

The Weeders' Digest

Committee Fair A Huge Success!



What a great committee fair. All our chairs had a chance to get new ideas and new members for their committees! Thanks to everyone who came and signed up for new activities!

Our April meeting....

by Lois Cox

Please plan to join us in April for a presentation on Landscaping With Native Plants, presented by Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric. Connie Scothorn is a Landscape Architect, licensed in Oklahoma and founding principal of CLS & Associates since 1999. She specializes in site design to create beautiful, sustainable places to complement the function of a project, and uses native plants in the landscape where possible and appropriate. She has designed thousands of projects from residential gardens to parks and streetscapes, and received multiple awards for design from the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Brian Patric is a licensed Landscape Architect with twelve years of experience at CLS and Associates. He is committed to creating landscapes, especially parks and public spaces, as a way of improving the quality of life. During his time at CLS, Brian gained experience in designing using native plants in the landscape to support wildlife and cultivate beauty in every season.

The meeting begins at 10 am but come at 9:30 for food and fellowship. Our business meeting will follow at 11 am.

Pick Up Your Directory!
Directories will again be available at our April meeting!

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President's Posting

By Lois Cox

The Committee Fair at the March meeting was a great success. As I watched and talked to people, it seems people had a good time as well as sharing ideas and learning about how and where they can serve. Those who get the most out of an organization are the ones who contribute the most. Thank you for your participation! And thanks to all those who took at a table and answered questions for you.

Now is it time to put things to work. When someone contacts you from the committee you showed an interest, volunteer. If you still have ideas for speakers, let me know. If you had fundraising ideas, get ready for those to be put into place.

As we work together, may I remind you that we all come from different backgrounds and beliefs: religious, social, and political. The great thing about working in a garden is the value of nature. It seems to level the diversity playing field and unites us as one group. We all love plants and what gardening does for us. Expect those around you to have differing beliefs on some things.

My work with my Afghan family has taught me so much already. They needed a larger area rug for the living room. My question was "what is wrong with the one you have?" Well, it is because they eat their meals on the rug – not at the table! So, we bought a 9 x 12 area rug. And when the eat, Zakera, the mom, bakes large flat bread—about 6 huge pizza pan size each meal. They pull off pieces to use to grab their food. The silverware set we bought for them stays in the drawer. It would be easy for me to say they are uncivilized because they eat on the floor with their hands. But they see us just as different from their cultural habits as we see theirs.

Let's learn to enjoy the diversity of each other. We all see things differently from others. The beauty of this country is that our freedom allows us to have different beliefs and not be punished for them. What a blessing to live in a place where my beliefs and yours can be accepted. It doesn't mean we have to agree with everyone—just accept and enjoy each other's company.

Lois



Computer Classes Offered

By Lois Cox

The following computer classes are still to come for the Master Gardeners in Classroom C:

Excel – April 15 from 9 am – noon

Cloud computing using Google Suite (must have a Google account, i.e., Gmail) – April 21 from 9 am - noon

There are a few laptops available to use for the classes if you decide not to bring your own laptop. To sign up for these classes, click on this [link](#).



2022 State Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference

Dear Oklahoma Extension Master Gardeners, We would like to invite you to the 2022 Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference on **June 16-17, 2022**, at the Rogers State University in Claremore. Our hosts this year are the Rogers County Master Gardeners. They have been working diligently to plan another exceptional conference and we hope you will Save the Date and join us in June. We hope you will put this on your calendar and watch for future updates!

Happy Gardening!

David Hillock



Fellow MG's! Fun times in the Demo Garden these days. Lots of weeding going on. I'm looking forward to the planting part soon! We still have plenty to do and not enough people to do it. We need help! If you can give an hour or two on Tuesday's or Friday's. We open gates up at 9 am when weather allows. Speaking of weather.... lots of rain shut us down March 22nd. Just look for the emails if you are unsure of the weather. I'll try to get them out in a timely manner. Please, be patient. I work hard at improving communication, but the weather doesn't always listen to me. If Tuesday or Friday does not fit into your schedule, Sherry Hill will be leading our garden tours on Saturday AMs soon and that counts as garden volunteer time (students also). The newsletter will let you know when it starts. I know she needs all the volunteers she can get, too.

