



Mark Howery is For the Birds!

Mark Howery, a Wildlife Diversity Biologist, is an avid volunteer for the Audubon Society. His presentation at our July meeting gave us all sorts of information about what birds inhabit our area, what they eat and what to grow to attract them into our yards. He offered delightful insight into the birds of our area.



At the August meeting....

By Linda Wren

Our speaker for August will be Lois Cox. Most of Lois's career has been spent in education at the high school, technical college, and university levels. Lois holds four degrees in education including a Ph.D. completed in her late sixties in instructional technology and online learning. Lois was plummeted into the role of caregiver for her husband in 2016. Since his death in 2017, Lois has been focusing on sharing her experiences with others. She wrote a book during her first year of grieving and it is being published. She will be speaking on "The Healing Properties of Nature". The meeting begins at 10 am, but come at 9:30 for conversation and snacks.

Mark your calendars for the Cleveland County Fair September 6-8. They have asked Master Gardeners to help with the show exhibits. You will still be able to sign up at the upcoming meeting.

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President's Posting

By Judy Kautz

Hello Gardeners,

We have plenty of educational opportunities coming up in the next few months. You can attend any session of our new master gardener class for ed hours, or join us for one of the classes presented by our members. The next one is on Hypertufa pots. Our Horticulture Advisor Courtney will offer an advanced master gardener class, or you can attend the Master Gardener Learning Lab hosted by the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners at their extension center on October 4th. Isn't it great to be able to meet our 20 education hour requirement so easily!

Our weather has finally turned hot, and our demo garden is bursting with color! If you haven't had a chance to visit, volunteer to be a greeter/tour guide one Saturday! You'll be so glad you did...what a great chance to show off our garden! Thanks to all of you who are working in the garden on these hot days! It looks great!

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for the Cleveland County Fair judging and greeter duty, there are still slots available. Sign up sheets will be on the back table at our August meeting. Remember that we will not have a September CCMGA monthly meeting, but the Executive Committee will meet on September 10 at 11 am.

I am looking forward to seeing you all this Friday!

Judy



PR Prattle

By Jim McDaniel

I have re-contacted Discover Oklahoma about appearing on their TV show, I have not heard back.



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

August 6, Tuesday, 6:30 PM: Fall Gardening in Classroom C, by Courtney DeKalb.

August 10, Saturday, 10 AM: Hypertufa, in Classroom C, by Brenda Williams and Linda Wren.

August 16, Friday, 11:30 AM: New Master Gardener Class Picnic.

August 27, Tuesday, 1:30 PM: Advanced Master Gardener Class by Courtney DeKalb, Classroom C.

September 29, Sunday in Andrews Park: Butterfly Festival (I will be needing volunteers for an Information Table)



The garden is looking very good since the rains stopped and things dried up a little. The Fair maintenance crew has completed the new south border fence. The Xeriscape Garden bed will need a new owner next year as Kathi Farley will be taking over Nancy's Native bed in the NE corner of the Demo Garden. The Xeriscape Garden is basically a maintenance job since it is fully planted. Things may need to be replaced at times or weeds pulled but should not prove to be too time consuming. Kathi will also be the head of the Demo Garden next year so if you are interested in taking over this bed, let me or Kathi Farley know. Thanks to all the people giving Saturday tours or special tours as this gets the word out about our garden and more people will come by. See you in the garden!



Above, is Arin Watson, a first time tour guide. She stepped right in with hardly any orientation and did a great job. We saw around 40 visitors Saturday and she toured many of them.

Above right is Cathy Bowden (mentor) working with new class member Brenda Spinik at the Rose Garden.

Right is the new rest area for the Organic Vegetable Garden workers after harvesting several pounds of vegetables! Thanks to Brenda Williams' husband for making the benches!





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

She asked if there were any changes to the Minutes posted in the newsletter, and they stood as printed.

Treasurer's Report: (Nancy Logan) A detailed treasurers report was available at the meeting. The Balance as of June 25th was \$25,530.75. Funds in excess of budget are \$15,231.91.

Program Committee Report: (Linda Wren) August's speaker will be Lois Cox. She will speak on "The Healing Nature of the Garden". At October's meeting Judy Kautz will talk about her trip to Madagascar.

Education: (Kathi Farley) July 13 at 10 in classroom C, Getting the dirt on Soil with Cathy Bowden: August 10 in classroom C, Hypertuffa with Brenda Williams and Linda Wren: August 1, New Student Picnic: August 27 at 1:30 in classroom C: September 29 at Andrews Park, Butterfly Festival: August 27, Advanced Master Gardener Class by Courtney DeKalb.

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson/Phyllis Blackwell) The lawn judging is winding down. The last judging will be July 18th.

