

Julia Linger's Xeriscape



Master Gardeners learned the history of the Xeriscape bed right outside our classroom from Julia Linger at the January meeting. It was fascinating to see what she began with and the progress as she built and nurtured this bed. Thank you, Julia, for an interesting lesson on a very colorful and interesting bed!

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At the February meeting.... By Linda Wren

Speaking at our January meeting is Joe Rackley, who has a diverse background in natural history and the arts. He was classically trained in the life sciences with Botany and Zoology degrees, and then became an Academic Advisor in the OSU Zoology Department for 18 years. From there he moved to New York to work as the Student Services Director for the School of Education at Pace University. He returned to Oklahoma as a plant health specialist/nursery inspector with ODAFF 10 years ago. Three years ago he took on the duties of Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Coordinator. The meeting begins at 10 am, but come at 9:30 for conversation and snacks.

Directories will be available for pick up at the March 8 meeting!

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Greetings, Master Gardeners!

We have an exciting 2019 planned, full of fun, education, and community service. We enjoyed a great January meeting, hearing from Julia Linger about the history of her Xeriscape garden by the classroom. She truly worked wonders with that bed! Thanks to Cindy Mullens and Patty Hayes for setting such a beautiful table for the meeting and to so many of you who bring such delicious goodies.

Thank you to all those who have agreed to serve as committee chairs and officers for our association this year...we all truly appreciate your service.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Garden Party April 20th. The Greenhouse Committee is working hard to prepare wonderful plants for our plant sale. I know you will find just the right items for your gardens this year!

We are happy to announce that we have once again approved providing \$1000 for an horticulture student at OSU this year. It will provide much-needed funds to a student working toward a degree in horticulture!

Our gardens will open for our first garden work day on March 5th with a potluck in the classroom before we launch into preparing our garden beds. We welcome our students who are working to complete their service hours in the garden!

A huge thank you to Laura Eckstein for her leadership as the 2018 President of CCMGA. She guided us through a great and productive year...well done, Laura! See you at the February meeting!

Judy Kautz



Upcoming classes:

February 9, 10 AM, Classroom C: Roses: From Purchasing to Planting by Cathy Bowden.

This class will discuss how to grow roses, from the very beginning of plant selection to planting in the yard to ensuring it flourishes from year to year.

Saturday, March 23, 10 AM in Classroom C: Mixing Vegetable/Edibles into Your Current Landscape, by Kay Holder. Have limited space in your yard, but still want to grow vegetables? Include them in your landscaping! Kay will explain how you can have beauty and edible food in one landscape. Square foot gardening techniques will also be discussed.



Garden Gossip

By Rick Ault

The demonstration garden will reopen March 5 with a potluck breakfast and workday, weather permitting. Garden bed owners should have already sent in their budget requests to Marilyn Soloman. We always need workers in the spring to get beds ready; please consider volunteering and come on out. All are welcome! See you in the garden!



PR Prattle

By Jim McDaniel

The PR Committee is in the process of developing a pictorial and video archive of CCMGA'S activities, for example, meetings, demo garden and group activities. The archive will be accessible to everyone. If you have pictures of any of our activities in any given year and you would like to see them in this archive, please contact Jim McDaniel.



Sincere Condolences

We extend our condolences to Theresa January in the passing of her husband Dan. Please keep Theresa and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

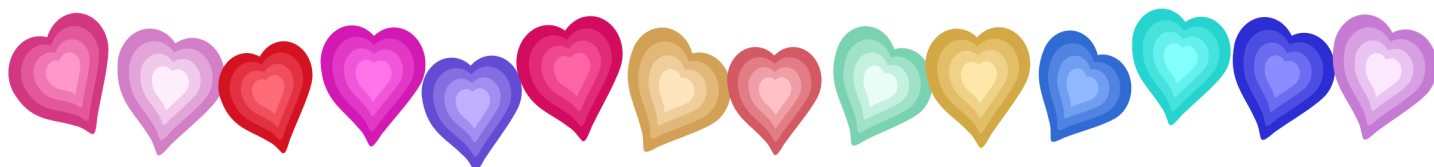


Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of January 25, 2019 is \$20,328.14. The projected budget for 2019 is in progress and will be included in the February report.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*





Installation of New officers:

Judy Kautz - President

Nancy Logan - Treasurer

Marilyn Solomon – Secretary

Joan Barker - President Elect

Laura Eckstein is the Parliamentarian

Judy presented Laura with a Thank You Gift for her work as President

Introduction of New Officers/ Committee Chairs: Judy announced the following:

Programs – Linda Wren Special Events – Donna Carter (Harvest Feast) Vada Edwards
– Garden Party with Thressa Guidace