Come join us in the garden! Lots of fun and fellowship while we work. Potluck lunch the last Tuesday of every month for the workers at 11AM in classroom C.

Kathi



Norman's Earth Day Festival



Norman's Earth Day Festival is back after a two-year hiatus! Join us for lots of fun and get educated, too! This year, the festival will be held in Andrews Park and held in partnership with the Pioneer Library System which will be educating the public about pollinators. Food trucks and a beer garden area will also be on site.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage in hands-on activity, exhibits, demonstrations. Learn to respect and protect our earth's air, water, soil, forests, wildlife and all natural resources. Learn about the wonder and beauty of nature, the value of a healthy community, a backyard wildlife habitat, art from recycled objects, cultural diversity and respect for one another ... the list goes on and on! Oklahoma Blue Thumb will have a booth at the event. Date: Sunday April 24th, 2022; Time: Noon to 5 p.m.; Location: Andrews Park, 201 W Daws St., Norman, OK 73069 Contact: Michele.Loudenback@normanok.gov 405-292-9731 This is a free event; no admission charge. <https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/environment-and-conservation/green-norman>



You Are Invited!



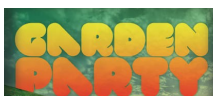
Our way to say Thank You!

Ice Cream Social for all of our Volunteers

3:00 pm • April 28, 2022
Frye Auditorium

RSVP BY April 22nd to Jennifer 405-321-4774 or jennifer.hare@okstate.edu

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month! As our way to say THANK YOU for all of your volunteer efforts, the Cleveland County OSU Extension Office is hosting its first Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social. The event will take place in the Frye Auditorium at 3pm on April 28th. **Please RSVP by April 22nd**, so we can make sure we have plenty of ice cream for everyone! To RSVP, you can call the office at 405-321-4774 or Jennifer.hare@okstate.edu.



Garden Party!

By Lois Cox

The Garden Party is SO close! Plans are progressing for us to have the best sale yet. We still need your help if you haven't already volunteered.

Be sure to share the flyer sent to you by email on all your social media outlets.

Post the printed flyers at your church, places where you shop, and any other bulletin boards you can find!

Plan to purchase your spring plants here! We are our best customers after all!

The garden party is a day you can't miss! You will have a great time, educate, and entertain those who come, enjoy being in our Demo Garden, and go home with beautiful plants for your own garden or for gifts. Contact us if you want to get involved! *Photos of plants available at the Garden Party Plant Sale are located on page 5.*

Below, a newly completed garden fence panel. Project idea and design of Georjana Mauldin; painting assistants Karen Driscoll and Janelle Miller. Paint method was dabbing with scrunched plastic bags. The larger flowers are plastic serving trays painted by Georjana; the two smaller flowers are glass plates. Submitted by Janelle Miller



Join the CCMGA Booth at the Norman Farmer's Market

We need volunteers for the Farmer's Market Info Booth. The Farmers Market (the Well) is situated on James Garner St. in downtown Norman. Garner is situated adjacent and west of the railroad tracks that cross at mid-town. The Well is on the west side of Garner and in the second block south of Main St. There is a parking lot on its west side and additional lots to the west. April dates coming up are Sat. Apr. 23 from 8am-12 pm and Sat. Apr. 30 from 8am-12am. If you are a member of the 2019 or 2020 classes, we need you at the booth. This is a common activity for us and it would be useful to get members of those classes familiar with this activity as well as all of us to learn more about fellow members as well as working with the public.

Please reach out to Fred or Courtney if you are interested in volunteering. Fred can be reached at 405-364-4978 or by email at fs33141@cox.net. Remember, you earn volunteer service hours for these activities!

