



From Seed to Spoon!

Dale Spoonemore, creator of From Seed to Spoon, an iOS & Android app that helps you grow food, presented a delightful program at the May meeting.. His story of how he converted an urban Oklahoma lawn into gardens to grow food was amusing and informative. He also showed how to use his free app to grow food, manage companion plants, and treat pests in our gardens.



At the June meeting... *by Linda Wren*

Keith Warren will be our speaker on June 8th. Keith worked in his family's office supply business and then as a professional graphic artist. He also worked in the service departments of Midland Mortgage and Williams-Sonoma before retiring in 2015. He has been an avid gardener for forty years, and his primary horticultural passion has been growing orchids for the last ten years. He has been the Vice-President of the Oklahoma Orchid Society for the last three years and will be talking about how to grow and care for orchids. Come for snacks at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am.

We Need Mentors!

Sign up to help our incoming master gardeners as they learn their way around phone duty. It is rewarding and fulfills requirements for service hours or education hours. Calendar is online on the website!

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President's Posting

By Laura Eckstein

Greetings Master Gardeners,

We received the news that Tracey will be leaving us at the end of May and moving on to a new opportunity. She will be teaching and doing research at Langston University. We are going to miss her, but we wish her success in the next chapter of her career. I have talked with her and she tells me that Master Gardeners will continue on just as we always have. They are scouting for someone to fill her position, but until they do we will be fine.

Soon we will also be losing a long time member. Kathy Kelley is moving to Chicago to be with her family and a new grand-baby that is due in June. We want to thank her for all she has done for Master Gardeners. She recently donated a new garden wagon to replace the one that was stolen last year. She has been organizing our garden tours for a long time. We will miss having her at the garden and at all the other activities. We wish you much luck and hope you will be back to visit us from time to time.

Brittany Jordan presented a workshop on container design with sedums and succulents. It was a wonderful class and we all learned a lot. I know we want to get out to Prairie Wind Nursery and start our own succulent containers. She did a great job. We also enjoyed the presentation by Dale Spoonemore on the benefits of a backyard garden. We are hoping to make a trip out to see his gardens soon.

I have received some requests for people looking to carpool to the State Master Gardeners' Convention. If you are driving and have a space for someone in your car, please let me know so I can pass that information along. I also have heard from one person who is willing to drive, but would like some company.

Laura Eckstein



Photo Booth

by Judy Kautz



I found this gorgeous petunia at Marcums. It is a new variety called Night Sky, and doesn't have to be deadheaded! There is one other color, too, a bright pink called Pink Sky. You can see Pink Sky in our gardens in the pink garden in a pot by the rose bush!



Garden Gossip

By Rick Ault

May saw garden Tuesday's that were still too chilly or ones that turned hot and humid. So we know summer is coming. Usually during June, July and August we adjust the garden work day schedule to reflect the heat. The garden work day will be from 8 AM to 11AM. Be sure to wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water. Gardeners always enjoy the last Tuesday of the month, because we share a pot luck after our garden work day!

The gardens are looking good. The tropical bed is almost restocked. And the rains and spring are making lots of flowers and thriving plants. Bud has about worked himself out of a job as he has almost completed all the reworking of the beds needing permanent hardscape borders. Looking good Bud!

Come out and volunteer - the rain, along with flowers, has created an abundance of weeds and plenty of us could use the help. Until next time, keep on gardening.



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

Kathi Farley will be continuing on the education committee in 2019 but then will be handing off the responsibility as chair. She is looking for a team to replace her team, and it is best if there are two people. Also it's beneficial to shadow Kathi in 2019 to learn the ropes

On Saturday, July 14, at 10 AM in classroom C there will be a class on Smart Pots by Dale Spoonemore.

On Saturday, August 4, at 10 AM in Classroom C there will be a class on Smudging by Brittany Jordan. It is a perfect time to learn what to do with your drying out herbs!



Spring Home Garden Tour

By Terry Hull

The CCMGA Spring Home Garden Tour will be on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. In the event of inclement weather, the Tour will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Home garden tours are an opportunity for shared learning, a way to show support for our members' gardening efforts and generosity in opening their gardens to us, a chance to commune outdoors while getting to know our brother and sister gardeners, and a fun way to earn continuing education and service credits toward annual master gardener certification. Like the unique personalities of our gardeners, every home garden has something different to offer. Come enjoy and learn from different approaches. A group e-mail with agenda (times, descriptions, locations, driving directions) was sent out with all info.



The meeting was called to order by President Laura Eckstein at the conclusion of Dale Spoonemore's program on turning your backyard into an urban garden. Dale's presentation was very enthusiastically received by members and the general meeting was delayed several minutes so all comments and questions for him could be addressed. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members approved the minutes for last month's general meeting and Laura reminded everyone to submit recipes for our upcoming cookbook. Members then heard from the various committee heads on their activities.

