

## New and Cool Landscape Plants



Sue Wallace from the Plant Disease and Insect Diagnostic Lab at OSU gave us a fascinating presentation on new and emerging plant diseases at our June meeting. She had interesting photos of diseased plants and insects and gave us some really good advice on which plants to grow and which ones to avoid.

### Upcoming Program

*by Patty Cummings*

Casey Hentges will present our July 19th program, "Different ways of raised bed and container gardening." Casey has a 100% Extension appointment, and her main responsibility is writing, producing and hosting the weekly Oklahoma Gardening Television Show. Her Oklahoma State University appointments include being an Associate Extension Specialist and Extension Specialist for Oklahoma Gardening. Her previous positions were Canadian County OSU Extension Horticulture Educator for 5 years, Director of Horticulture at the Myriad Botanical Gardens for 3 years, and Account Manager for ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance for 3 years. Her academic degrees include a MS in Public Horticulture from University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from OSU. Snacks are at 9:30 am and the speaker will begin at 10 am with the meeting following at 11 am.

#### Garden Tours Have Begun!

Garden tours are set for the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month until the end of October, 10 am to 1 pm. Sign up to escort visitors around the garden! Sign up lists are at our monthly meetings.

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## President's Posting

*By Jeannie Kline*

Hello, Friends!

The summer heat and humidity have arrived and we have changed to our early morning hours in the demo garden. It is my favorite time of day! I am not normally a morning person but when I can go out to the garden and watch it all come to life, I am.

Four of our members had the privilege of attending the International Master Gardeners Conference this month, Rahmona Thompson, Cindy Mullen, Patty Hayes, and Linda Reed. We can't wait to hear about their adventures!

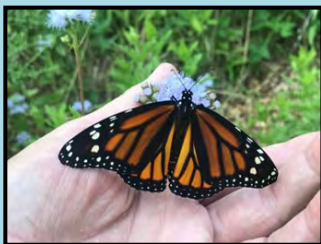
The State Master Gardeners Conference has opened for registration. It is October 6th and 7th in El Reno. We should be able to have large representation of our group there since it is located so close to home.

We are still in need of volunteers for a number of our committees. Membership, Demo Garden Tours, and the Greenhouse Plant Sale Planning to name a few. Decide what you would enjoy and come join the fun. See you at the meeting!

*Jeannie*



## Community Education Committee *By Donna Wright & Linda Dolezal*



Our next class will be August 19 at the Extension Center Classroom at 10 am. It will feature Stephanie Jordan, who will tell us about monarchs. Stephanie Jordan is the Pollinator Outreach Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma. She also teams up with Okies for Monarchs to help her fellow Okies create habitat and expand their knowledge about our magnificent, migratory monarchs. She has extensive experience working with and advocating for a variety of pollinators. For many years, she grew and sold native host plants at farmers markets and festivals. She lives in an urban farming community near Paseo, where she keeps bees and strolls the extensive pollinator gardens in search of cool bugs.



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## Master Gardener Conference Registration Now Open!

Registration for the 2023 Oklahoma State Master Gardener Conference is now open! We made sure the registration process ran smoothly before July 1st, and we are happy to report that all is good to go! The cost is \$65 per person, and all sales are being handled online through the website. REGISTER HERE: <https://www.okmgc23.com/>

We are continuing to add information to the website, so be patient with us if there is any missing information. Right now, you will find information about our speakers, the agenda for conference day, our lunch caterer, a map of the conference facility, our designated hotels for the conference, and our current sponsors. Stay tuned and continue to check the website for updates. Canadian County Master Gardeners



We need help! There are many beds that need weeding and just not enough people to do it. It's hard to put a good face forward to the public when it's not cleaned up. If we had enough people, we could clean it up in a week or two. Please, consider giving us a couple of hours of your time.

Due to the heat, a couple of people have agreed to open the gates early. Watch for the emails showing the gate opening times during this heat wave.