More Plants Available at the Plant Sale!



Licorice Plant



Oxalis



Gazania



Lavender "Munstead"



Oyster Plant



Plants are all growing in the greenhouse! The gorgeous blooms above right are from Gazania plants growing in the Greenhouse. The plants will be sold at the April Garden Party. I can't wait to buy some Gazania plants for my home garden beds. Pat Welty



Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

APRIL HAS "TWO" FEATURED GARDENS

#1 GARDEN = MONARCH WAYSTATION, BEDHEAD = MARY ENGEL

Let me introduce you to a real Kansas farm girl, Mary Engel. Her love of gardening began when she was seven years old. She tells a great story about planting watermelon seeds with her Mother and other siblings along the Saline River that flowed through the Central Great Plains of Kansas. Mary would be sporting a sunbonnet that her Mother had made for her. The Watermelons were called Black Diamond. Black Diamond is an heirloom watermelon, which will thrive in rich soil exactly like the environment a river bank would provide.

In 2006 Mary began building a small area in the Demonstration Garden to attract monarch butterflies. She quickly found out she needed more space. Then the current bed location became available. Mary has successfully accomplished all the requirements to have the monarch bed certified as a natural habitat. She received a certificate of appreciation and purchased the sign to display in the garden.

A Monarch Waystation is a garden developed to provide food and habitat for the monarch butterfly. During the fall millions of monarch butterflies travel across the United States and Canada to begin their winter slumber. They will hibernate in the mountains of Mexico primarily in oyamel fir trees. There are monarchs that overwinter in California, too. They cluster in gum, pine, cypress, and sycamore trees. Some monarchs even overwinter in Florida - probably the "snowbird" kind of monarchs (smile)!! They will wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. The monarch migration is the

one of the longest journeys for an insect, about 3,000 to 7,000 miles one way.

THE FOLLOWING ARE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CREATING THE MONARCH WAYSTATION:

<https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

<https://www.okiesformonarchs.org/monarch-waystation/>

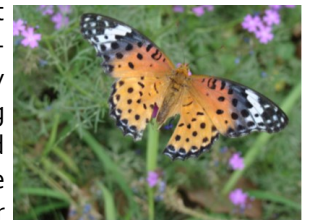
<https://oklahomanatureblog.wordpress.com/2012/06/24/create-a-monarch-waystation/>

<https://kerrcenter.com/save-monarch-oklahoma-way-station/>

#2 GARDEN = BUTTERFLY GARDEN, BEDHEAD = KAY HOLLADAY

When asking Kay how she became interested in gardening she said: "Since I was a child, I loved playing in the dirt, sometimes under a huge mock orange tree — and wanted to help mow the grass with a push mower. As a young married, no matter where we lived, I would always find a patch of dirt where I could plant something. I would often embarrass my family by pulling weeds wherever I saw them — even if they weren't in my yard. In the 90s, I wanted solid gardening education and enrolled in the Oklahoma County Master Gardener program led by Bill Geer.

Kay became the bedhead for the Butterfly Garden last year. She is still in the process of identifying what plants are currently there as well as developing a list of necessary host plants and nectar plants. Jo Ann Dysart helped her last year and also donated the beautiful bench for visitors to sit and enjoy the butterflies as well as a watering/puddling feature. The trellis is now painted a bright yellow, and ready for the passion flower vine (*Passiflora 'Incense'*) that Ruth Smith had overwintered. Kay is getting great help from Patty Cummins (glad to see you are back digging in the dirt with us, Patty) and Ruth. They have become expert weeders. It's a small spectacular garden, brimming with hope that butterflies and onlookers will enjoy it. Kay plans to have a sampling of host and nectar plants by the season's peak.



