



The Weeders' Digest

All About Water Ponds!

Judith Hogan with friends Donna and Mary shared their experiences with water ponds and water plants. They are all members of the Oklahoma Water Pond Society and showed beautiful photos of all the possibilities for ponds.



At the July meeting....

By Linda Wren

Our guest speaker for July is Mark Howery, a Wildlife Diversity Biologist for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. He has a B.S. and M.S in Zoology with emphases in Ornithology and Ecology. Mark and wife Kathy reside in Norman, OK, and in his spare time, he does volunteer work for the Cleveland County Audubon Society and Norman Animal Shelter. He is Pres. of Cleveland County Audubon Society, Co-chairman of Norman's Animal Shelter Oversight Committee, and Conservation Chair for the Oklahoma Ornithological Society. 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,

What a great turnout we had for the June 27-28 State Master Gardener Conference in Durant. CCMGA usually shows up in force at this event wearing our t-shirts and we had 33 in attendance this year! I want to give a big shout-out to our Horticultural Advisor Courtney DeKalb-Myers for creating a new trifold for our table at the conference, and for providing recent newsletters and brochures about our demo garden. They were a big hit! Next year's conference is in Bartlesville, so if you missed this year, plan to go next year!

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 July meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all this Friday!

Judy



Help Wanted

Brenda Hill, our CED, is looking for volunteers to help in September with a program called Realty Check that she does with high school freshmen each year. A flyer is located on page 13 and they can contact Brenda for more information at brenda.hill@okstate.edu.



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

July 13, Saturday, 10 AM: Class on Getting the Dirt for Soil, in Classroom C, by Cathy Bowden.

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)

Do you know people who want to become Master Gardeners? The fall class sign-up is now open and there is plenty of room for participants. Spread the word to any of those who might like to take this class and join us!



Maybe the rain will slow down now that July is upon us and the mud will be gone. The garden is looking good despite all the rain. We are delivering lots of produce to Food For Friends. There are a number of beds that still need help with thinning and weeding etc., so come on out to the Garden and help. See you in the garden.

Saturday Garden Tours





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.

Prior to the program, Judy reminded members that they receive 2 hours of education credit if they attend both the program and the business meeting. She urged all to attend both.

Treasurer's Report: (Nancy Logan) Beginning balance April 25, 2019 \$25,371.70 and balance as of May 25, 2019 are \$15,676.07. The full report in the newsletter stands as printed.

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

July-Mark Howery, Audubon Society

Aug-Lois Cox

Oct—Markham's/Bulb Layering

Spring Party Wrap Up: (Donna Carter/Vada Edwards) The weather was beautiful, and the event deemed a success. \$171 donations were for used tools, books, and the children's table.

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

July 13– Soil – (Cathy Bowden)

August 10 - Hypertufa – (Brenda Williams & Linda Wren)

September ? – Taking Care of Your Greenhouse Plants- (Brittany Jordan)

Oct 5 – Seed Gathering Mary Engel with Elaine Bison as TA

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson/Phyllis Blackwell) No report

Public Relations: (Jim McDaniel) Private tours are going well. Notify Jim if anyone knows of groups wanting to tour. He has updated the Archives.

Garden Committee: (Rick Ault) Gardens are muddy and weedy. We have donated over 61 lbs. of produce to Food for Friends. The big garden beds need help, especially from those people needing hours.

Membership: (Rahmona Thompson) No report

Tours: (Susan Aikman) No report

Fundraising: (Brenda Williams/Linda Wren) No report.

Hospitality: (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) They thanked Mary Bruce, Patty Cummings, Pat Sparks, Fred Schneider, Teresa January, Donna Brown, and Rahmona Thompson for the delicious snacks.

Old Business: None

June Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business: The County Fair is Sep 6-9 and we will volunteer on the 4th and 5th. Laura and Judy will be superintendents.

Teresa January donated a Jumbo Jade to the Myriad Gardens, and it is on display.

There is a sign-up sheet for hospitality in the back.

There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in a Water Garden workshop.

Teresa donated a live trap that can be used in the Demo Gardens or someone can take it for a donation.

Ray Ridlin, formerly of the Oklahoma County Extension, passed away. Memorials may be made to OKMGA

Courtney's Comments: So far, there is a low Master Gardener class registration. If anyone knows someone wanting to take the class, let them know there is room. The new student luncheon has been changed to August 16.