Public Relations: (Jim McDaniel) Discover Oklahoma has been contacted to do a piece on our garden. They approached us in May but the gardens weren't quite ready. They are ready now.

Garden Committee: (Rick Ault) The gardens are looking good after all the rain. The county has started on replacement of the south fence. We need to concentrate on labeling all the plants. The Xeriscape garden will be available for someone to head it.

Garden Tours: (Laura Eckstein) An email will be sent for regular Saturday tours in August.

Membership: (Rahmona Thompson) There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to open the garden gate for the students during lunch. Volunteers will get one hour service credit. You can stay for the classes if you would like or if the presentation is something you're interested in.

Home Tours: (Terry Hull) The spring tours didn't take place because of the weather. But volunteers are needed for a fall tour. A sheet is being passed for volunteers to open their gardens for tours. The fall tours will be the last week in September with a make-up date the first week in October. Terry thanked those that signed up for spring tour.

Master Gardeners Tours: (Susan Aikman) The last tour to the Myriad Gardens was closed due to falling glass. The tours will be rescheduled for fall when it will be cooler.

Fundraising: (Brenda Williams/Linda Wren) No new information.

Hospitality: (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) A sign-up sheet for food for the student picnic was passed. We are planning on about 100 people. The association will provide meat, cheeses and rolls for mini sandwiches and the members will provide for the condiments, sides and desserts. The picnic is August 16th. The Hospitality committee has been accumulating dishes. Please check with them if you have left dishes at our functions. The committee members thanked the following people for contributing food for our meeting: Ann McLaury, Barbara Tunney, Les and Donna Brown, Susan Aikman, Thressa Guidice, Terry Hull, Loreen Upton, Laretta Buchanan, and Pat Sparks.

July Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business: County Fair. Volunteers are still needed for the fair. A sheet will be passed. Booklets for the rules of the fair are available. Laura Eckstein needs volunteers for extra hours the garden will be opened during the fair. The dates are September 6th and 7th with two shifts each day. The shifts are from 9-12 and 12-3.

New Business: : It is time to consider the Master Gardener Distinguished Service Award nominations. The information on how to proceed with a nomination is in the directory. They must be in by September 1st and will be voted on by the Executive committee. The award will be presented at the Harvest Feast.

Horticulture Educator: (Courtney DeKalb) Proven Winners 20th Anniversary edition is available at a cost of \$10. A sign-sheet was passed for those who would like one. The next Multi-County Learning lab will be October 4th from 9-3 in Okla. County.

President's Comments: (Judy Kautz) : If you attended the State Master Gardener conference you can have 6 hours of education. The date for the Spring Plant Party will be April 18, 2020. Judy recognized the students that attended the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

Student Luncheon – Aug 16

Advanced MG Class – Aug 27, 1:30 -3:30 Classroom C

County Fair – Sep 4-8

Multi-County Learning Lab – Oct 4, 9 am-3 pm

Harvest Feast 2019 – Nov 7

Plant Party – Apr 18, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, *Vada Edwards*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of June 25, 2019 is \$24,530.75. No income this month. Expense includes \$44.25 Hospitality for Total Expense of \$44.25. Balance at July 25, 2019 is \$24,486.50, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$8,663.59 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$591, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$15,231.91.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



This summer, we can see Monet's paintings at the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth as well as at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Claude Monet (1840-1926) was not only a great artist, a father of Impressionism, but also an avid gardener. Toward the end of his life, he reflected that his love of flowers might have been the reason why he became a painter. Indeed, his garden was a work of art in its own right.

While Monet had a garden in his earlier residences, his honest effort in gardening began after 1883 when he and his family moved into a 2.5 acre property in Giverny, a village about 45 miles northwest of Paris. As his paintings started to sell well, Monet was able to invest more in his garden. He had greenhouses built, bought exotic plants, and hired a head gardener and several assistants. His most well-known project is the water-lily pond. In 1893, Monet purchased an extra piece of land and sought permission to divert a stream in order to create a water garden. In the following year, he received the first shipment of water-lilies, lotuses, and other marsh plants. Water-lilies had been only recently hybridized in France. With the addition of a Japanese bridge and hanging wisterias, the pond became the artist's favorite subject.