"Butterflies and moths are some of our most beautiful insects. Their striking colors, patterns, and behavior add to the aesthetics of our landscapes. They allow for closer and easier observation than many other species of wildlife. With a few exceptions, moths are active primarily at night while butterflies are active during the day. Butterflies and moths are important pollinators, with some species only pollinating a single plant species. Additionally, butterflies and moths are an essential part of the diets of many songbirds, bats, reptiles, and amphibians, which depend on insects in order to survive. The best way to conserve butterflies and moths is to provide habitat for them, which includes sources of nectar for adults, and food plants for larvae." Here is an OSU Fact Sheet with information about <https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/landscaping-to-attract-butterflies-and-moths.html>





PLS Reads Grows, Goes Green in 2022

It's back, it's bigger, and it's all about the environment! The Pioneer Library System is excited to announce **PLS Reads 2022**, a systemwide initiative encouraging reading, conversation, and exploration throughout its communities.

This year, PLS Reads features three books, all tied to a central theme of the environment, with each being highlighted in its own season. "By using three titles to help guide our exploration on the environment, we hope to encourage continuing interest and engagement with this topic throughout the entire year," said Britt Muirhead, Programming Specialist with PLS.

The Spring title, "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin, will see book discussions held across a number of PLS locations, including a May 10 hybrid discussion held simultaneously at the Noble Public Library and virtually, and led by Dr. James Hung, Heritage Biologist with the Oklahoma Biological Survey and Assistant Professor of Biology at OU.

Another key component of PLS Reads, Spark a Change events call residents to action and provide opportunities to educate, with the first three Spark a Change events taking place in Newcastle, Shawnee, and Norman over Earth Day weekend, April 23-24.

Spark a Change: Let's Talk about the Environment Featuring Eileen Garvin will include an in-person conversation with the debut author, followed by hands-on activities led by Stephanie Jordan from Okies for Monarchs and the Oklahoma Nature Conservancy. An observational beehive will be available onsite, and additional activities will be offered at each event location, such as a Styrofoam recycling collection at the Newcastle Public Library.

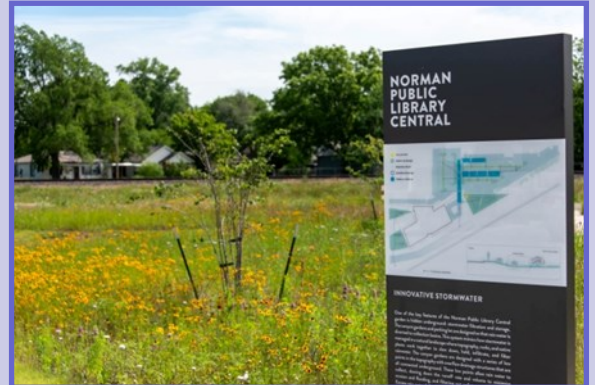
"We're excited to bring in authors and local experts to explore these topics and provide practical tips and strategies anyone can use to better support our great state and its natural resources," said Ashley Welke, Director of Community Engagement & Learning for PLS. "What I love is that through these conversations and learning more, we each can make small changes that could have a big impact."

Paperback copies of "The Music of Bees" will be made available in limited quantities at the Earth Day Spark a Change events, with Pioneer Library System also offering digital copies for instant checkout from March 1 – June 16.

The Summer title, "Nature's Best Hope" will also offer community book discussions and Spark a Change events featuring author and conservationist Douglas Tallamy speaking on the importance of native plants, and activities led by Dr. Priscilla Crawford from the Oklahoma Biological Survey. Other summer events will include creek cleanup efforts across three PLS communities.

To celebrate and support the annual migration of monarch butterflies through Oklahoma, Barbara Kingsolver's "Flight Behavior" will serve as the Fall title and final book of PLS Reads 2022, with events planned to foster further conversation and exploration.

Of the vision behind the year's ambitious slate of activities, Muirhead said "Our goal with this year's theme is to spark curiosity about the environment and inspire change in our perceptions and actions in relation to the world around us...Ultimately, we hope for this year's PLS Reads initiative to bring our communities together for the benefit of all."





