



# The Garden Anywhere Box!

Larry and Letitia Pierce brought their innovative automatic watering system and garden anywhere box to our March meeting, and we all were excited about the possibilities! It was a very interesting and informative presentation. Check it out [www.gardenanywherebox.com](http://www.gardenanywherebox.com)



At the April meeting....

By Linda Wren

Speaking at our April meeting will be our own Mr. Rick Ault, Master Gardener Emeritus Class of 2008. His topic will be the Parks & Gardens of Eastern Canada; Quebec and Ontario. Rick always has wonderful pictures to share. Don't miss it. The meeting begins at 10 am, but come at 9:30 for conversation and snacks.

2019 Directories are still available from Cherry in the Extension Office if you don't have yours yet. You will need to sign for your directory. Thanks, Cherry, for putting these together for us!

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## President's Posting

*By Judy Kautz*

Hello Gardeners,

Wow! Spring is finally here, although winter doesn't seem to want to go away! It looks like we will have great weather for our Spring Plant Party in the garden! Vada Edwards and her committee are planning a wonderful event, and our Greenhouse Committee has prepared some amazing plants for our sale.. There will also be garden demonstrations and lots of fun kids activities, so plan to be there. The committee can use your help with set up and tear down, too! Some set up is planned for Friday afternoon, with last minute tasks before the gardens open to the public. Hours are 10am to 2 pm.

We are excited to see so many Master Gardener students working in the garden! They are busy assisting garden bed caretakers with weeding, watering, mulching and other garden tasks. And the student bed looks fabulous! If you haven't been out to the garden lately, come and join the garden committee on Tuesday morning!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the April 12th meeting!

*Judy*



## PR Prattle

*By Jim McDaniel*

If you have any photos of the garden, home tours, meetings, etc. that you want added to the video and picture archive please send them to me (Jim McDaniel, randyednamac@cox.net.)



## Education Update

*By Kathi Farley*

**April 28, 11 AM – 5 PM, Reeves Park:** CCMGA will have an information table set up for Earth Day

**May 11, 10 AM, Classroom C:** Prairie Gardening by Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon

**May 18, 9 AM – 3 PM, Moore Home Depot:** CCMGA will have an information table.

I encourage anyone who has never volunteered at an Information table to come join and learn how to do it. Very simple and loads of fun!



We had our first Demo Garden workday on Tuesday March 19th after cold weather, rain and mud kept us out of the garden for the originally scheduled days. There was a good turnout and it was especially good to see some new faces. It was good to get some weeds pulled and dirt under our nails.

The first Garden Lunch Potluck will be April 30th. Come on out and work your hours and eat with us in April.



The CCMGA Spring Home Garden Tour will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. In the event of inclement weather, the Tour will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. The Tour encompasses the first half of the day. Home garden tours are fun opportunities for shared visual learning, showing support for our members' gardening efforts and generosity in opening their gardens to us, getting to commune outdoors while getting to know each other, and earning annual continuing service and education credits toward our Master Gardener membership. (3 hours of service for those who open their gardens; 1 hour of education for each garden you visit.) Just like the unique personalities of our members, every home garden has something different to offer. Come enjoy and learn from different approaches and from what did and did not work. A group e-mail with agenda (times, descriptions, locations, driving directions) will be sent out about two weeks before May 22.



President Judy Kautz called the meeting to order, requested that everyone silence their phones, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Nancy Logan) Balance as of January 25, 2019--\$20,328.14. Income was \$402 and expenses totaled \$530.16 leaving a cash balance of \$20,199.98 with \$13,681.50 specifically budgeted and \$400 reserved for Greenhouse Repairs. Funds in Excess of Budget as of February 25, 2019 are \$6,118.48.

**Greenhouse Report:** (Nancy Logan) Doing well but running out of room. We need more perennials.

**Program Committee Report:** (Linda Wren) The following programs are scheduled:

March- Larry and Latitia Pierce-Garden Anywhere

April – Rick Ault- Quebec and Ontario Gardens

June-Water Ponds

July-Audubon Society

Aug-Lois Cox

Oct—Markham's/Bulb Layering

**Special Event and Plant Party:** (Donna Carter/Vada Edwards)

There will be 50 baskets to hunt eggs in garden,

Need: Music (possibly boom box), face painter, Gertrude the Gardener volunteer(s), volunteers for Salsa Gardening in a Pot.

