



**OKLAHOMA COUNTY
EXTENSION**

REPORT TO THE PUBLIC January 2025

OHCE OFFERS BARN QUILT WORKSHOPS



In January, two barn quilt painting workshops were hosted by the Oklahoma County OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) organization.

Forty-two participants learned the history of barn quilts, the popularity of barn quilt tourism, and the meaning of the patterns that were placed on barns in rural America.

Many communities in Oklahoma host barn quilt tours to attract out of town guests, which increases revenue.





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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Oklahoma County 4-H Communications Contest

Oklahoma County 4-H members showcased their public speaking talents at the annual County Communications Contest on January 21st. This year's event set a new milestone with over 40 entries, highlighting the growing enthusiasm and commitment to developing communication skills among local youth.

A cohort of 9 judges, including a legislative assistant, the COO of a gas & oilfield company, an OHCE Officer, and respected local teachers offered participants valuable exposure to diverse audiences.

Hosted at Jones Elementary School, the contest carved a path to create partnerships with local schools and increase visibility in our community.





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OK County Master Gardeners at Home and Garden show, OKC

The Oklahoma County Master Gardener volunteers hosted a booth at the annual Home and Garden Show January 23-25.

The show was held at the OK State Fairgrounds in the Centennial Building and the Bennett Event Center.

The event hosted landscape companies, garden centers, nurseries and other horticultural businesses, as well as home improvement companies.

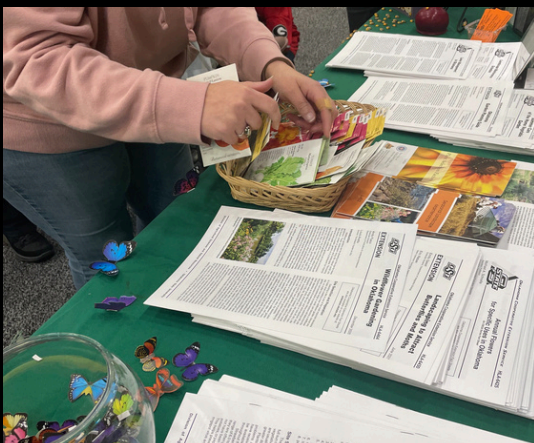
The Master Gardener booth was manned over the weekend by dozens of volunteers. They distributed hundreds of fact sheets and answered questions from over 450 attendees.



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MASTER GARDENERS**



OKLAHOMA CITY
**HOME
+ GARDEN
SHOW**





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Hines Receives Heart of Extension Award



OSU Extension County Directors across the state traveled to Stillwater, Oklahoma for their biennial conference. County directors refreshed their knowledge on important policies and procedures during the meeting.



The highlight of the conference was the awards luncheon. This was a time to honor a few selected educators that are doing outstanding work in their community.



LaDonna Hines, Oklahoma County OSU Extension Director, received the "Heart of Extension" award. She was nominated by Claude Bess, SE District Director. She has worked for OSU Extension for 24 years and feels greatly blessed to be able to serve her community and make a difference in the lives of Oklahomans.



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Please check out our website for the calendar of events <https://calendar.okstate.edu/oces/> to learn of new workshops or programs being offered.

You can follow us on Facebook for a glimpse into how your Oklahoma County Extension Educators and staff are serving you and the community.

Be sure to check out Oklahoma County OSU Extension's monthly podcast "The Urban Gardener" with Julia Laughlin, Horticulture Educator, Mason Huddleston, Urban Ag Natural Resources Educator and Andrew Fleet, Water Conservation Educator



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