



## Claren Kidd—Distinguished Master Gardener!



Congratulations to Claren Kidd, who was named the CCMGA Distinguished Master Gardener for 2018. Claren has been active in our association for many years, and does so much for our benefit. She is always working in the demo garden, handling composting, the rain garden and other beds, and always has a ready smile and helping hand for everyone. We are proud to award Claren Kidd this honor for 2018!

At the January meeting....

*By Linda Wren*

Speaking at our January meeting is Julia Linger who grew up gardening in Cleveland, OH. As a vet and military wife she had the opportunity to experience gardening challenges in numerous locations across the country. In Oklahoma she turned the acre of land that her family lives on into numerous display beds to illustrate the diversity of gardening in the US. Julia will speak on the Xeric garden that is located outside of Classroom C and how you can raise low water plants in your garden. The meeting begins at 10 am, but come at 9:30 for conversation and snacks.

**Dues and hours are due! Be sure to bring your dues and your education and service hours to give to Nancy Logan at our meeting. Dues of \$20 and your hours must be provided to Nancy not later than our upcoming January meeting.**

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## President's Posting

*By Laura Eckstein*

Hello Master Gardeners,

As I am writing this 2018 is drawing to a close. It has been a busy year, full of wonderful memories for me. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions of time and energy to make Cleveland County Master Gardeners the best organization I can imagine. You have all worked tirelessly to make our gardens beautiful. You have worked in the greenhouse, so we could have a successful garden party. You have organized events for us and provided wonderful food. You have shared your knowledge about gardening with us and the community. Some of you have suffered great losses this year. I hope we can provide you with the love and comfort you need during a sad time for you. It has been my pleasure to serve as president this year. I will turn over the gavel to Judy Kautz who will do a terrific job as in everything she does. I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year.

Fondly, *Laura Eckstein*



## Education Update

*By Kathi Farley*

Upcoming classes:

**January 12, 10 AM, Classroom C: The Art and Science of Pruning Trees**

This class will discuss the different pruning systems including pollarding, topiary, espalier, and bonsai and natural. Best practices for pruning trees will be discussed, as well as winter fruit tree management in Oklahoma. Mariah Menzie is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist who works in Norman. Her family company, Tree Wizard, specializes in plant health care, and tree pruning and removal. She will happily chat with you about climbing trees, fruit and nut tree production, new gadgets and tools in arboriculture all day.

**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.

I have openings for teachers for the following classes on Saturday mornings. (I suggest getting a partner to help you. They can be a professional at a nursery or an expert in that area or another MG to help you.) Months available are 1) July, 2) August, 3) October, 4) November. The classes requested are 1) Shade Gardening, 2) Perennials, 3) Year-Round Blooms in your Garden, and 4) Hypertufa.



## Garden Gossip

*By Rick Ault*

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There is nothing but the greenhouse going in the garden area. But Marilyn Soloman has asked all garden bed caretakers to request money they will need for their gardens for the next gardening season. Also, nothing has been done by the Fair staff regarding the fence replacement on the south side, so that project awaits. Stay warm and see you when the garden reopens in March.



## A Good Read

*By Janelle Miller*

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I highly recommend "A Tapestry Garden" by Marietta and Ernie O'Bryne, owners of Northwest Garden Nursery. It is a journal of their 25+ year massive garden in Eugene, Oregon and the plant photographs are fascinating.



## Sincere Condolences

We extend our condolences to Jackie Engelman who lost her husband Stephen on December 13. Please keep Jackie and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.



## Treasurer's Report

*By Nancy Logan*

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Beginning balance as of November 25, is \$20,209.58. Income includes \$25 Gloves Sold and \$580 2019 Dues for Total Income of \$605.00. Expense includes \$332.73 Demo Garden; \$50 Slaughter Gift; \$27.11 Microphone Upgrade and \$293.68 GH Supplies for Total Expense of \$703.52. Balance at December 31, 2018 is \$20,111.06.

It is time to collect 2019 dues of \$20 per member. You can bring your dues to a monthly meeting, you may leave your payment in the extension office or you can mail your check to Nancy Logan at 3200 Summit Bnd, Norman, OK 73071. In order to have your name in the 2019 member directory, your dues must be received by the January 2019 meeting.

