

Dr. Mike Schnelle Offers Plants for All Seasons



Dr. Mike Schnelle, OSU Professor of Floriculture shared plants that work well in Oklahoma at our April meeting. It was an entertaining and informative presentation.

Programs....

by Patty Cummings

Sue Woodward will be our next speaker on April 19, 2023. Sue's love of nature led her to earning a degree in Wildlife Ecology with a focus on Ornithology. She has worked as a Naturalist in State Parks and Nature Center in between working as a Zookeeper for North American birds and rehabilitating birds of prey and flightless birds. Her love of nature has also led her to discover the Japanese Art of "Forest bathing". She has studied Forest therapy and became a certified guide. At this time she does Forest Bathing walks at the Osage Forest of Peace outside of Tulsa. The goal of Forest Bathing is to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the natural setting and the comfort that it brings us. We will meet in our regular room at the extension. Snacks are at 9:30 am and the speaker will begin at 10 am with the meeting following at 11 am.

Directories are Available!

The 2023 Cleveland county Master Gardener directories are ready. You are welcome to come pick them up or they will be available at the next monthly meeting.

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President's Posting

By Jeannie Kline

Spring is finally here and so is our annual Spring Plant Sale and Garden Party! Both of our greenhouses are brimming over with a large variety of gorgeous plants that the Greenhouse Committee has been lovingly growing for several months. The Garden Party committee has many exciting activities planned for the children that attend. This is always a fun day! Make sure to join us to welcome the public to our garden and get some lovely plants for your own garden, also!

Many of our members attended the Myriad Gardens Gardening School on March 11th. The theme was Blooms for Birds and focused on sustainable gardening and supporting the birds, bees, and other wildlife that come into our gardens. It was a very enjoyable and informative day.

Our garden year is just getting started. Come be with us in the Demo Garden and spend some great time with your fellow gardeners making memories, conversation, and a beautiful garden! Hope to see you at our meeting on April 19th!

Jeannie



Junior Master Gardeners

By Lois Cox Marshall

We will have the opportunity to work with twenty-two 4th and 5th grade students from Le Monde International school on May 16 in the morning with the school director, Julie Harris. They want training on sustainability and environmental issues. Joseph Stubbs will be working with us as we have a teaching session in Classroom C before we head to the gardens. All of you who have volunteered, please plan to attend. After our short lesson in the classroom, we will head to the gardens. If you work in the garden, you will be able to teach the students when they come to your area on the garden tour. If you will not be in the garden that morning, help us in the classroom before we head down to the gardens. How exciting to be able to share with these youngsters.



Garden Gossip

By Kathi Farley

We have a great crop of weeds! Nothing unusual there. Happens every year. I'm sure your home is the same. We do need your help though! Our workdays are Tuesday and Friday, 9am to 12 pm. (The last Tuesday of each month is a pot luck to thank our workers.) We hope you can come help us with our cleanup before our Plant Sale/Garden Party. Let's show Norman a beautiful garden!

Anyone interested in working with our Locust Group, ask Kathi or Georjana where they are working the day you come. If you need more information on the Locust Group, email me at netfarley@gmail.com

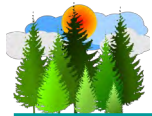
I am still looking for someone to take on the Demonstration Garden Coordinator position next year. Best way is to shadow me this year to learn the job. Contact me if interested.



I would like to introduce a friend of mine, Megan Griffin. Her love for flowers, and being able to bring joy and beauty to others has ushered her into a flourishing business called Posh Pearl in Blanchard Oklahoma.

Megan has agreed to teach our **May 20th** community education class. She will demonstrate her love for flowers as she teaches us how to make lovely arrangements from our own gardens. She is graciously donating the arrangement as a door prize and will have a

few other surprises for us. Please join us and meet Megan on May 20, 2023 in Classroom "C" which is on the Northwest corner of the Cleveland county Extension center building at 601 East Robinson, Norman, OK 73071



Upcoming Tour

By Susan Aikman

Join us for Forest Bathing with Sue Woodward in Tulsa. The tentative date is May 11. Sue is our April meeting speaker and those interested in this experience may sign up after the meeting. Cost is \$40. Limit per group is 12 people.