Photo Booth



Top left, **Cindy Mullins** says, "One of my hydrangeas—this is such a great year for hydrangeas!"

Top right, **Vada Edwards** says, "Rogue foxglove among my grandson's beans!" and middle, "Black eyed Susan I rescued from the "Do Not Sell" area after the flower sale!" Left, **Pat Welty** and right, **Carol Earle** in the demo garden—Pat says, "Garden friends sharing their bounty "





Patty Hayes, Cindy Mullens, Linda Reed, and I recently returned from Overland Park, Kansas where we were among the 1130 people attending the 2023 International Master Gardener Conference. While there we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Extension Master Gardening Program. That is right, we are not MGers; we are EMGers! The acronym EMG was everywhere.

We heard great keynote speakers, went to varying quality of presentations and toured gardens. Some of us (not Cindy) even spent money at the convention marketplace. And if you have not seen the post of

the CCMGA private Facebook page, we were interviewed by Oklahoma Gardening. Casey will let Courtney know when the episode on the 2023 IMGc will be aired, so that you can be sure and watch it.

On the Sunday before the conference, Linda and I participated in a tour of 6 private gardens with a side tour of the Johnson County Demonstration Gardens. It of course rained during the morning! But rain doesn't stop garden tours. My over-all impression of the tour is that creating "rooms" in a yard is a must, hydrangeas are a must, and the only grass to plant is fes-



cue, and there is a lot of wealth in Johnson County Kansas. The provided descriptions of private yards are included with the photos. And of course, I took photographs.

The next IMGc is in 2025 and hosted by Texas A&M and the Texas EMGs. It will be cheaper because it is going to be virtual. This group went to reserve their desired convention center only to find out it was book through 2028. So they are marketing it as cheaper convention. I can't imagine it as fun without garden tours.

***Note: Rahmona's photos of 7 gardens will be featured in this and upcoming newsletters.***

# 1. Greg and Cindy Barnhill Garden

by *Rahmona Thompson*

"Oh, my goodness" may well be your first and last thought of the Barnhill garden. The succession of garden rooms will fill your senses. Perhaps the word that best describes the garden is grandeur. Grandeur in its size and setting it's almost 3 acres in the middle of an old, elegant neighborhood. Grandeur in its formal and ornate English garden style. Grandeur in its arty intermixing of structures, stonework, antiques, shapes, and textures. Grandeur in its overabundance of rich and lavish plants.

If you have a large lot or are looking for landscaping ideas for grand or intimate spaces, this is the place.



# 1. Greg and Cindy Barnhill Garden

*by Rahmona Thompson*



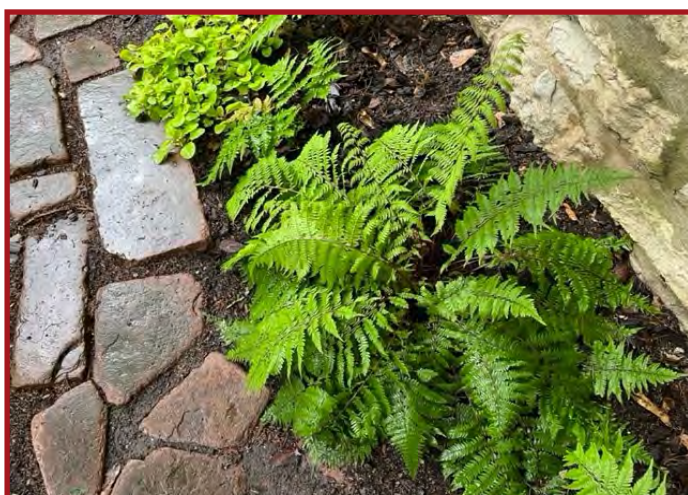
## 2. John Rufenacht & Richard Lara Garden

by *Rahmona Thompson*

"Come and see what can be done on a pocket-size lot. For enthusiastic gardener John Rufenacht, small doesn't inhibit him. Three entertainment areas, sun, and shade gardens, raised beds, brick pathways, water features, and an appealing mix of vintage and contemporary architectural all function together in this small suburban lot.

