

The Weeders' Digest

Shrooms With Scott Whiting



Our July speaker was Scott Whiting, a New Mexico transplant who moved to Oklahoma 2 1/2 years ago to be closer to family. Scott shared his knowledge of mushrooms and products like tinctures, and told lots of stories about his experiences at the Norman Farmer's Market. It was fascinating!

August Meeting

by Cathie Rose

Jeannette M Loutsch, PhD holds the Giles Family Endowed Professorship of Biology at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. She teaches classes on molecular and cellular biology, immunology, virology and microbiology. She is working on the Master Gardener material since Fall 2023 to complete in November. She also does outreach in the STEM fields with kindergarteners, 2nd graders, 4th and 5th grade girls, and middle and high schoolers. Her emphasis is science courses and helping young people to embrace science through fun activities. Her other passions are teaching jam/jelly, pickling and other food/cooking classes to all age groups as well as crocheting, knitting, basket making, sewing, and reading. Join us at 9:30 for snacks and conversation. Our meeting begins at 10 am.

If you have notices, send an email to Courtney and Joseph by noon Fridays. They will combine all received email messages into one email, which will be sent on Mondays. So start watching for your Constant Content on Mondays for Blooming News.

Inside This Issue

President's Posting	2	Upcoming Events	16-19
Demo Garden	5	Recipes	14-15
Garden Party	7	Treasurer Report	7
Education Class Info	3	July Minutes	7-10
Demo Garden Photos	5	Special Events	6
Facebook Pages	11-13	New Garden Sign	6
		Directory Update	19



Communication with any group people is always a challenge. Cleveland County Master Gardeners' website and newsletter are excellent tools. Our latest endeavor, The Monday Blooming Times, appears to be a hit as it provides more timely information without flooding us with emails. But there is another resource that members who like to use social media are using. This is our two Facebook pages. The private page is commonly used by members who work in the demonstration garden. The article I have submitted for this newsletter explains the differences between the two. If you are curious about them, maybe this explanation will help you decide whether they are right for you.

Below, be sure to sign up for food and bring your cuttings for our vases to gift to our students. For questions, contact Cathy Bowden.

New Student Luncheon

AUG 9

12 TO 1 PM

NORTH ROOM

*SIGN-UP TO BRING
FOOD &/OR HELP OUT*

**CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER
GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

*At this **FREE** meeting*

***Inviting Monarch Butterflies and
Hummingbirds into Your Garden***

Saturday, August 17th

10:00-11:00



Our late pollinators will still need food, water and habitat in the fall. Some, including monarch butterflies, stop here on their migration south in September and October. Mary Engel, who manages the butterfly bed in our demonstration garden, will share her extensive knowledge with us. She will also discuss the use of native fall blooming plants to provide food and habitat for the butterflies and how the overuse of pesticides and fertilizers impact these sensitive populations.

**Location: Cleveland County OSU Extension
Classroom C
601 Robinson, Norman, OK 73071**



Presenter: Mary Engel
Master Gardeners



*Oklahoma State University, as an equal opportunity employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination and affirmative action. Oklahoma State University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all individuals and does not discriminate based on race, religion, age, sex, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, or veteran status with regard to employment, educational programs and activities, and/or admissions. For more information, visit <https://eeo.okstate.edu>.



Demo Garden Photos

by Debbie Wood





Demo Garden

By Kathi Farley

Hey MG's & interns, We will be opening the garden gates at 8 am until further notice. Locust Group, see person in charge on Tuesdays and Fridays for that days garden assignment.

Interns, don't forget to do a rotation with irrigation & composting sometime during your hours.

Linda will pick up produce Fridays for food donations to food for Food and Shelter.

It has been decided that the garden will be advertised as open to tour it during our Tuesday and Friday workdays 9-11am. We need all workers to watch for new people coming into the garden. Welcome them, offer to answer questions and ask if they need to be shown around. This last Tuesday someone stood at the gate waiting to be noticed. Let's see them! Welcome them!