Save the Date

We would like to invite you to the 2023 Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference on **October 5-6, 2023**, at the Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno, OK. We have an exciting lineup of 14 speakers that will follow the conference theme: Honoring Our Past, Growing Our Future. We also have an evening social planned in Yukon that's sure to please, as it will be at the property of one of our own Master Gardeners, nestled in a wooded area near Express Ranch's Clydesdale Barn. Going the extra mile, we'll also have some garden tours in El Reno available on Thursday during the day, as well as a tour of one of our Master Gardener's gardens, located near the conference facility, on Friday afternoon. Registration opens on July 1st.

It's here! All the preparation over the last months growing plants, finding volunteers, receiving donations of two raffle prizes, setting up volunteers to set up, take down, and run the children's activities is almost over. What we have left to do is hold this year's event and bless the community with beautiful plants. We are all excited to see what this year's day will bring. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful spring day for our customers to shop and enjoy the beauty of our gardens.

Thanks to the OU Big Event for all their volunteers who came out to help us get the garden in shape. It certainly has not been the best spring to get our garden work done for the crowds. But the OU students were such a huge help to get many hours of work accomplished in a few hours.

The Styrofoam densifier will be here to show how it works. Be rounding up your Styrofoam for the demonstration.

Not Your Average Joe Coffee (NYAJ) Shops will bring their VW Bus food truck to serve coffee, chai, hot cocoa, pastries, and their famous power balls. NYAJ will have some of the intellectually or neurological disabled employees to serve you that day. Their motto is "Exceptional Coffee. Even better People." They have created a word as well: "Accept-ional (adjective) meaning including people of all abilities." You don't want to

accept-ional
adjective
Including people of all abilities

miss the day, the coffee, hearing about the mission of hiring these special people, the beautiful plants, the children's activities, and helping YOUR organization succeed!



Thanks to all who volunteered. You guys really came through. I may be the organizer, but it takes all of us to pull it off. A huge thank you to everyone planning to help on April 15. The greenhouse under the capable direction of Nancy Logan has managed to fill 2 greenhouses with gorgeous plants for your gardens and those of your friends. Be sure you have gotten out the flyers you took to post!!! I have included some pictures from what will be for sale. Just a note: our prices are lower than Marcum's!

Now we sit back and wait for the day and the profit to help us do the projects we have planned!



Greenhouse Crew

by Lois Cox Marshall





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by Pat Welty



The Cleveland County
Master Gardener Association
invites you to their annual



Spring Plant Sale and Garden Party

children's activities | scavenger hunt | Gertrude the Gardener
crafts | Mariah the Walking Tree | lots & lots of plants
bring your clean styrofoam to recycle in the Densifier

April 15, 2023

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cleveland County Master Gardener
Demonstration Gardens
Cleveland County Fairgrounds
615 E Robinson, Norman, OK 73071

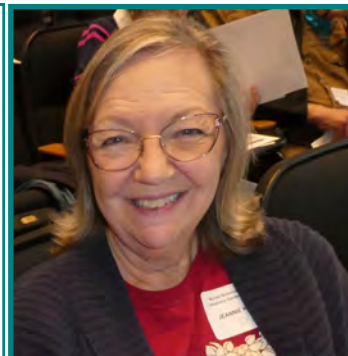
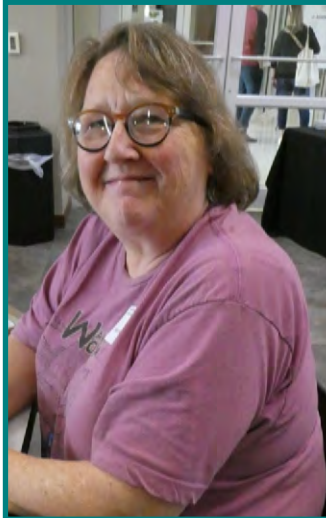
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Myriad Gardening School

by Judy Kautz

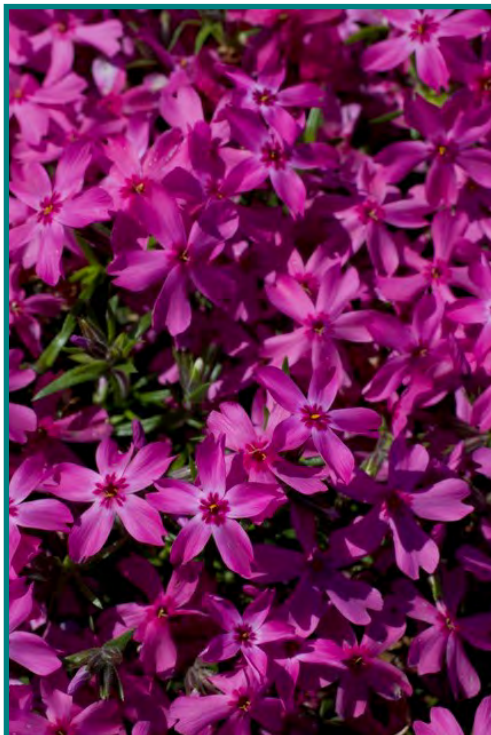


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GARDENING SCHOOL

BLOOMS FOR BIRDS:





In the Garden

by *Rahmona Thompson*





In the Garden

by Rahmona Thompson





March Meeting Minutes

By Loreen Upton

President, Jeannie Kline opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program committee (Susan Woodward) The topic of our next meeting will be "Forest Bathing.

Ruth Smith reported that the field trip is scheduled for 4/5/23. The time for the Botanic Garden will be 10:00 am. The Art Museum tour will begin at 1:30pm. Total cost for both events is \$26.00. Garden tour fee is \$6.00 and Philbrook Museum fee is \$14.00. Needs to be paid in advance. Please send check to Susan Aikman or the CCMGA office.

Greenhouse (Nancy Logan) Thank you to Judy Kautz for donating the new Greenhouse. It is very much appreciated and is being put to good use. Also thank you to Alice Humphrey for donating a heater for the new greenhouse. Both are full of plants for the plant sale. Electricity will be installed.

Education (Donna Wright) Our Saturday class for March will be "Rose care". The class will be presented by Cathy Bowden. Our class for May will be a discussion on flower arranging.

Garden Party (Lois Cox-Marshall) Still need for a few more people to sign up for help with activities. Will set up outside signs to direct people to the Demonstration Garden. Need to distribute more flyers advertising the event. Also, will post on CCMGA site and Facebook. Payment for purchases will need to be by cash or credit card. We are not set up to accept checks.

Jeannie Kline reported that the brick has been placed in honor of Robby Jo Harrison.

Public Relations (Judy Kautz) The Garden Party event will be advertised in her article in the Norman Transcript. Red MG tee shirts can be ordered until 3/28/23. Go to CCMGA website to order and pay.

Demonstration Garden (Kathi Farley) Garden Tours will begin in May. Need people to sign up. The new time for the tours is 10:00am until 1:00pm. There are still a couple beds that need "bed heads" The OU big event day is 4/1/23. Need people to bring snacks. Water will be provided. Also need people to help with lunch. E mail Kathi Farley for further needs. Please continue to watch for weather update E mails regarding whether we can work in the garden.

The 2023 Demonstration Garden Budget was presented by Kathi Farley, coordinator. Jeannie Kline moved that the budget be approved as presented. Kay Holder seconded. Motion carried.

Membership (Reyge Johnson) We have 21 mentors. Thank you to all who have stepped forward and volunteered. Still need a few more to volunteers.

Home Tours (Evan Taylor) 6/3/23 and 6/10/23 have been calendared for home garden tours. Need people to sign up.

Farmers Market (Caren Kidd) the CCMGA information table dates for April are 4/8/23, 4/15/23, 4/22/23, and 4/29/23. Hours are from 8:00am until 12:00pm. Need people to sign up to tend the table.

Cathy Bowden reported regarding the scheduled dates for Styrofoam densifying.

3/25/23, Norman Public Library from 10:00am until noon

4/1/23, Shawnee Public Library from 10:00am until noon

4/23/23 Norman Earth Day Festival at Reaves Park from noon until 5:00

Also looking for someone to partner with her in tending the Demonstration Garden rose bed.

Notes from Courtney.

Will host an open house for prospective enrollees for this year's MG class; Dates will be 5/12/23 and 5/19/23. Will need helpers and snacks for those days.

Will be planning a "Learning Lab" for a one-day event. Considering a date in the Fall, with more information to follow. Will need helpers.

President's comments (Jeannie Kline) Jeannie encourages all MGers to join a group.

Dates to remember:

Rose Care 3/28/23

OU Big Event 4/1/23

Tulsa Field trip 4/5/23

Garden Party 4/15/23

International MG Conference 6/18/23 thru 6/22/23.

State MG conference 10/6/23 and 10/7/23 held in El Reno.

Respectfully submitted, Loreen Upton, Secretary



Donna reported, "The morning after attending the Garden School and learning how to attract birds to my backyard, these new birds appeared at my feeder."