Will have sign-up sheet to load and set-up tables and a set time for volunteers. Doing a press release.

Will have Hypertufa pots for sale, items for raffle, and used books, gardening magazines, and tools for donations.

**Education:** (Kathi Farley) The following classes are scheduled:

March: Foodscaping: Vegetables & Edibles in Home Landscape (Kay Holder)

No classes in April (Garden Party and Plant Sale) and June (MG Conference)

May – Prairie Gardening (Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon)

July-Dirt – (Cathy Bowden)

August- Hypertufa – (Brenda Williams & Linda Wren)

September – Taking Care of Your Greenhouse Plants- (Brittany Jordan)

Oct – Seed Gathering – (Mary Engel with Elaine Bison as TA)

**Special Projects:** (Julie Johnson) No report

**Public Relations:** (Jim McDaniel) Picture Archives are in right drawer of Courtney's desk. Jim needs additional photos such as Garden Tours. Leave them with Courtney.

**Garden Committee:** (Rick Ault) (Judy reporting) We will have the breakfast pot-luck next Tuesday, March 12, and weather permitting, we will open the gardens.

**Membership:** (Rahmona Thompson) There are mentors for all 27 trainees, and 11 have already worked the desk. Terry Hull and Linda Fielder are preparing a desk guide for phone duty, and it will eventually be on the website.

**Tours:** (Susan Aikman) No report

**Fundraising:** (Brenda Williams/Linda Wren) Purchased a child's picnic table with umbrella and a garden bench to raffle at the garden party.

## March Meeting Minutes (continued)

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**An Aside:** Several people are going to have lunch with P. Allen Smith and tour his Roland, Arkansas gardens on May 16. The cost is \$98, and others are encouraged to make reservations as well.

**Hospitality:** (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) Thanked Cathy Bowden, Laretta Buchanan, Sandy Thompson's daughter, Alice Humphrey, Fred Schneider, Terry Hull and the Mystery Pasta Salad Chef.

**Home Tours:** (Terry Hull) Terry said member home tours will be on May 22 with a make-up date on May 29.

**Old Business:** Cathy Bowden said members can bring Styrofoam to the meeting and she will manage it as the church projects are going forward. She also brought attention to an environmental election in April for Norman.

**New Business:** Kathy Whittle stated that a new sound system is needed.

**Courtney's Comments:** She is creating fliers for schools for end-of-year field trips to the Demo Gardens. She is also developing a refresher phone duty class with some other advanced garden topics for members. She asked for a show of hands of those interested and the results were positive.

May 14 the first Traveling Learning Lab will be held at the Canadian County Extension Center at 9:30. There will be a class on Plant Propagation and at 3:30 a tour of MG Gardens and then a tour of a nursery for shopping. The next Lab in 2019 will be in Oklahoma County.

**President's Comments:** (Judy Kautz) Theresa January is moving to Stillwater and Pat Hardre is moving to Colorado

Dates to Remember:

- Garden Potluck and first work day-Mar 12
- Spring Plant Party – April 20
- Plant Sale (con't) – Apr 27
- Earth Day – Apr 28
- Learning Lab in Cleveland County – May 14
- Home Tours – May 22, back up day May 29
- Student Luncheon – Aug 2
- Harvest feast 2019 – Nov 7

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



## Treasurer's Report

*By Nancy Logan*

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Beginning balance as of February 25, 2019 is \$20,199.98. Income includes \$95 Gloves Sold and \$20 2019 Dues for Total Income of \$115.00. Expense includes \$286.23 Greenhouse Supplies; \$30 Speaker Honorarium and \$319.20 Directories Printed for Total Expense of \$635.43. Balance at March 25, 2019 is \$19,679.55, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$13,046.07 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$400, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$6,233.48.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Book Title: Language of Flowers: A Novel

Author: Vanessa Diffenbaugh

For all those who like a good story, we recommend this book. "The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, etc. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful for communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them...."





## Scrambled Egg & Sausage Muffins

Master Cook

### Ingredients

1/2 pound bulk pork sausage  
 12 eggs  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a skillet, brown the sausage; drain. In a bowl, beat the eggs. Add onion, green pepper, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Stir in sausage and cheese.