A white board will note garden/bed needs for Locust Group or those who want to help on their beds. Look inside the door of the front shed.

Tours will be advertised during our workdays on Tuesday & Friday 9-11am. A bell will be on the East Pergola for guests who wish to be given a tour.

Be sure to welcome those not known to you when you see them. Ask if they need help. Watch for emails advertising alternate workdays ie: evening and Saturday once a month. If you are interested in one of the alternate days, let Kathi Farley or Georjana Mauldin know. We are looking for someone to head up these days, too.



Open Garden Days

By Molly Monaghan

If you'd love to welcome CCMG friends to your beloved garden for a visit, please consider hosting an open garden day!

As the Home Garden Tours Chair, I'm encouraging members to let me know when their garden will look its best, and when they have time and the ability to open their space for visitors. Give me a two-week notice, and I'll send texts and e-mails to our members with date, time and home address.

Please write a short description and any special considerations, like accessibility concerns and parking location ideas, if appropriate. Let me know if you'll be providing refreshments, like ice water and cookies, etc. Will there be some seating and shady areas for visitors? You may even want to attach a photo of a plant or vignette from your garden to show a hint of what will be on show.



Special Events

By Lois Cox-Marshall

The Touch A Truck event, September 28 from 9-noon at the fairgrounds gives us a great opportunity to showcase our garden. We are having a garden party for the kids who are coming to this library event to capture the great number of kids who all have parents! I presented this at the July meeting but need a great deal more of you to consider being involved in this event for kids. Here is what I need:

- Helping kids create a garden-centered craft item to teach them about gardening as well as showing our garden to their parents.
- Tables and chairs will need to be moved from Classroom C to the garden and then moved back. Let's do that on that morning at 8 a.m. We could set up the day before, however, if it rains, we will not be able to hold the event.
- A few master gardeners to give garden tours to parents.

Let me know if you want to be involved in this public relations event for our organization. I have ideas you can use to help the children create or come up with your own ideas. The sign-up sheet will go a round again at the August meeting. I will also have flyers you can post at places you shop as well as to advertise at the Farmers Market.



New Sign!

By Linda Reed



Thank you Linda for ordering and installing our new garden tours sign!



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of June 30, 2024 is \$51,794.98. Income was \$15 Gloves Sold; \$10 Meeting Donations and \$55 Potting Bench Sold for Total Income of \$80.00. Expenses were \$30 Speaker Honorarium; \$ 324.21 Demo Garden Expenses; \$35 Memorial Brick for Tom Walder; \$632.82 Greenhouse Seeds for 2025 Sale and \$451.59 Greenhouse Heat Mats for Total Expenses of \$1,473.62. Balance at July 31, 2024 is \$50,401.36, less budget items not yet reimbursed, of \$15,741.34 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$4,606.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$30,054.02.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



July Meeting Minutes

By Jo Ann Dysart

Rahmona called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She recognized the 2023 interns in attendance who were greeted with applause.

Approval of the Minutes (Rahmona Thompson) – The minutes are not yet ready. Minutes will be sent by email. Consent vote will also be conducted by email.

Welcome 2023 Trainees (Rahmona) – Attendees were welcomed with applause

Treasurer's Report (Nancy Logan) See full report above.

gazebo proposal (Jim Hanlon) 10 x 20 ft., louvered top can open/close, outdoor aluminum frame with six aluminum posts, adjustable steel roof, cost \$2,249; additional expenses include delivery \$200, taxes \$160, 42 bags of concrete \$250, rent concrete mixer \$100; final total \$2,959.00. Jim added we need a place to store the boxes until the existing pergola can be demolished.

hoop house proposal (Nancy Logan) Requesting \$5,000: \$4,400 for permanent hoop house including installation and shade cloth; size of proposed hoop house is 14' wide x 20' long. Requested \$500 to \$600 for two new heat mats, each 8 ft. long, each will cover entire table for our seedlings. These two new mats will replace old, worn, lesser quality, smaller heat mats.