John, an interior designer professionally, leaves his fastidiousness at the office. The garden is a carefree and dense display of colors, textures, heights, and shapes. For some gardeners, less is more. For John, more is more. "If I see dirt, it needs to be filled." He doesn't have a color plan. "I just go to the nursery and buy what I like," says John. For its seemingly unplanned nature, the garden is a serene and relaxing outdoor living space.

Also, John and his husband Richard are living proof that you can go home again. Learn why they bought this house once, moved away, and then bought it again. Hint: The garden was originally created by two well-known gardening sisters, Virginia and Sarah Weatherly. They started the garden in the 1940s and gardened together on the small lot for over 50 years. (More photos on page 13)



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by *Rahmona Thompson*





# CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

## EDUCATIONAL CLASS

At this **FREE** meeting

# *The Basics of Food Preservation*

**Saturday, July 15th**

**10:00-11:00**



Photo credit:  
Kitchen Sink

This session will provide an overview of the different types of food preservation including refrigeration, freezing, canning, and drying foods. Participants will learn about the two safe methods of canning foods at home which are water bath canning and pressure canning. For safe home canning it is essential to use the correct canning method and equipment for the type of food you are canning. We will review what equipment is needed and the importance of following guidelines for the type of food, the size of jar, and packing methods for canning foods. We will also discuss the importance of testing pressure canner dial gauges annually.

**Location: Cleveland County Extension  
Meeting Room C, Northwest corner of front building  
601 East Robinson, Norman, Ok 73071**



**Presenter:**  
**Christi Evans, MS, RD, LD**  
Cleveland County Family and  
Consumer Science Educator



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## June Meeting Minutes

By Loreen Upton

President, Jeannie Kline opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report listed below.

Greenhouse, Nancy Logan: There is a meeting scheduled for 7-7-23 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm to discuss plans for our 2024 plant sale. We will have a much larger space for plants for next year's sale. We will need more plants to fill the space. All MGs are welcomed and encouraged to attend and share ideas. The Greenhouse committee is also in need of several more committee members. Please consider joining us.

Education, Donna Wright: Our topic for our 7-17-23 class will be food preservation.

Junior Master Gardeners, Lois Cox-Marshall: The committee is in the process of gathering and considering plans for the Junior Master gardeners. We would welcome thoughts for future programs.

Public relations, Judy Kautz: We are considering another tee shirt sale. A minimum of 30 shirts is required to submit an order. The cost for each shirt is \$13.00. They will deliver to the office about 3 weeks after the order is placed. More information will follow.

The deadline for newsletter articles is 6-28-23. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Demonstration garden, Kathi Farley: A big thank you goes to 9 people who dug trenches for the garden. It was a very big task and they had it completed within 3 hours. We have several beds that need bedhead patterners. If you'd like to be in a bed but not in charge, this would be a great way to plug in. Let Georjana or Kathi know and we will match you up. With all the rain, the gardens and weeds are doing quite well. Our interns have been helping with garden tours on Saturdays. They have also been cleaning beds during that time. Thank you interns. We still don't have a coordinator for the gardens for 2024. If no one takes the job, it will go to a committee.

New Members, Ragea Johnson: There will be a "meet and greet" for our new enrollees and our ambassadors 7-21-23. Our goal is to let our new people know that they are included in all MG projects and programs early on.

Home tours, Evan Taylor: There were 30 people that attended Molly's Garden tour. We are considering planning another home tour in the Fall.

Hospitality, Sherry Garner: There are 8 people signed up for snacks for our next meeting. The protein-based dishes have been preferred. Plans are underway for our new student lunch.

Program committee, Susan Aikman: Field trips are on hiatus for now due to the weather. Our next trip will be to Chrystal bridge. More information will follow. Our next discussion topic will be "Gardening in raised beds and containers.