President's Comments: (Judy Kautz) Kathi Farley is organizing a caravan on Friday June 28 at 6:30 a.m. to travel to the Master Gardener Conference.

Valerie will collect Styrofoam today

Dates to Remember:

State MG Conference – Jun 27-28, Durant, OK

Student Luncheon – Aug 16

Advance MG Class- Aug 27, 1:30-3:30 pm Classroom C

Harvest Feast 2019 – Nov 7

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of May 25, 2019 is \$24,676.07. Income includes \$45 Gloves Sold; \$2 Demo Garden Donation; \$45 Cattle Panels Sold and \$135 Hypertuffa Pots Sold for Total Income of \$227.00. Expense includes \$223.80 Demo Garden; \$68.52 Plant Party Supplies and \$80 Speaker Honorariums for Total Expense of \$372.32. Balance at June 25, 2019 is \$24,530.75, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$8,707.84 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$591, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$15,231.91.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*

Conference







VOLUME 29









Chicken Fajita Pot Pie

Master Cook

Ingredients

- 1 box Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts (2 crusts)
- 15 ounces Old El Paso canned Spanish rice
- 4 1/2 ounces Old El Paso chopped green chiles
- 12 ounces Southwestern Chicken Breast Strips (2 - 6oz. pkgs.)
- 11 ounces Green Giant Mexicorn, drained
- 1/2 pound shredded Mexican blend cheese

Preheat oven to 425 F. Place 1 pie crust into a 10" deep dish pie plate.

In a large bowl, mix canned Spanish rice, chopped green chilies, Southwestern Chicken Breast Strips and Mexicorn. Spoon into crust-lined pie plate. Top with shredded cheese. Add remaining pie crust on top, crimping edges to seal. Cut slits in top crust.

Bake pot pie for 20 minutes at 425 F. or until pie crust is nicely browned and filling is bubbling hot. Serves 8.

Mac's Pickled Beets

Randy Mac

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| 2 cans (11 oz) | sliced beets | 10 whole | cloves |
| 1 small | red onion, cut in small chunks | 1/2 tablespoon | allspice |
| 3/4 cup | vinegar | 1/2 tablespoon | cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup | sugar | | salt and pepper |



- 1 Open cans of beets, reserve liquid from one can of beets.
- 2 Discard juice of the other.
- 3 In a sauce pan, put the liquid (not beets) of one can of beets and add the vinegar, the sugar and the whole cloves, allspice, cinnamon, add salt and pepper to taste.
- 4 Bring all to a boil and then reduce to simmer for 6 minutes.
- 5 Remove beet sauce from heat.
- 6 Strain out and discard the whole cloves.
- 7 Place drained sliced beets from the two cans and onion into a heat proof serving bowl of adequate size.
- 8 Pour hot beet sauce mixture over the sliced beets.
- 9 I recommend letting them cool to room temperature before refrigerating. Then refrigerate for at least 4-6 hours or overnight for optimum flavor.

Servings: 10



Reality



How do you explain the cost of living to kids?

What Is Reality Check? An experience to help students become aware of basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision making, and career planning by making realistic educational choices.

Students will quickly realize life is not just a game, but an adventure for which they should prepare!

For: Freshman Students in the Mid-America Technology Center School District

When: September 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2019

Where: Mid-America Tech Center, Wayne

Time Involved: 2 hours for 30 students

To Attend: Contact Christi Potter
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To Volunteer: Contact Brenda Hill
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Upcoming Events

July 12, 10 AM: CCMGA Monthly Meeting, Classroom C

July 20, 9 – 11 AM: Floral Arranging Class – All About Red, White, and Blue, Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Building. Cost \$25. Register at parks.okc.gov.

August 7, 9:30 AM – Noon, Oklahoma Gardeners' Association August Meeting, Will Rogers Park Exhibition Center. Open to the public. Speaker will be Steve Owens from Bustani Gardens.

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 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.

August 9, 10 AM: CCMGA Monthly Meeting, Classroom C



Isn't this amazing? Seen on the streets of Durant...what a great idea for advertising for a Farmer's Market or a Master Gardener function!

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