Courtney suggested a permanent hoop house. The proposed hoop house will be installed over Rayge's existing vegetable bed near the greenhouse. We are out of room in the greenhouse. This past spring we placed plants outside in preparation for our annual sale. That is not a reliable, long-term solution. Nancy, Kay Holder, and Karen Wolf traveled to Kingston, Ok to see an installed, permanent hoop house. This proposed hoop house will allow for the summer growing of the vegetable garden. The shade cloth may be of benefit from the summer heat. Nancy stated there are several questions to be answered prior to purchase and installation of hoop house. She plans to ask the person whom they visited to travel to view our space and answer questions.

Q: Kathi Farley asked when would the veg bed need to be cleared. A: It does not need to be cleared.

Q: Kathy also asked if the existing frame needs to be taken down. A: No

Nancy checked with Jim about irrigation; irrigation is not an issue. She intends to have lengthy conversation with Courtney re all details including ventilation prior to purchase, if proposal passes. We need this option to overwinter our perennials.

Susan Aikman made a motion that we pass both proposals. Linda Reed seconded motion. The vote to spend approx. \$8,000 total for two proposals passed.



Greenhouse Report – – The inventory committee met, and all seeds have been purchased. Greenhouse workdays will now be Mondays and Thursdays. Four smaller crews will have more work space. Nancy will be the lead on Mondays, and Linda Snook will be the lead on Thursdays. A new greenhouse floor has been installed, and Courtney has arranged to have a new foundation installed. Closer to growing season both heaters and fans will be addressed.

Also, at the end of today's meeting, we will draw for three potting benches. The greenhouse benches were made by Bud Hightree about six to seven years ago. Put your name in the box for the drawing. Two benches are \$55 each, and the third is \$40 due to damage.

Education (Sharon Mitchel) – July 20: Keeping Track of Your Garden, Kathi Farley and Deb Baroff, begins in classroom C. Aug 3: Pioneer Library Let's Get Gardening: Green Thumbs Unite – Oklahoma Proven at the Well, 10:00 to 12:00; Aug 17: Planting for Fall Pollinators, Mary Engel, Classroom C

Demonstration Garden (Marilyn Solomon) – Note that garden hours are now 8:00 to 11:00 due to heat. Any weather cancellations will be posted on Facebook. The demo garden still needs bed-heads. The Locust groups are doing well.

Demo Garden Tour Banner (Linda Reed) – A new banner will be installed this Friday afternoon on the east side where the arbor is. Wording is: Garden Tours, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 to 11:00. Private Tours book "new email." The banner is light orange. We can take it down when gardens close. A photo of the sign is on page 6.

Events (Joan Barker) – Joan is working on application for United Way Day of Caring, September 13. She is requesting three projects: sealing wood, outside of Judy's bed, and take down pergola. Sunday, October 6, Monarchs in the Park; Saturday, October 19, OU students

Hospitality (Sherry Garner) – – Rahmona announced that Sherry walked the mall for two consecutive days for the first time! Sherry will not be available for the New Student Luncheon.

Aug 9 New Class Luncheon will be covered by the committee, Rahmona, and Courtney. Members will sign up to bring either salads or desserts. Rahmona will pick up subway sandwiches from Wal-Mart. Cathy Bowden is in charge of table decorations.

Membership (Rayge Johnson) – We still need Ambassadors for our new interns this fall. Currently ten members have volunteered to serve as ambassadors. To date we have 15 paid new students. Orientation is July 19. Ambassadors are asked to attend orientation to meet their interns and to have treats.

Q: Can 'newbies' be ambassadors?

A: Yes! They cannot count time spent this fall as service hours. Effective Jan.1 they can count their time as service hours.

Program and Tours Committee (Cathie Rose) – Cathie thanked all for attention to today's speaker Scott Whiting of the Shroom Room. Our August 21 meeting speaker is an intern, Jeannette Loutsch, PhD on Straw Bale Gardening in a Community Garden Setting. Cathie is exploring the possibility of touring the OU greenhouse.