Spoon by 1/3 cupfuls into 12 greased muffin cups. Bake at 350 F. for 20-25 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Makes 12.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 193 Calories; 13g Fat (62.4% calories

from fat); 15g Protein; 3g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 434mg Cholesterol; 377mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1 Fat.

NOTES: When I made these, I intentionally left out the onion and green pepper because I didn't think the kids would like them with those ingredients. But I mistakenly added a whole

pound of cooked sausage. They turned out simply wonderful!

Serves 6

## Breakfast Cheesecake

Judy Kautz

### Ingredients

2 8oz packages of cream cheese, softened  
 2 packages of crescent rolls  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 egg yolk  
 1 tsp vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Gently add in the egg yolk and vanilla. Place one tube of crescent rolls in the bottom of an ungreased 9x13 pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture on top. Add the second tube of crescent rolls. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

NOTES: Try to keep the seams together, and don't worry if they don't completely touch the edges of the pan. It will puff up while baking.

Flaky, golden brown but soft and creamy in the middle. Perfect with some fruit on top (or dare I say powdered sugar? Chocolate syrup?). This is best served warm from the oven, but it refrigerates and reheats really well. Don't microwave it for too long

though, 15-20 seconds is all it needs.

We will try to feature seasonal recipes and many of your own recipes in the Recipe Box through the year. Send us your recipes at [rdsefd@aol.com](mailto:rdsefd@aol.com).



# Join us for our Spring Plant Party!



Welcome Spring with a plant sale, garden how-to classes, tours, and children's activities. Meet Gertrude the Gardener!



## Plant Sale!



**Fun for Kids!**  
Eggplant Hunt  
Painted Rocks  
Mini Garden Gnomes  
Plant Markers  
Face Painting

**Gardening Classes**  
10 am—Live plant garlands  
11 am—Invite Pollinators to your garden  
11:30 am—Salsa gardening in a pot  
**Information Table Handouts**  
Square foot gardening  
Vermiculture: Worm hotel  
Composting/Rain Garden

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 10 AM to 2 PM**  
Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens  
Cleveland County Fairgrounds (Southwest Corner)  
601 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma (405) 321-4774





## Upcoming Events

**April 12, 10 AM: CCMGA Meeting, Classroom**

**April 13, 9 AM – 2 PM: Earthkind Earthday Gardening School.** Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Hall, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St., OKC. Event ID 19536. This one day workshop will help new and experienced Oklahoma gardeners learn practical ways to garden and utilize EarthKind(r) practices that sustain the environment and protect our natural resources. There will be an Oklahoma Proven and Earthkind(r) plant sale. The \$10 charge includes a picnic lunch, tree giveaway, bag of WRG compost and demos. Sponsored by OSU CES, WRG and the OKC Utilities. Pre-registration required. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

**April 20, 10 AM—2 PM: Spring Plant Party, Demonstration Garden**

**April 27, 9 – 10:30 AM: Canna in the Garden - A How-to from Horn Canna Farm.** Will Rogers Park, Ed Lycan Conservatory, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC. Event ID 21226. Join us as historic Horn Canna Farm educates us and the public on how to properly thin and transplant Canna rhizomes. The Canna, found here at Will Rogers Gardens, came from Horn Canna Farms in the 30's and 40's and were originally planted by OK City Horticulturist Henry Walters. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

**April 27, 9 AM – 1 PM: Oklahoma Gardeners Association Plant Sale.** The Urban Mission, 3737 N. Portland, OKC. Flowers, herbs, vegetables, and shrubs will be for sale.

**May 10, 10 AM: CCMGA Meeting, Classroom**

**May 11, 9 AM – 4 PM: OKC Garden Fest.** Participating in the OKC Garden Fest is a perfect way to celebrate spring! This is an annual festival of plants, gardens, and artists. Buy items for your garden and home, ask the experts your planting questions, enjoy some family fun activities and grab a yummy bite to eat. Buy locally grown and made products! The festival will offer perennials, annuals, native plants, herbs, produce, florals, succulents, pollinator plants, wines, and agriculturally-related crafts. Activities for children will also be offered and there is no charge for attending and food trucks will be on-site.



Even in the late winter, our gardens are beautiful! Thanks to Pat Welty for the photos from our garden workday on pages 3, 6, and here.

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