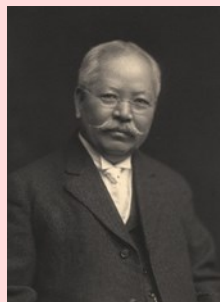
Jōkichi Takamine and His Cherry Tree Diplomacy



As I write this article, people in Washington D. C. are enjoying the cherry blossoms along the Potomac River. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is held from March 20th to April 17th with numerous arts and music events. This year marks the 110th anniversary since the cherry trees were planted here in 1912.

Ostensibly, the cherry trees were a gift from the Mayor of Tokyo and the whole project was spearheaded by the First Lady, Helen Taft. However, behind the scenes, many more

people on both sides of the Pacific collaborated in this project. One man was particularly noteworthy: the biochemist, Jōkichi Takamine (1854-1922). Takamine was born and educated in Japan, studied in Scotland, and spent most of his professional life in the United States. He was married to a southern belle, Caroline Hitch from New Orleans. After achieving fame and fortune by developing a digestive enzyme Taka-diastase and isolating adrenalin, Takamine dedicated the last decades of his life to the promotion of friendship between Japan and the United States.



The idea of planting cherry trees in the capital was first proposed by an American writer and photographer, Eliza Scidmore. Scidmore had traveled to Japan several times and fell in love with cherry blossoms. In 1909, She wrote to Mrs. Taft and suggested planting of cherry trees on the Potomac waterfront. Takamine was also proposing cherry planting in New York City where he lived. So, when he heard about this initiative in D. C., he immediately met with the First Lady and offered financial assistance. In the following year, 2,000 cherry trees were shipped from Japan. Unfortunately, this first batch was infested with insects and nematodes and had to be destroyed. Undaunted, Japanese officials this time tapped horticultural scientists to nurture healthy saplings. Two years later, in the spring of 1912, twelve varieties of cherry trees were sent to both Washington D. C. and New York City, 3020 saplings each.

On March 27th, 1912, Mrs. Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, each planted a Somei Yoshino (the most representative variety) on the bank of the Tidal Basin in Washington D. C. Although less publicized, cherry trees were also planted in Manhattan along the Riverside Drive near Takamine's residence. Today, there is a small park called Sakura Park at this spot. (Sakura means Cherry blossoms.) A guide book describes it as "one of New York's prettiest and least known parks," which "has a peaceful, melancholy charm." In 1915, President Taft sent flowering dogwood trees to Japan to reciprocate the goodwill.

For the history of Cherry trees in Washington D.C., see the National Park Service site: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/cherryblossom/history-of-the-cherry-trees.htm> or the biography of J. Takamine, see: <http://www.jokichi-takamine.com/>



March Meeting Photos





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Butterfinger Balls

By Rick Ault

Ingredients

2 c. creamy peanut butter
1 stick butter, melted
1 lb. powdered sugar
2 c crisp rice cereal
Coating:
8 oz milk chocolate
1 6 oz package semisweet
chocolate chips
4 T + 1 t shortening

Mix together the peanut butter, butter, powdered sugar and cereal. Roll into teaspoon size balls and chill (or freeze 30 to 45 minutes). Melt chocolate and shortening. Dip the balls into the coating. Cool on waxed paper.

Crock Pot Green Enchilada Chicken Soup

By Judy Kautz

Ingredients

2.5 lbs of boneless skinless
Chicken Breasts or thighs
28 oz can of Green Enchilada
sauce
24oz of Chicken broth
1 Cup half and half or heavy
whipping cream
2 Cups Monterey jack cheese
4 oz cream cheese, cubed at
room temp
4oz Green Salsa (salsa Verde)
Salt and Pepper to taste

In Crock Pot add Chicken breasts or thighs, green enchilada sauce and chicken broth...cook on low for 6-8 hrs

About 30 min before serving Remove Chicken and Shred. the add shredded chicken, Jack Cheese, Cream Cheese, 1/2 and 1/2 and green salsa to crock pot. stir until

cheeses are melted. Add additional salsa for taste.

