



**GARFIELD COUNTY
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Master Gardener News

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March 2020

Next Meeting Date – March 10th, 2020

Executive Committee Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

**Hostesses: Liz Breitenkamp, Ann Bethell,
Kris Vculek**

**Program: “The Love of Water Features”
Mark McCauley**

Melissa McCauley started the business more than six years ago as a retail location at 1909 N. Washington St. Prior to that, she was building small ponds and doing a fair amount of landscaping. Melissa was more self taught starting from 150 gallon pond and continually building on what she learned. She took a couple classes in Shawnee from various pond professionals and has grown from there. Pond building is like a puzzle of rocks when put together right, bring about happiness. She can't draw you a picture that resembles much besides arrows and circles, but always knows where her vision is going. Currently both Mark and Melissa meet with people at their locations rather than the storefront which is currently their temporary home. Mark has always enjoyed fish growing up and knew that someday he wanted to do something for a job that included them. After a couple years helping Melissa and working at Lowe's, he went full-time with Melissa and his construction company. Not so much the designer as he is the plumber and the electrician and the heavy lifter. Unfortunately the pond construction business is something he doesn't have a huge hand in anymore due to back and knee issues. Mark still enjoys working with the fish and aquaponics. Marks business, Master craft construction, also handles all the outdoor accompaniments Like decks, fences, pergolas and gazebos.

They have been a great team working together for almost 16 years. Married for 14 years, they have four kids and one grandson. In their free time, you can catch them driving to Colorado for the trout and the salmon.

Minutes of the Garfield County Master Gardeners

President Kathryn Redding called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Mary Evelyn Adams stated that her name was misspelled in the minutes from January 14, 2020. With that correction, Diane Ford made a motion to accept the minutes. Mike Gwinnup seconded. The minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Lyon gave the treasurer's report. Fund balances as of February 3, 2020 are checking account: \$10,240.88; savings account: \$5,877.66. Total funds: \$16,118.54.

Demonstration Garden: Mike Gwinnup reported the pathway is completed. Tomatoes will need to be planted in late February for the workshop. The greenhouse needs to be cleaned and organized.

Office and Phones: Cecil reported that the Home Show is on April 24-26. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Pam will let Cecil know where the booth will be on that day and he will need a cash box for the gardening glove sales.

Newspaper: Kris Vculek reported needing 4 more volunteers to write articles starting in March.

Radio Program: Dana Hammons will take care of the February 26, 2020 show.

Scholarship: Linda Isaak reported that the OSU scholarship will be presented to a student in August. Mike Gwinnup made a motion to designate funds and criteria for Scholarship Fund

for Garfield County and surrounding counties in Horticulture with a 3.0 GPA. Liz Breitenkamp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hospitality: Anne Bethell reported that she will have more information about a trip to Bartlett Arboretum later. She is hoping to schedule the trip for April

Spring Workshop: Diane Ford reported that the garden workshop will be on April 4, 2020 at Astry Technology Center. The theme is Nurture or Nature (Gardening for Body and Soul). Speakers are Courtney Myers (Companion Gardening), Casey Hentges (Shade Gardening), and Kay Neff (Herbs 101). George Milacek will emcee the workshop.

Garden Tour: Janet Coontz and Pam Lyon. Pam reported that we need more gardens due to cancellations.

Children's Garden: There will be a work day soon.

Rick Nelson: The state conference will be in Barlesville on June 18 & 19. The Master Gardener website will be revised to be more user friendly. Any members who need to sign up for their password should call Rick for assistance.

Old Business: Jenny Gwinnup made a motion to place Martha Posey on the Executive Committee, replacing Judy Huhman. Amber Gill seconded. The motion passed.

New Business: Cathy Thomas reported on a field trip to the OSU Botanical Garden with the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center on February 24, 2020. Anyone needing service hours with a desire to work on a new gardening bed project at CSRHC should contact Cathy.

Diane Ford reported that Faith Farms would like to expand the amount of produce they are able to donate to Loaves & Fishes. Lowe's donated seeds for "Plant a Row for Hunger". Anyone interested can pick up the seeds and donate the produce to Loaves & Fishes.

Martha Posey has more seeds if anyone needs other seed varieties. Carolyn Young brought wild-flower seeds to share. Mary Evelyn Adams can plant aloe vera if anyone is interested.

There are some changes to the yearbook. Kris Vculek's email is krisvulek@yahoo.com. Cheryl Kephart's email is ck859@pldi.net. Linda Isaak's birthday is August 7.

There being no further business, Kathryn thanked the hosts (Linda Isaak, Dana Hammons, and Sharon Ronck). Amber Gill made a motion to adjourn and Diane Ford seconded. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments, to be followed by a presentation on Butterfly Gardening by Leslie Miller, OSU Payne County Master Gardener.



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