Although Monet had help from his family and later from his gardener for day-to-day tasks, he was firmly in charge of the design and maintenance of the garden. He subscribed to horticultural journals and catalogs and exchanged information and plants with gardener friends. Monet was influenced by the general trend that was a reaction to on-going industrialization. Gardeners of his time preferred a naturalistic English cottage style garden over the geometrically shaped traditional French garden with boxwoods and sculptures. Monet's garden, however, was unique in its abundance of colors—he planted flowers as if laying paint on his pallet. In some areas, flowers of similar colors were clustered and in others those of contrasting colors were juxtaposed. From April to October, the garden was always in bloom. He achieved this by careful planning and mass planting. Here is just a small sample of flowers in his garden: hyacinths, tulips, forget-me-nots, wisteria, poppies, columbines, nasturtiums, irises, daisies, geraniums, roses, lavender, peonies, clematis, dahlias, chrysanthemums, gladioli, sunflowers, cosmos, amaranths, hollyhocks. . . . Can you imagine being Monet's gardener?

After Monet's death, his daughter-in-law lived on the property and took care of the garden. With her passing in 1947, the garden became unattended and overgrown. With the establishment of Fondation Claude Monet in 1980, massive restoration work began to take place. Now, Monet's garden in Giverny is visited by more than a half million people each year. And elsewhere around the world, one can find gardens inspired by Monet. For example, there is a replica in Kitagawa Village, Japan. Closer to home, Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Kansas has a Monet-themed garden. And it is attended by local Master Gardeners!

References: Christoph Becker, et al. *Monet's Garden* (2004); Marina Ferretti Bocquillon, ed. *Monet's Garden in Giverny* (2009); Adrien Goetz, *A Day with Claude Monet in Giverny* (2017).



Figure 1. Water Lilies and Japanese Garden by Claud Monet. From Wikimedia Commons ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Water-Lilies-and-Japanese-Bridge-\(1897-1899\)-Monet.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Water-Lilies-and-Japanese-Bridge-(1897-1899)-Monet.jpg).)

Figure 2. Water Lilies in Kitagawa Garden. (<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Monet-Marumottan-mizu03.jpg>)

Recycling Styrofoam

by Cathy Bowden

July was a record month for Master Gardeners' Styrofoam recycling efforts AND the whole recycling program in general! Master Gardeners saved the landfill from 6-33 gallon bags of Styrofoam this month! Overall, in our meeting week, University Lutheran took in 44 thirty-three gallon bags and 29 Styrofoam boxes which were sent to Ada for recycling!

In the next load, the 100th bag since April will be recycled from Master Gardeners, church members and others who care about the Earth. We are so grateful!

A couple of quick tips to offer: Please be certain NO FOOD remains on anything you recycle. About 90% is good to go, but I'm still having to hand-wash some to-go containers and cups. Our recycler doesn't have time to pull one dirty plate they see out of the bag; they discard the whole bag, a real waste! Second, please "nest" all cups into a tall tower rather than crushing them or tearing them (or anything else) into little pieces. Those little pieces blow in the Oklahoma wind if a bag comes open. More cups can be stacked in the tall plastic bags than when they are just mixed in with take-out containers. Third, we have begun an egg carton recycling campaign on Craig's List. We sort out the clean egg cartons and offer them for free at the church (located at 914 Elm), if you want to pick some up or drop off Styrofoam between MG meetings.

The Master Gardeners' early participation in this recycling program was a real boost! Our "Churches Caring for Creation" group appreciates your continued support. I'm always happy to collect your containers at the garden on Tuesdays, too!



Oreo Cream Pie

Gloria Pitzer

Ingredients

2 - 6 oz. Oreo pie crusts
1 package cream cheese (8 oz.) -- softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 8-oz. carton Cool Whip®
1 small box instant vanilla pudding -- prepared as directed
1/2 8-oz. carton Cool Whip®
1/2 large pkg. Double Stuff Oreo cookies -- (about 20 cookies)

Cream together the cream cheese and the powdered sugar. Add HALF of an 8-oz. carton of Cool Whip. Divide between the pie crusts and spread evenly. Chill.

Prepare a small box of instant vanilla pudding as box directs. Divide between the pies and spread over the cream cheese layers. Chill about an hour. Divide the remainder of the Cool Whip between the pies and spread over the pudding layers. Crumble about 10 Double Stuff Oreos over each whipped cream topped pie, pressing in slightly. Refrigerate overnight before serving. Serves 10

A similar recipe used a 6-serving size package instant CHOCOLATE pudding.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 117 Calories; 4g Fat (35.6% calories from fat); 0g Protein; 18g Carbohydrate; 0g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 6mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Fat; 1 Other Carbohydrates.

NOTES : The family FLIPPED over this Oreo Cream Pie. Four year old Nicholas asked me to "write it down" for him so he could make it when he grows up! The original recipe was made in only one oblong pan and called for using the other half of the package of Oreos for the crust (make fine crumbs [I used the food processor] and mix with 1/2 c. melted butter, then pat evenly into greased oblong baking pan [use an oblong GLASS dish]). This recipe is supposed to freeze well.