You can top with sliced avocado, Cilantro, green onion and sour cream and add strips of Crisp tortillas if you like!



Lois Cox (President) opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Logan (Treasurer). Beginning balance as of January 31, 2022, is \$21,940.68. Income for the month \$260.00 for 2022 dues paid and \$30.00 miscellaneous for a total of \$290.00 Expenses were \$337.13 for Pear Trees from Tree Wizard, and \$148.93 for Greenhouse expenditures for a total of \$486.06. Balance on February 28, 2022, was \$21,744.62, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$7,168.94 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$13,463.68. The Demo Garden budget will come from this figure.

Nancy Logan (Greenhouse) Lots of plants and little room.

Program Chair (Patty Cummings assistant chair)-The April program will be on Native Plants with Katy Scothon.

Donna Wright and Linda Dolezal (Education)- Kathi Farley's Zoom class on beginning gardening drew 20 attendees. Linda a Certified Square-Foot Garden instructor, will present a community education class on March 29th in classroom C. Linda will also present a SFG class on Sunday April 3rd at the Alameda library to help celebrate "Spring Fest "from 3-5 pm. A printed schedule for Saturday classes is available.

Julie Johnson (Special Projects) No report

Special Events/Garden Party-Lois and Jeannie need more volunteers for the garden party.

Judy Kautz (Public Relations) She requested members email her with articles, suggestions, book reviews and photos for the newsletter. The current newsletter is fifteen pages long.

Kathi Farley (Garden Committee) She wants to require students to rotate through all garden sites. She has reduced the garden budget to \$5005 and requested a vote of approval. Kay Holladay made a motion to approve the budget. Valerie Green made a second and the motion carried.

Garden Tours—We need someone to volunteer for this position, but Laura Eckstein will mentor a volunteer. Kathi will work the first two Saturday mornings. Working as a tour guide counts as service hours.

Rahmona Thompson (Membership) Mentors and trainees are already performing desk work.



March Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Marilyn Solomon

Evan Taylor (Home tours) Although he is unavailable today, he is organizing home tours.

Fundraising—There is still no chair, but the Fundraising table netted a lot of suggestions.

Ronna Banks, Cheri Copeland, and Cheryl Jones (Hospitality) Susan Aikman, Cathy Bowden, Lois Cox, and Jo Ann Dysart provided the delicious treats for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: We need prizes for the Scavenger Hunt at the Garden Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy Bowden said there will be a Styrofoam Densifier program Saturday at the Norman Household Hazardous Waste Facility from 1 pm. To 3 pm.

Joan Barker (Jr. Master Gardeners) She will try to establish a base during the next couple of months. She will provide advice and give the prospective gardeners a tour of the demo gardens. She is also involved with the Norman Coalition for Refuge Support for Afghanistan.

Courtney Dekalb-Meyers (Horticulturist). The Bug Fest is tomorrow at the Central Library. Directories are available and must be signed for. A skills assessment worksheet is on the sign-in table. Only a few people signed up for Plant Doctor (office desk) and she really needs more help.

Lois Cox (President's Comments) There was a Committee Fair as the program prior to the meeting. She said she hoped everyone signed up for committees. She wants the membership to be involved. We will set up for the garden party on April 15 afternoon.