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of February 28, 2023 is \$26,474.68. \$330 2023 Dues; \$20 Gloves Sold; \$90 Meeting Donations; \$119 Raffle Tickets Sold and \$578 Collected for the Tulsa Trip for Total Income of \$1,137.00. Expenses were \$424.33 Greenhouse; \$192.50 Member Directories Printed; \$150.00 Tulsa Botanical Garden Tour Cost and \$35.00 Speaker Honorarium for a total of \$801.83. Balance at March 31, 2023 is \$26,809.85, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$13,740.04 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,913.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$11,156.81.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Logan



April 8 & 9, 10 AM – 5 PM: Myriad Botanical Gardens Tulip Festival. Myriad Botanical Gardens will host the first-ever tulip festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. View the eye-catching 30,000+ tulip blossoms as well as the distinctive creative displays, take classes, enjoy musical performances, take part in kid-friendly crafts and games, and dine and buy with dozens of regional merchants. Take wonderful pictures with your family, friends, and loved ones amid the tulips. Although admission to the event is free, personnel will be on hand to accept donations. Myriad Botanical Gardens relies on donations to maintain its lovely grounds and carry out its mission of offering community activity that is both free and reasonably priced.

April 23, 9 AM – 2 PM: EarthKind EarthDay Workshop. Will Rogers Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City. Do you want a beautiful yard and garden without using chemicals and pesticides? Join us for a workshop full of information on natural gardening practices, choosing native and drought-tolerant plant selections, how to attract butterflies and other pollinators to your yard, and so much more. This workshop will be held at Will Rogers Gardens at 3400 NW 36th St., OKC, OK 73112. Lunch will be provided, we will have lots of give-a-ways, and it will include indoor and outdoor learning opportunities for only \$12.00. Registration required at parks.okc.gov.

May 13, 9AM – 4PM: OKC Flower and Garden Festival. Gardeners, cooking enthusiasts, home decorators and other plant lovers are invited to the Myriad Botanical Gardens' annual Oklahoma City Flower & Garden Festival, Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9am-4pm. The event, which is free to the public, features flowers, herbs, succulents, jewelry, art, crafts, and other garden-related items sure to brighten anyone's home. Vendors will be arranged along S. Hudson Avenue between W. Reno and Sheridan avenues. Ample parking is available throughout downtown OKC.



CENTRAL CHAPTER EVENTS 2023

February 2nd:

Jacob DeVecchio, from Oklahoma Fungi Company, will present on medicinal, edible, and poisonous mushrooms and plant fungi relationships in Oklahoma.

March 2nd:

Gus Barksdale will present on winter fern botany.

April 6th:

Vonceil Harmon, a natural resources biologist, will be presenting how industries and organizations can use conservation agreements to benefit monarchs and other pollinators.

May 5th, 6th, & 7th:

ONPS Wonders of Wildflowers Weekend in the Witchitas. Three days of plant walks, presenters, and hanging out.

May 21st:

Jacob DeVecchio, from Oklahoma Fungi Company, will lead a mushroom walk.

Meeting at 2 pm at Martin Nature Park Center, 5000 W Memorial Rd, Oklahoma City, Ok 73142

June 3rd:

Plant Walk: Botanizing Disturbed Areas and Old Fields (DAOF) at the Deep Fork River

Meeting at 10 am in front of Shoe Carnival, 1701 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

We will caravan to the Deep Fork River, which is .5 miles from the meeting spot.

July 22nd:

Plant Walk: Plants of the Cross Timbers Ecoregion at Arcadia Lake

Meeting at 10 am at Arcadia Lake Park Office parking lot, 9000 East 2nd Street, Arcadia, OK 73007

August 3rd:

Dr. Chad King is a dendrochronologist that has studied Oklahoma trees and tree rings for the past decade. He will present his lab's decade of work across Oklahoma and will highlight several interesting findings regarding trees, their growth, and ages.

September 7th:

Grace Payne (they/them), herbarium research assistant at UCO and current biology graduate student at UCO will present their research on land-based education and invasive plant treatments in urban Oklahoma.

Indoor events start at 7 pm at Oklahoma City University
Dawson-Lawfler Science Center, room 208.

For all outdoor events, wear hiking clothing and bring water.



For more info and updates: OKNativePlants.org



It was my pleasure to donate this greenhouse as a legacy to CCMGA and horticultural education!
Judy Kautz

This greenhouse was donated to the
Cleveland County Master Gardeners
 by **Judy Kautz**
 Master Gardener Class of 2007

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