Cleveland County Extension Master Gardener Training Schedule 2019



August 2 <i>Week 1</i>	Basics of Botany	Dr. Rahmona Thompson, Professor of Botany and Vascular Plant Taxonomy, ret. Editor, Flora Oklahoma MG Class of 2017
August 16 <i>Week 2</i>	Soil Science <i>Lunch provided by CCMGA</i>	Dr. Hailin Zhang, OSU Regents Professor & Director of Soil, Water, and Forage Analytical Laboratory
August 23 <i>Week 3</i>	Lawn and Turfgrass Science	Dr. Andrea Payne Connally, Extension Program Educator, Turfgrass
August 30 <i>Week 4</i>	Plant Pathology Pesticide Safety & Education	Courtney DeKalb-Myers, Cleveland County Horticulture Educator Charles Luper, OSU Extension Associate, Pesticide Safety and Education Program
September 6 <i>Week 5</i>	Entomology	Dr. Eric Rebek, OSU Extension Horticultural Entomologist, Associate Professor of Entomology
September 13 <i>Week 6</i>	Irrigation and Water Conservation Basics of Landscape Design	Dr. Justin Quetone Moss, OSU Associate Professor & Water Director Center, and Dr. Kevin Moore, OSU Extension Associate Courtney DeKalb-Myers, Cleveland County Horticulture Educator
September 20 <i>Week 7</i>	Vegetable Gardening	Courtney DeKalb-Myers, Cleveland County Horticulture Educator
September 27 <i>Week 8</i>	Herbaceous Ornamentals	David Hillock, OSU Extension Consumer Specialist & State Master Gardener Coordinator
October 4 <i>Week 9</i>	Planting & Care of Woody Ornamentals	Mariah Menzie, Certified Arborist, The Tree Wizard, Norman, OK, Class of 2017
October 18 <i>Week 10</i>	Fruit and Nut Production	Becky Carroll, OSU Extension Associate Specialist, Fruit Crops & Pecans
October 25 <i>Week 11</i>	Plant Detective	Courtney DeKalb-Myers, Cleveland County Horticulture Educator
November 1 <i>Week 12</i>	Final Exam	Morning Only 9:30am – 11:30am

Schedule

9:30am – 10:00am	Quiz of previous week's material
10:00am – 12:00pm	Class (short break around 11:00am)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Class (short break around 2:00pm)



Upcoming Events

August 9 – 11: Renovation and Landscaping Show, State Fair Park, OKC. The Oklahoma City Renovation & Landscaping Show brings together OKC homeowners and the area's most knowledgeable and experienced remodeling, building and landscaping experts. Professionals will be on hand to share their valuable knowledge and bring your ideas to life - or inspire new ones!

August 10, 8 AM – noon: Fall Gardening with Limited Space, Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Hall. Join the Oklahoma Gardeners Association presentation on fall vegetable gardening. August is the time to start planting for your fall vegetable garden. Small spaces can produce an abundance of excellent produce for feeding a family. Learn best vegetables selections for Oklahoma and how to plant in limited space. Some old ideas will be revisited. FREE! Register at parks.okc.gov.

August 16, 11:30: New Student Luncheon, Large Meeting Room, NE Corner of Extension Building.

August 17, 8 – 9:30 AM: Take the Heat Garden Tour, Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Building. On this tour go into the Gardens and see what plants are thriving in the heat of the summer. This is a great opportunity to get some of the names of plants to use in your own flower beds at home for next summer. Cost \$5. Register at parks.okc.gov.

August 24, 11 AM - noon: Pollinator Babies, Commonwealth Urban Farms, 3310 N. Olie, OKC. Fewer than 10% of monarch eggs and larvae will survive to become adult butterflies, largely due to predation of the larvae. Raising them in an indoor habitat boosts survival to rates well over 90%. Last year alone, instructor Stephanie Jordan rescued and raised more than 100 monarchs as well as several other butterfly species she found in the gardens of the Commonwealth community. In this class, come learn where and how to look for eggs and larvae and how to support them as they go through their amazing transformation. Instructor: Steph Jordan, Beekeeper and Farm Manager of Organic Gardens.

September 4 – 8: Cleveland County Fair, Fairgrounds.

September 14, 9 AM – noon: Monarch Festival, Oklahoma City Zoo.

September 14, 9 AM – noon: Winter Gardening, Will Rogers Exhibition Center. Join the Oklahoma Gardeners' Association for this presentation on seed collection and storage, winter sowing, and the use of cold frames.

September 29, 10 AM – 4 PM: Monarchs in the Park, City of Norman Andrews Park, 201 W. Daws St., Norman, OK



Don't you just love our demo garden? Where else can you find such an amazing variety of plants and landscapes? Wow...such talent we have!

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