Special Projects – Julie Johnson Hospitality – Cindy Mullens and Patti Hayes

Public Relations – Jim McDaniel Membership – Rahmona Thompson

Greenhouse – Nancy Logan Education – Kathi Farley

Fundraising – Linda Wren Demo Garden – Rick Ault

Executive Committee-Judy, Nancy, Marilyn, Joan, Laura and committee chairs

Additional positions: Demo Garden Tours-Laura Eckstein

Webmaster – Lois Cox

Newsletter Editor – Elaine Dockray

Long Range Garden Planning Committee: Rick Ault, Theresa January, Jody Marcussen, Kathi Farley, Marilyn Solomon, Claren Kidd, Bud Hightree, Jeanne Parker, Nancy Logan, Celeste Stonecipher, Pat Welty, Judy Kautz

Treasurer’s Report: (Nancy Logan) Balance as of November 25,2018--\$20,209.58. Income was \$605 and expenses totaled \$703.52 leaving a cash balance in excess of Budget as of December 31, 2018 of \$20,111.06

Greenhouse Maintenance Account Proposal: Courtney Dekalb might a brief presentation on a MOU in which the CCMGA would contribute to a savings account for greenhouse repairs. The membership requested that she send the proposal by email so that it might be reviewed, and comments submitted before any votes.

Greenhouse Report: (Nancy Logan) Plants have been returned to greenhouse from Nancy’s garage after \$600 heater repair and are doing alright.

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

January - Julia Linger- Xeriscape Beds March - open

February - Joe Rackley -Invasive Pests April – Rick Ault- Quebec and Ontario Gardens

Possibly Audubon Speaker in May

Special Event and Garden Party: (Donna Carter/Vada Edwards) Garden party is scheduled for April 20, and plant sale continuation is scheduled for April 27. Vada put out a sign-up sheet for the Garden Party.

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson) No Report

Newsletter: (Elaine Dockray) No Report



Public Relations: (Jim McDaniel) Budget request were submitted. Press releases are sent to Courtney Dekalb, and two new contacts are available. Hopes to have publicity on TV and more in the media.

Garden Committee: (Rick Ault) Garden work will resume the first Tuesday in March.

Membership: (Rahmona Thompson) New student desk and garden orientation will be on January 31.

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

January 12 -- Tree Pruning – Mariah Menzie

January 23 – Romaine Calm and Grow Your Own Lettuce-Courtney DeKalb

February 9 -Roses – Cathy Bowden

March- Mixing Vegetables into Your Current Landscape (Kay Holder)

May – Prairie Gardening (Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon)

September – Taking Care of Your Greenhouse Plants

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

Fundraising: Linda Wren agreed to chair this committee

Hospitality: (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) Thanked all those contributing goodies this morning.

Home Tours: (Terry Hull) Spoke about changing protocol from telephone requests to a volunteer sign-up sheet for home garden tours.

Old Business: All Bylaw changes due to Cherry NLT Jan 31

New Business: A \$1000 Scholarship will be presented to an OSU Horticulture student again.

Fred Snyder commented on the Seed Saver Catalog.

Pat Humphrey is in Normal Hospital, Room 4100.

Courtney's Comments: Courtney stated the new Student Desk and Garden Orientation is a great opportunity to mentor on Jan 31 from 10 am to noon.

President's Comments: (Judy Kautz) The Board meeting time will change from 11 am to 12 pm and occurs the Tuesday before the second Friday. Judy requested an invitation to all committee meetings and wants a courtesy copy of emails relating to CCMGA business.

Dates to Remember:

Jane 31 – Mg Desk Orientation, 10 am

Garden Party – April 20

Plant Sale (cont.) – Apr 27

Student Luncheon – Aug 2

Harvest feast 2019 – Nov 7

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Margarita Pie

Master Cook– Alamo Cafe

Ingredients

2 - 14-oz. cans sweetened condensed milk
1/4 c silver tequila
1/4 c orange curacao liqueur
1/4 c blue curacao liqueur
1/4 c fresh lime juice
2 c whipping cream
2 - 9" graham cracker pie crusts

Combine sweetened condensed milk with the tequila, liqueurs and lime juice, stirring until ingredients are well-mixed.

Whip cream until stiff peaks form. Gently fold cream into milk mixture.

Turn mixture into pie crusts and level with a spatula. Cover pies and place in freezer for at least 4 hours. Keep frozen until about 10 minutes before serving time.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 0

Calories; 0g Fat (0.0% calories from fat); 0g Protein; 0g Carbohydrate; 0g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 0mg Sodium. Exchanges: .

NOTES : This tastes just like a Margarita!

Breakfast Potato Casserole

Judy Kautz

Ingredients

24 oz. box shredded frozen hash brown potatoes, defrosted
1/2 c butter, melted
1/2 c chopped onion
2 c. sour cream
1 c. grated cheddar cheese
1 tsp. salt
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 - 4-oz cans diced green chiles, undrained

Mix together potatoes and butter. Add remaining ingredients. Pour all into a greased 9 x 13 inch pyrex baking dish. Cook 45 -60 minutes in a 375 degree oven.

Notes: We have served this several times at our CCMGA meetings and it is always a hit!