Public Relations (Judy Kautz) – Judy reported she is at 75%. Due to Covid, the newsletter is late.

Special Projects (Jeanne Parker) – The Cleveland County Fair is just seven weeks away, Sept. 5-8. Our first day to work is Sept. 4, processing intake of various entries. She started a sign-up sheet in January; we have a need for 5 to 6 more volunteers. The Demo Garden will be open during the fair.

Special Events (Lois Cox-Marshall) – Sept. 28 is our Garden Party in conjunction with Pioneer Library's Touch-a-Truck event. If it rains, the Garden Party is canceled. Aug. 1 Lois will have advertising flyers available at the Well. The event will be advertised as activities for kids. Q: Do we need tour guides for adults? A: It wouldn't hurt, but most likely the parents will hang with their young children.

Junior Master Gardeners (Lois Cox-Marshall) – We are not doing anything else until next summer unless we get contacted with a special request.

Farmers Market Booth at The Well (Laura Eckstein) – Things are going well at the Well. Please note: it is imperative to keep an accurate count of visitors each Saturday. Last week we had 70 visitors; the prior week we had 100 visitors. July is full. We need help for August. Sign up for August dates either manually on clipboard or on Sign-up Genius.

Home Garden Tours (Molly Monaghan) – No tours are scheduled at this time. Hopefully late August, September, or October we will have a tour or tours. Contact Molly if you are interested in sharing your home garden with our organization.

Styrostation (Cathy Bowden) – June was a tragic month as our densifier broke, three times, requiring three trips to Illinois; each trip was 13 hours one-way. We only densified 3 logs in June; that number should have been 100. As of the day before yesterday, the machine is running again. She called a halt to public donations. Tues. July 23 she will begin accepting donations from public, including appliance contacts. Fourteen volunteers washed and bagged donations, so all is ready to densify. Our goal is to have 20,000 lbs. by September. Currently we have 17,000 lbs.

No funds are available to purchase a new densifier until next May thru a grant. Cathy reminded members they can earn up to five service hours cleaning Styrofoam donations.

This Saturday, the densifier will be in Blanchard and Newcastle; August 10 in Moore; Oct 5 in Shawnee; Oct 26 in Purcell, and Nov 16 back in Blanchard and Newcastle.

Cathy demonstrated and reminded us all of what is and what is not Styrofoam. She pleaded with us all not to donate non-Styrofoam items.

Old Business – location of future meetings (Courtney)

We have a plan! She thanked Joan for letting her know that Norman Regional Hospital on Porter has a newly renovated auditorium in its Education Center. They are open to hosting our monthly meetings. Our last meeting in this current location is August. We need an alternative location for September. October meeting will be at the hospital. Nov and Dec will be at the Well; these are food events with no speaker presentation. January meeting will be at the Well, as it will be tables set up with all our organization's components, no speaker presentation.



Old Business (continued)

Most of our 2025 monthly meetings will be in the new Education Center's auditorium at Norman Regional Hospital on Porter. We will have comfortable, non-metal chairs. The kicker is: absolutely no food / drink allowed in their newly remodeled auditorium. We can have treats and drinks in the lobby prior to the meeting and at the break between speaker and business meeting.

New Business (Rahmona Thompson)

4-H Junior Master Gardeners: Delanie Beevers

Courtney introduced Delanie Beevers. She works in the extension office and is in charge of 4-H and establishing 4-H Junior Master Gardeners. When this happens, Cleveland County will be the *only* county in the state to have certified Junior Master Gardeners.

4-H is very competitive. Monthly meetings will contain eight sections of curriculum, including both individual and group activities. Students must complete all sections, pass an exam, and earn certification. Delanie is receiving curriculum from the state. She has a leader ready to go and kids ready to begin. Delanie hopes that members from our organization will step up and teach the curriculum.

4-H includes ages 3rd grade and above, all the way to age 18. A major goal is to teach leadership thru activities. Each year each student completes a record book. Each year that record book can be submitted to apply to win scholarships. Students can submit that same record book year after year as long as it is not a scholarship winner. Any and all help is appreciated.