Notes from Courtney: Our enrollees for our 2023 class is at 23 students.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Loreen Upton, Secretary*



## Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of May 31, 2023 is \$40,097.25. Income for the month is \$10 Gloves Sold and \$60 2023 Dues Paid for Total Income of \$70.00. Expenses were \$730 Demo Garden and \$30 Speaker Honorarium for Total expenses of \$760.00. Balance at June 30, 2023 is \$39,407.25, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$9,710.23 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$3,046.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$26,651.02.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



## Cheesy "Crack"

by Debbie Wood

### Ingredients

1 4.25 oz bag  
Chester's Puffcorn  
Cheese Flavor or  
1 3.25 oz bag Ches-  
ter's Puffcorn  
Butter Flavor  
12 oz Almond Bark

Pour entire bag of Puffcorn in to a large mixing bowl. Chop up Almond Bark and microwave in a micro safe bowl for 30 second increments until melted (may want to stir between each 30 seconds). Pour melted Almond Bark over Puffcorn and stir until all pieces are well coated (\*). Spread coated Puffcorn on a parchment lined baking sheet & allow to cool & harden. Once cooled, break up and store in an airtight contain-

er.

\*You can add festive holiday sprinkles to the plain puffcorn at this point as you like. Makes great gifts for friends for the holidays.

*Note: Debbie has brought this to a couple of potlucks, and it is always a hit!*

## Simple But Delicious Jello Salad

### Ingredients

8 oz. Cool Whip\*  
8 oz. Sour cream\*  
8 oz. Cottage cheese\*  
Small can of crushed pineapple  
1.5 cups mini marshmallows (or as many you like)  
1 small pkg of jello, any flavor  
\*(Either light or fat free work fine)

Thoroughly drain the pineapple and mix all the ingredients together. It's better if you let it sit in the fridge overnight (or at least a few hours) before serving so it firms up.

*Light, yummy and so easy!*



## CENTRAL CHAPTER EVENTS

2023

**February 2nd:**

Jacob DeVecchio, from Oklahoma Fungi Company, will present on medicinal, edible, and poisonous mushrooms and plant fungi relationships in Oklahoma.

**March 2nd:**

Gus Barksdale will present on winter fern botany.

**April 6th:**

Vonceil Harmon, a natural resources biologist, will be presenting how industries and organizations can use conservation agreements to benefit monarchs and other pollinators.

**May 5th, 6th, & 7th:**

ONPS Wonders of Wildflowers Weekend in the Witchitas. Three days of plant walks, presenters, and hanging out.

**May 21st:**

Jacob DeVecchio, from Oklahoma Fungi Company, will lead a mushroom walk.

Meeting at 2 pm at Martin Nature Park Center, 5000 W Memorial Rd, Oklahoma City, Ok 73142

**June 3rd:**

Plant Walk: Botanizing Disturbed Areas and Old Fields (DAOF) at the Deep Fork River

Meeting at 10 am in front of Shoe Carnival, 1701 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

We will caravan to the Deep Fork River, which is .5 miles from the meeting spot.

**July 22nd:**

Plant Walk: Plants of the Cross Timbers Ecoregion at Arcadia Lake

Meeting at 10 am at Arcadia Lake Park Office parking lot, 9000 East 2nd Street, Arcadia, OK 73007

**August 3rd:**

Dr. Chad King is a dendrochronologist that has studied Oklahoma trees and tree rings for the past decade. He will present his lab's decade of work across Oklahoma and will highlight several interesting findings regarding trees, their growth, and ages.

**September 7th:**

Grace Payne (they/them), herbarium research assistant at UCO and current biology graduate student at UCO will present their research on land-based education and invasive plant treatments in urban Oklahoma.

Indoor events start at 7 pm at Oklahoma City University  
Dawson-Lawfler Science Center, room 208.

For all outdoor events, wear hiking clothing and bring water.



For more info and updates: [OKNativePlants.org](http://OKNativePlants.org)

## More photos from Garden 2



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