Civil Rights.

Adjournment 10:55

Thank you to Barbi Oliver, Pam Lyon, and Kristine Womack for snacks.



Ann Bryant – 7

Stephen Case – 11

Kris Vculek – 12

Mary Evelyn Adams – 20

Mary Hawkins - 22

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