Q: Kathi Farley asked if they plan to use the demo garden.

A: They would love to use the demo garden for hands-on experience.

Kathi told Delanie they would get together and discuss. Delanie invited all of us to stop by the office and visit with her.

Courtney's Comments – 15 paid interns at this time. TA meeting is scheduled in the Cowboy room.

We are all invited to any or all new classes. Thru the first Friday in September, classes will be in Classroom C. After that, remaining classes will be at the Well.

Watch for a Microsoft form in Monday's Blooming News weekly email to nominate a member for the distinguished service award.

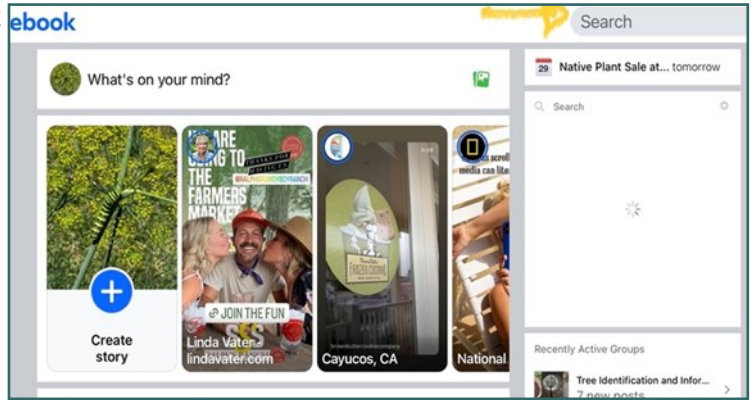
President's Comments – Rahmona commented that former secretary Marilyn Solomon had reached out via email to current secretary telling her she is doing a great job. The membership applauded this comment which means the world to current secretary. Current secretary appreciates the kindness of all.

NOTE: Cathy Bowden asked members to bring cuttings for table decorations at our New Class Luncheon on August 9. This is to honor our tradition of sending home a vase of cuttings with each of our new interns.

Meeting Adjourned Respectfully submitted, Jo Ann Dysart, Secretary

See Upcoming Events for Dates to Remember

As some of you know and others may not know, CCMGA has two Facebook pages. You can find these pages by typing Cleveland County Master Gardener into the search bubble at the top of your Facebook page. If you type Gardeners not Gardener, you will not get the same results. All images were captured from my iPad. If you use a desktop or cell phone, what you see may be laid out in a slightly different manner. The parts of the images I want you to notice are indicated with a yellow highlighter.

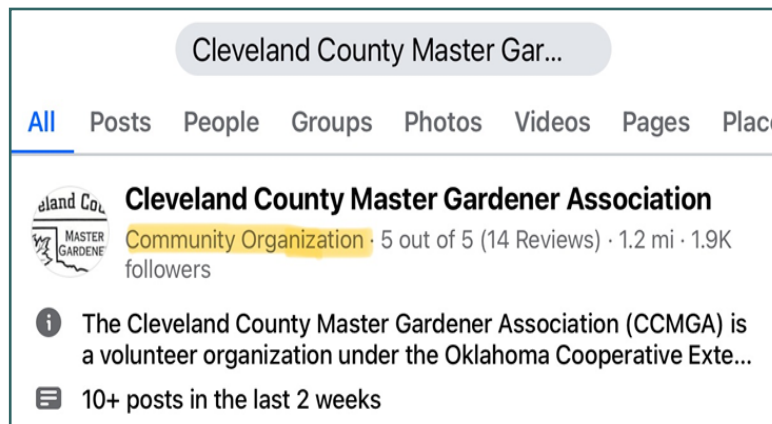


Your search will result in two good matches. The top one is entitled "Cleveland County Master Gardener Association. In the circle beside the name is a partial image of our logo. This image is black and white. The second good match is under the heading Groups. It is entitled Cleveland County Master Gardener Association Members Group. Beside this title is a square with image of two people tending a plant. The soil is pink. There may be other partial matches under groups which have the words Master Gardeners as part of their names. These pages are not ours. Let's look at ours in more detail.