It is also time to turn in your education and service hours for 2018. **PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DIRECTORY FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT YOU CAN USE FOR EDUCATION AND SERVICE HOURS.** Hours must be received by the January meeting if you want your status to be correct in the directory. You must complete 20 hours of service and 20 hours of education to assure your status as a Current Master Gardener. If no hours are received or you fall short of the requirement, you will be listed as an Associate Member. I will receive a print out from the OSU computer system so you do not need to send me a copy of your hours. Emeritus members must complete 20 hours of education each year, but are not required to document service hours. Newly certified Master Gardeners do not need to document their hours with the association.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*





# Christmas Party











# Erdinger Hof Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Master Cook

## Ingredients

- 8 to 10 Yukon gold potatoes -- (about 5 lbs.)
- 1/4 pound butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 8 to 10 garlic cloves -- minced

Peel potatoes and boil until they start to fall apart. In a sauce pan, melt butter with buttermilk. Add salt, pepper and sour cream.

In a separate pan, heat oil and garlic. Let oil come to a simmer, then cut the heat and let stand for 2-3 minutes.

Drain potatoes. Add everything together in bowl of electric mixer and whip until smooth. Serves 6 to 8.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 285 Calories; 22g Fat (69.8% calories from fat); 4g Protein; 18g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 35mg Cholesterol; 692mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch);

0 Vegetable; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 4 1/2 Fat.

NOTES : This was a restaurant recipe I requested of Bon Appetit magazine. I made these mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving using 5 large russet potatoes (I couldn't find Yukon Gold) and they tasted just as wonderful as they did at the Erdinger Hof in Durango, Colorado on our summer vacation! Later, I received a letter from Erich Owen, the executive chef at Erdinger Hof. He advised that a nice little "add on" to the garlic mashed potatoes is adding "a little feta or goat cheese in with the butter and heavy cream".



**SAVE THE DATE**

FEBRUARY 8 & 9TH, 2019

**LANGSTON PLASTICULTURE/HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE**

**AGENDA:**

Learn Gardening from your Elders  
**FEB. 8TH: 3:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. (BANQUET & DINNER)**

Garden Therapy  
**FEB. 9TH: 7:45 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. (LUNCH)**

**LOCATION:**  
**SHERATON MIDWEST CITY HOTEL**  
**(REED CONFERENCE CENTER)**  
 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK, 73110

**REGISTRATION FEE(S):**  
**\$15 PER PERSON (OR) \$25 A COUPLE**  
**\$5.00 PER CHILD (Under 16)**

Register with Jewel Golden (405) 466-6166 or [jewellena.golden@langston.edu](mailto:jewellena.golden@langston.edu)  
*\* Limited space available \**



## Upcoming Events

**January 11, 2019: CCMGA Meeting,** Classroom

**January 17, February 21, & March 21, 6 – 8 PM: Third Thursday Floral Arranging.** Will Rogers Park, Ed Lyman Conservatory. Event ID: 12914. Each month we teach new techniques to turn cut flowers from the store or your garden into floral masterpieces. All materials provided. Classes will be on the third Thursday of each month. Cost is \$25. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

**January 21, 2019:** Extension Office closed

**January 26, 10 – 11 AM: Garden Potpourri.** Myriad Gardens 2nd Floor Conference Room and Garden Grounds. Register by January 22: Members \$6, Non-members \$8. Winter provides us with a wonderful variety of sights and scents that we can use in our homes to make them cozy and inviting. We will supply some staple ingredients from the kitchen and creativity will be encouraged as we embark on a nature walk to collect some extra materials to use for our very own garden potpourri mixtures! Each participant will bring home two half-pint jars full of their creative concoctions.

**January 26, 10 – 11 AM: Gardens Walking Tour.** Myriad Gardens.

**January 26, 10:30 AM to Noon: Winter Tree ID.** Will Rogers Garden and Arboretum. Event ID: 12913. Learn to identify a tree without the leaves! This will primarily be an outdoor tour and discussion with some ID pointers before we head outside. Free. Register at <https://parks-okc.gov>.

**February 9, 10 AM – Noon: Heart-y 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.** Spoonmore residence (near Moore) Member \$8; Nonmember \$12. Dale & Carrie Spoonmore, From Seed to Spoon Register by Tuesday, February 12. Out of love and necessity, Dale and Carrie Spoonmore 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 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!

# Important Class Announcement!

**January 23, 6:30pm to 8:00pm – Romaine Calm and Grow Your Own Lettuce**

Multiple recalls and food safety concerns have put lettuce in the spotlight. Cleveland County Horticulture Educator, Courtney DeKalb-Myers, will discuss the recent issues and some of the things that are being done to prevent future outbreaks. Still nervous when eating a salad? Don't worry! The class will also cover different growing methods so you can have homegrown lettuce throughout the year.



Aren't these clever snacks? These were part of the goodies shared at our Christmas party!

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