Upcoming Events

February 8, 10 AM—CCMGA Monthly Meeting. Classroom

February 9, 10 AM – Noon: Hearty Succulent Wreath Workshop. Will Rogers Garden and Arboretum. Event ID: 12915. Come with your sweetie, create and take home your own succulent masterpiece. Wreath and succulents provided. Fee includes materials for one heart-shaped succulent wreath to take home. Families are welcome too, priced per wreath. Payment is non-transferrable. Cost is \$40. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

February 16, 23, and March 3, 9 AM – 3 PM: Home Gardening 101. Presented by Oklahoma County Extension Master Gardeners. Call 713-1125 for information.

February 16, 1 PM: Growing Food Together. Spoonemore residence (near Moore) Member \$8; Nonmember \$12. Dale & Carrie Spoonemore, From Seed to Spoon Register by Tuesday, February 12. Out of love and necessity, Dale and Carrie Spoonemore transformed their backyard into an urban food farm. In this gardening adventure, the energetic couple will demonstrate how they plan, grow, and harvest organic produce economically, efficiently, and sustainably. Sample herbs, learn practical irrigation techniques and gain insight into functional designs for raised beds. Address details available upon registration.

February 18: Extension Office closed

February 23, 10 – 11 AM: Gardens Walking Tour. Myriad Gardens.

March 8, 10 AM—CCMGA Monthly Meeting. Classroom

March 9, 9 AM – 4 PM: Oklahoma Gardening School 2019: Herbs. Devon Energy Auditorium. Register by Tuesday, March 5. Myriad Botanical Gardens' annual Oklahoma Gardening School is the state's premier annual horticultural symposium designed for home gardeners and professional horticulturists, garden designers and landscape architects. The Oklahoma Gardening School showcases local and national experts in gardening, plant selection and garden design. Their illustrated talks and Q&A discussions help participants learn how to create and maintain more beautiful, sustainable and successful herb gardens in Oklahoma. National and regional lecturers to be announced soon!

March 16, 10 – 11:30 AM: Growing Roses in Oklahoma. Will Rogers Gardens, Exhibition Building. Event ID: 20417. The Oklahoma Rose Society will be speaking about which roses are best for Oklahoma. From climbing and rambling to pygmy and shrubby, with so many roses to choose from it is very difficult to know which ones to put in your landscape. Please come prepared to question these experts so you can get the best plants for your yard and know how to care for them! Free. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

March 23, 10 AM – Noon: Water Conservation and Turf Management Seminar. Myriad Gardens, the Garden Classroom. Jeff Salmond, University of Oklahoma, Director of Athletic Field Management, CSFM and Josh Campbell, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Urban Ag. and Natural Resources. In this featured seminar focused on saving water while caring for your lawn, you will learn cost-effective methods for conserving natural resources. From setting up strategic rain barrels to the effective use of mulch, you will be on your way to efficiently manage drought-resistance grass and hearty low-ground cover year-round. Coffee and light breakfast provided. Member \$8; Nonmember \$12. Register at Myriad Gardens website.

March 30, 10 AM – Noon: Seed Starting Workshop. Myriad Gardens, The Garden Classroom. Bill Farris, Prairie Wind Nursery. Starting your own plants from seed is fun, easy and a great way to save money on plants for your garden. In this hands-on experience, you will learn how to start annual flowers, vegetables and herbs, the best way to take care of your seeds as they germinate and grow (containers, watering, thinning, and lighting) and other tips, techniques and tools helpful in seed starting. All participants will plant a variety of seeds to take home and grow. Member \$14; Nonmember \$19. Register at Myriad Gardens website.



In his Seed Saver's magazine this month, Fred Schneider found an amazing edible flower salad he just had to share with CCMGA members. Enjoy!



EDIBLE FLOWER MANDALA SALAD

By David Cavagnaro, author, photographer, and Seed Savers Exchange advisor and lifetime member

Mandalas are sacred, symmetrical designs that lend themselves to creatively beautiful edibles. I usually create salads and desserts as mandalas, using round platters for the traditional circular mandala form. But when I serve a salad for large groups, I often use big wooden trays I have for that purpose. For a salad, just use your imagination when it comes to ingredients.

CREATE THIS SALAD AT HOME!

Start with:

Bed of salad greens: varieties of lettuce, a bit of fresh basil, and arugula, all cut into small pieces.

The artistic design is entirely up to you! Dress with your favorite salad dressing, and then challenge someone to be the first person to do the tossing—once everyone has enjoyed the work of art, of course!

TOP WITH:

Beets, orange carrots, and yellow carrots, finely grated

Cucumbers, sliced and peeled

'Cherry Roma' Tomatoes (Can use any colorful heirloom tomatoes)

Feta cheese, cut into small pieces

Edible flowers: nasturtiums, calendula petals, Siberian catmint, monarda blossoms (bee balm)—removed from their stems—and borage are ideal.

(Small violas, Johnny Jump-Ups, and mustard blossoms are also suitable for salads.)



Above, Courtney DeKalb-Myers administers the oath of office to incoming 2019 CCMGA officers: Nancy Logan, Treas., Judy Kautz, Pres., Marilyn Solomon, Sec., and Joan Barker, Pres Elect. Right, Judy Kautz presents outgoing President Laura Eckstein with an appreciation gift for her leadership in 2018.



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