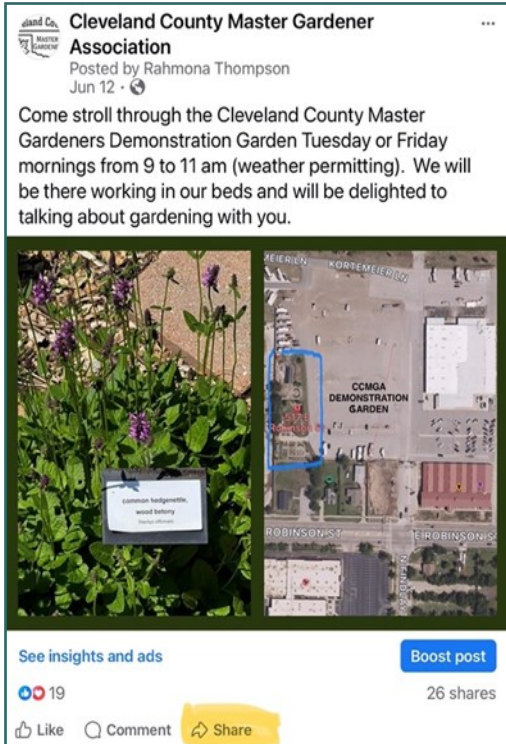
Under the title Cleveland County Master Gardener Association on the top entry, are the words Community Organization.

If you click on this link you go to our page. This page has a photo of the red demonstration garden sign behind the black and white partial image of our logo.



Again, under Details on this pages it says Page - Community Organization. That is important because that means this page is an open page. An open page means anyone with a Facebook account can look at this page.

It also means that anyone one can share posts are on this page. So, when we have an event flyer/post that needs to be shared, it will be posted on this page. The people who can post on this page are Judy Kautz, Courtney DeKalb-Meyers and myself. We are also the people who must monitor the page to prevent attract scam artist and phishing schemes. These scams can be posted on the comments on a post or via Message which takes one to the Cleveland County Master Gardener Association Messenger account. If you see something that worries you, please report to one of us.



Groups



Back on the search results page, under the title Cleveland County Master Gardener Association Members Group is the word Private.



If you click on this link you go to the members only page. This page has an image people gardening and enjoying being around plants. The ground/soil is pink.

Again, on the page it says Private. That is important because that means this page's contents can only be seen by the members of this group. For someone to become a member, they must be invited by a current member. If you are a member do not issue an invitation to anyone who is not a current CCMGA member or intern.

Courtney DeKalb-Meyers and Cleveland County Gardener Association are administrators of this page. But any member of this page can post on it. Lots of fun ideas, informative facts and lovely photos of members' gardens are posted on this page. Flyers for CCMGA events are also posted on this page. But to protect the group members of a private Facebook group, sharing is not an option for posts on this type of page. This is Meta's attempt to protect the group from scam artist and phishing schemes.



Here is the same post that was made on the Cleveland County Gardener Association open page as it appears on the Cleveland County Master Gardener Association Members Group page. There is no arrow to share.



So, I highly recommend you follow/join both pages. The content posted is usually very different. The commonality is promotional flyers and information. Those we really want share. They are posted on the private group page to inform members. Hopefully those members will then go to the open page and share the posts from that page.



Sheet Pan Spinach Tomato Ricotta Frittata

Ingredients

2 teaspoons olive oil
1/3 cup finely chopped shallots or onion
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
3 cups baby spinach, approximately 3 big handfuls
1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
6 eggs
3 egg whites
1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning (salt-free)
2 tablespoons milk
1/2 cup part skim ricotta cheese
3 tablespoons shredded parmesan cheese (optional)

Preheat oven to 425° F. and place a rimmed quarter sheet pan in the oven while it's pre-heating.

