



**GARFIELD COUNTY  
EXTENSION**

# Master Gardener News

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## Next Meeting Date – February 11th, 2020

**Executive Committee Meeting: 8:30 a.m.**

**General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.**

**Hostesses: Linda Isaak, Dana Hammons,  
Sharon Ronck**

**Program: “Butterfly Gardening” presented  
by Leslie Miller, OSU Payne County Master  
Gardener**

Leslie Miller is a long-time Master Gardener with the Payne County Master Gardeners, and a board member of Payne County Audubon Society. She also writes a bi-weekly blog on gardening for wildlife for Planters Place, a website sponsored by Osmocote Plant Food. Her day job is working as a Senior Editor for Fire Protection Publications at Oklahoma State University, but her passions are photography and gardening with a focus on native plants and wildlife.

### **Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners January 14, 2020**

President Kathryn Redding called the meeting to order. Minutes were from the November meeting, as the December meeting was our holiday luncheon. Mike Gwinnup made a motion to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections and Sandy Williams seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Diane Ford gave the treasurer’s report. The deposits totaled \$135.00 from membership dues. Expenditures totaled 65.33 for Christmas lights. The ending balance in the checking accounts is \$10,220.87. Deposits made into the savings account from donations to the Alan Spencer memorial fund totaled

\$1,345.00, giving an ending balance in the savings account of \$5,877.66. Mike Gwinnup requested reimbursement of \$69.99 for a new lock on the greenhouse.

**Announcements:** Members were urged to log their volunteer and service hours as soon as possible so that Rick could compile his report for O.S.U.

**Demonstration Garden:** Mike Gwinnup reported that the path-widening project is on hold until the weather gets better. He expressed concern that the greenhouse heater is using more propane than expected. He suggested the master gardeners purchase a second electric heater and only use the propane heater in extreme cold. The Christmas lights are down and stored in the children’s garden shed. The next project for the demonstration garden will be getting tomatoes started for the spring workshop. That will probably be in early February.

**Office and Phones:** Cecil had no concerns at this time and reminded members that when they are working in the demonstration garden they could let the extension staff know so that they can be alerted to any incoming telephone questions.

**Newspaper:** Kris Vculek passed around a sign-up sheet for writing newspaper articles. The articles should be about 500 words and are due 10 days in advance of publication. The article for the second Sunday usually contains gardening tips, while the article for the fourth Sunday is a feature article.

**Radio Program:** Sandy Williams encouraged members to sign up for the Wednesday KGWA radio program. Rick takes care of two programs each month and the members take care of the

remaining weeks. Each program is 30 minutes.

**Scholarship:** Linda Isaak reported that a book about Oklahoma public gardens was donated to us from the August O.S.U. scholarship meeting.

**Hospitality:** Anne Bethel asked that if anyone who signed up to bring refreshments is going to be unable to do so that they find a sub and let Anne know. A spring trip to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kansas is planned for spring.

**Garden Tour:** Members were encouraged to sign up for the garden tour committee to help with planning. Suggestions for this year's homes should be given to Janet Coontz or Pam Lyon.

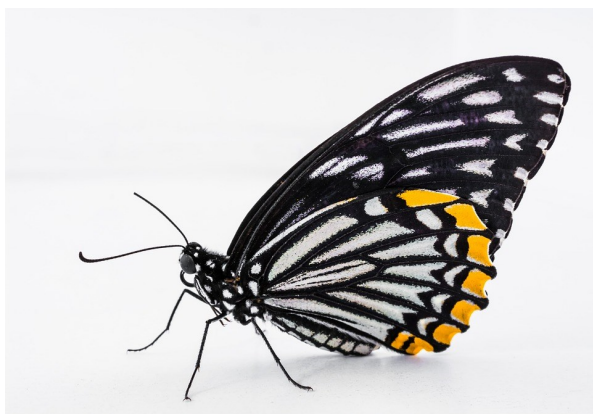
**Children's Garden:** No report

**Rick Nelson:** No report

**Old Business:** Linda Record announced that our demonstration garden is now an official Monarch Way Station. We received a sign to be placed in the garden.

**New Business:** No report.

There being no further business, Kathryn thanked the hosts (Janet Coontz, Carolyn Young, and Pam Lyon). Pam Lyon made a motion to adjourn and Janelle Hamm seconded. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments, to be followed by a presentation on cover crops by Gerald Wynes from Johnston's Seeds.



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