Dates to remember:

April 16- Garden Party/Plant Sale

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of February 28, 2022 is \$21,744.62. Income for the month is \$40 2022 Dues Paid; \$ 35 Meeting Donations; \$20 Gloves Sold and \$17 Patches Sold for a total of \$112.00. Expenses were \$248.95 Directories Printed; \$268.60 Greenhouse Supplies; \$30 Memorial Brick and \$175.00 Demo Garden for a total of \$722.55. Balance at March 31, 2022 is \$21,134.07, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$11,451.39 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$8,570.68.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



April 16, 9 AM – 12 PM: Earth-Kind Workshop. Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Hall, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC. Celebrate Earth Month by joining us for a workshop to learn natural gardening practices, soil health improvement options, and how to choose native, tough plants and trees to attract butterflies and other pollinators. Presented by Oklahoma County Extension and Squeeze Every Drop. Registration required at okc.gov/parks. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

April 23, 9:30 – 11 AM: Cannas in the Garden. Event ID: 44269. Will Rogers Park, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC. 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 were originally planted by City Horticulturist Henry Walters from Horn Canna in the 30's and 40's! Register at okc.gov/parks.

May 5, 6–7PM: Starting a Cut Flower Garden. Myriad Gardens, OKC, Terrace Room. Fresh flowers offer an ephemeral and radiant pleasure to our homes, promoting well-being and tranquility along with that extra 'pop' of color. By growing a cut flower garden, you can skip the stores and enjoy the process from seed to vase. Join us as we discuss flowers best suited to our environments and our homes, the process of growing, caring, and cutting our flowers, and how to maximize their lifetimes both outdoors and in our homes. Take this knowledge with you when you visit the annual Oklahoma City Flower & Garden Festival just two days later here at the Myriad Botanical Gardens! Register by May 3 at Myriad Gardens website.

May 7, 9 AM – 4 PM: OKC Flower and Garden Festival. Myriad Gardens, OKC. The annual Oklahoma City Flower and Garden Festival at Myriad Botanical Gardens Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 9 AM to 4 PM! This fun-filled event includes local vendors nestled in on the west side of the Gardens next to Mo's Carousel and the Children's Garden. The annual festival features an abundance of plants and more, sure to brighten up anyone's home. Visitors will find Oklahoma-grown herbs, perennials, annuals, native plants, culinary herbs, vegetable plants, flowers, produce, pottery, jewelry, wineries, succulents, ornamental grasses, milkweed, pollinator plants, wildlife habitat, and more.

May 12, 6 – 7 PM: Growing Food in the Summer – Protecting Your Food from Common Garden Pests. Myriad Gardens, OKC. Class participants will learn about organic growing methods including pest management without the use of pesticides. Dale and Carrie Spoonemore of From Seed to Spoon will also cover trellising and various support structures for summer crops. Additionally learn about succession planting and why it's important to continue to plant new rounds of seeds. Register by May 9 at Myriad Gardens website.

The Cleveland County
Master Gardener Association

invites you to their annual



Spring Garden Party and Plant Sale

children's activities | on-going garden demonstrations |
information booths | lots & lots of plants

April 16, 2022
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Plant sale continues on April 23rd, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

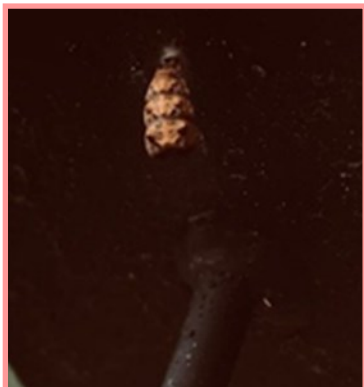
Cleveland County Master Gardener
Demonstration Gardens
Located at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds
615 E Robinson, Norman, OK 73071

For more information, call the
OSU Extension Office at 405-321-4774



Directory Update

Celeste Stonecipher was incorrectly identified in the directory as an Associate Gardener. She is a fully qualified Master Gardener.



Left, found in the butterfly garden March 29. Who can identify? *Submitted by Kay Holladay*
Below, my Hoya plant is full of flowers right now. In the cropped photo it is easier to see the fully open, half open and some waiting to open variations. I think they are very interesting blossoms. At night the room is filled with their spicy fragrance. *Submitted by Linda Snook*



MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

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For More Information Check out the updated Horticulture and Master Gardener sections on the Cleveland County Extension Office website. The address is www.oces.okstate.edu/cleveland.