In a medium sized skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add in the shallots and sauté for a minute, then add in the spinach, cherry tomatoes, granulated garlic and season with salt and pepper. Sauté another 2-3 minutes or until the spinach is wilted. Remove from the heat.

In a medium sized bowl whisk together the eggs, egg whites, Italian seasoning, milk and ricotta until combined.

Remove the hot sheet pan from the oven and spray with cooking spray. Pour the egg mixture into the sheet pan, then evenly disperse the spinach-tomato mixture on top. Top with shredded parmesan cheese if desired, then bake for 10-12 minutes or until the frittata is set.

6 Servings

Notes

Amount Per Serving: CALORIES: 158 TOTAL FAT: 9g SATURATED FAT: 3g TRANS FAT: 0g UNSATURATED FAT: 5g CHOLESTEROL: 195mg SODIUM: 276mg CARBOHYDRATES: 7g FIBER: 1g SUGAR: 3g PROTEIN: 13g



Cherry Crunch

Submitted by Marilyn Solomon

Ingredients

- 2 8-oz boxes Calhoun Bend Mill Cherry Crunch Mix
- 2 21-oz cans Wilderness Cherry Pie Filling and Topping
- 1 stick melted butter (1/2 cup)
- 3/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Spray 13 X 9 baking dish with Pam. Spread pie filling evenly in bottom of dish.
Combine melted butter with dry Crunch mix until crumbly.
Stir in chocolate chips.
Sprinkle mixture over cherries.
Bake 20-30 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown.
Serve warm. If desired, serve with

ice cream or whipped cream

Marilyn brought this to the July CCMGA meeting and it was delicious!

No Bake Cookies

Submitted by Judy Kautz

Ingredients

- 2 Cups Sugar
- 1/4 Cup Cocoa
- 1/2 Cup Butter or Margarine
- 1/2 Cup Milk
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter, smooth or chunky
- 3 Cups Oatmeal
- 2 Teaspoons Vanilla
- 1 Cup Coconut (optional)
- 1 Cup Chopped Pecans (optional)

Mix first five ingredients in saucepan and bring to a bubbly boil. Cook for 2 minutes. Set off stove and add remaining ingredients.

Stir until batter loses its shine. Drop by small spoonfuls onto waxed paper.

Note: These are delicious and so easy to make and store.



OKLAHOMA IRIS SOCIETY INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Monthly Meetings: All meetings are at the Will Rogers Exhibition Center at 3400 NW 36th, Oklahoma City, OK. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are enthusiastically welcomed. We have monthly meetings on the first Fridays in March through June, and September through December starting at 6:30pm. All of our meetings begin with a potluck meal.

Friday-Saturday, August 23-24th, AIS Region 22 Annual Meeting sponsored by OIS in Oklahoma City. Registration for this event is open.

OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Sept 5 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7:00pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building, Room 208, OKC

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS & SUCULENT SOCIETY

Meetings:

Our meetings are at the Will Roger Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month. To see if we are having a meeting Check our Facebook page (Facebook search "Oklahoma cactus")

CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Aug 21 – CCMGA Monthly Meeting: Jeannette M Loutsch, PhD on Straw Bale Gardening in a community gardening setting

Aug 24 – Hypertuffia bird/butterfly baths by Mary Engle

Sept 13 – United Way Day of Caring in the Demonstration Garden

Sept 18 – CCMGA Monthly Meeting: Joshua Campbell talking about compost & soil

Sept 21 –Fall Pollinators: Mary Engle

Sept 21 – SNMNH Curiosiday Monarch Butterfiles

Sept 28 – Garden Party & Pioneer Library Touch a Truck

Oct 3 & 4 – Oklahoma Master Gardener Conference in Enid



Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society

2024 - Show n' Sales

Summer

WHEN?!

June 8 830-5pm

June 9 830-3pm

Fall

WHEN?!

Sept 21 830-5pm

Sept 22 830-3pm

WHERE?!

Will Rogers Gardens
3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

WHAT?!

Plants! Pottery! Soil! Top Dressing!
Educational presentations every hour!

Endless talk of plants*

*to people who want to talk plants

BONUS

Insta: cactusokc

Facebook: cactusokc

Web: oklahomacactus.com



Fall Vegetable Gardening Thursday, August 8, 6-7PM M \$10; NM \$15 Dale & Carrie Spoonemore, From Seed to Spoon Register by August 6.

Guided Gardens Tour Friday, August 9, 1PM and Saturday, August 31, 10AM Meet in the lobby. FREE. Wheelchair and stroller friendly.

Workshop: Japanese Floral Arranging Saturday, August 10, 10-11:30AM; Member \$50; Nonmember \$55; Optional Decorative Vase Add-On: \$10; Aya Okada & Hana Segawa, Saika JP Flower; Register by August 6

Workshop: Botanical Cyanotype Prints Saturday, August 10, 2-4PM; Member \$45; Nonmember \$50; Kaitlin Bacon, Director of Education; Register by August 8

Native Oklahoma Plants Saturday, August 17, 10 – 11AM; Member \$16; Nonmember \$20; Kaitlin Bacon, Director of Education; Register by August 15

Workshop: Carnivorous Plants Terrarium Saturday, August 17, 1-3PM; Member \$55; Nonmember \$60; Brad Fowler, City of OKC

Register by August 15

Drip Irrigation Workshop Thursday, August 22, 6-7:30PM; Nate Tschaenn, Director of Horticulture; Member \$8; Nonmember \$10; Register by August 20

Workshop: Macrame Plant Hangers Saturday, August 31, 1-2PM; Member \$25; Nonmember \$30; Morgan Link, Volunteer Coordinator; Register by August 29

Martin Park Nature Center; 5000 W. Memorial; Oklahoma City, OK; Ethnobotany Hike; Wed, August 14, 2024; 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm; Join us for an educational hike through Martin Park! Ethnobotany is study of a region's plants and their practical uses now and through history. Discover what plants in central Oklahoma have been used for food, medicine, clothing and shelter by pioneers and Native Americans. You might leave in awe of the bounty that nature provides! Pre-registration is required, but participation is FREE. <https://www.okc.gov/departments/parks-recreation>

Climate and Pollinator Initiatives at the USDA presented by Izzy Hill, USDA Pollinator Coordinator; Stay connected with the latest monarch conservation topics by attending Monarch Joint Venture's free monthly webinars. This series is a unique opportunity to hear from experts across various interdisciplinary fields related to monarchs, other pollinators, their habitats, and the threats and pressures that make conservation urgent. Bring your questions and get ready to discover how you can get involved to protect monarchs. All webinars are one hour long and occur at 1:00 PM Central Time <https://monarchjointventure.org/events/monarch-conservation-webinar-series>

Directory Updates

Patty Cummings: pattycummings40@gmail.com; Ariana Quezada: quezada10@gmail.com; Judy Kautz: jkautzpre@gmail.com



The Garfield County Extension Master Gardeners have been working hard on planning this year's conference; they have some great activities and speakers lined up for the conference!

More details will follow in future conference emails, but to kick it off, we are thrilled to announce that we have an excellent keynote speaker Dee Nash – a local gardener, blogger (Red Dirt Ramblings®), and Instagrammer (is that a word?); more about her and other speakers will be in future emails.

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Oklahoma State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State and Local Governments Cooperating. The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, national origin, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. OCES provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

The CCMGA newsletter is published as an educational service by the Cleveland County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, 601 East Robinson, Norman, OK 73071-6616
Office 405-321-4774 Fax 405-360-0319
Email ccmastergardener@yahoo.com
Website
www.clevelandcountymastergardeners.org

Courtney DeKalb-Myers
Extension Educator
Horticulture

Submit suggested articles for the newsletter not later than the **28th of each month** to Editor Judy Kautz at jkautzpre@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: Judy Kautz



OSU EXTENSION CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

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.