Treasury/Greenhouse (Nancy Logan): Nancy shared the latest budget figures, which show a cash balance of \$24,000.29 and surplus funds of \$14,609.21. Terry Hull announced that the Home Garden Tour will be held June 6th from 9:00-1:00, with a rain date of June 13th. Many thanks goes to Vada Edwards, Barbara Tunney, Patty Hayes, and Tom Walker for sharing their gardens with us.

Program Committee (Linda Wren): Linda updated members on our current program lineup for summer and fall. In June we will hear from Keith Warren on the art and science of raising orchids. In July Abby Moore, curator of the OU Herbarium, will discuss how to identify plants. In August Forrest Chapman will share information on maintaining a successful bee colony. There will not be a September program due to the Fair, but in October Katie Hawk will talk about maintaining a welcoming habitat for Monarch butterflies. Linda also gave the group information on our proposed trip to see the gardens at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, especially the Three Sisters Garden. She has made initial contact with the Center and is still waiting to hear back from them. A side trip to Travertine Creek in the Chickasaw National Recreation Area may also be planned if there is enough interest.

Garden Party (Donna Carter): Donna shared that although only about 150 people attended the Garden Party due to the weather, it was still a great success. Almost all our plants were sold and the remainder will find homes in Demonstration Garden.

Special Projects (Phyllis Blackwell/Julie Johnson): Phyllis announced that the date for the first Lawn Judging will be May 24th. There will be two more judgings in June and July and she will keep us posted on that.

Publicity (Georjana Mauldin): Georjana asked committee member Jim McDaniel to describe his new publicity video, which highlights the Demonstration Garden and its various programs and activities. Jim plans to distribute the video to civic, youth and church groups to increase publicity for the Garden. This is especially important in view of the planned venue change for the Farmers' Market away from the extension parking lot, which will likely happen sometime within the next two years.

Demonstration Garden (Rick Ault): Rick told members that the Demonstration Garden is looking really good. We have several new plants in the Tropical Bed and also the addition of some new beds. Hats off to Claire Kidd, who has worked hard on the Oklahoma Proven plot and has really made it look outstanding! Rick also mentioned that the Rototiller in the shed will be checked out to see if it still works and then offered up for sale. Members get first pick! Rick reminded members that volunteers are always needed to work in the Garden on Tuesday mornings. Garden helpers are treated to a delicious pot luck lunch on the last Tuesday of each month.

Fundraising (Alice Humphrey): Alice shared that there were 22 children at the Garden Party and the Handprint Tree is starting to fill up! However, there is still more space for handprints. Suggestions included having Master Gardeners fill up the Tree with their own handprints on a future Garden work day. Brenda Williams told members that the quilt raffle is still slated for June. Quite a few tickets have been sold for the quilt, but there is still time to sell more! The park bench raffle at the Garden Party netted \$79.00 for the Association.



Membership (Jeanne Parker): Jeanne reported that the Master Gardener desk continues to need volunteers. Those interested in helping out can sign up in person or go to the web page to sign up. Locate the Member News tab and follow the prompts. It's easy and fun! June slots are starting to fill up but help is still needed for July and August.

Education (Kathi Farley): Kathi announced that the information table at the Moore Home Depot on May 12th will be the last information table for this year. Also on the 12th there will be a 10:00 am class with Fred Schneider on Backyard Vegetable Gardening at the Purcell Library. On May 19th at 10:00 am Teresa January will present a class on Backyard Berry Production at the Purcell Library. Also on the 19th, Brittany Jordan will present a class on Container Design with Sedum and Succulents. Her class will begin at 10:00 am in Classroom C of the Cleveland County Extension. Kathi shared that she is getting swamped with requests for classes, etc. and could really use some more help. She told members that next year will probably be her last as head of the Education Committee.

Hospitality (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes): Cindy thanked all those who prepared tasty refreshments for our meeting today. They include: Susan Aikman, Pat Arthur, Terry Hull, Alice Humphrey, Teresa January, Becky LeClair, Jim McDaniel, and Pat Sparks. Cindy also let members know that get well cards were mailed to Les Brown and Jane Dye, who are recovering from recent surgeries. We hope to see them back soon!

Old and New News: Suzanne Perrine told members that Ellis Sexton is doing great after a major heart attack. He has lost weight and is looking forward to attending future meetings when he recovers his health more fully. Terry Hull urged members to spread the news about the Home Garden Tour. She will be sending out an email with all the information needed to make a fun day of touring. Cathy Bowden shared that the new pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church is planning a "Giveaway Garden" to be installed on church grounds. All produce would be donated to Food For Friends. Plans call for a 40 x 60 foot garden with an additional Pumpkin Patch. Volunteers are needed to make that happen, so get out your shovels and gardening gloves! Interested members can see Cathy for more details. Tomoko Yoshida spoke about Smart Pots, soft-sided gardening containers which are available both locally and online. She urged members to investigate this new gardening tool which she has used with great success. Kathy Kelley is moving to Chicago soon and has several quality furniture items for sale. Pictures were displayed on the meeting room's back table. Her house is also up for sale (with a pool!) so if anyone is in the market-- Georjana Mauldin was the lucky winner of today's drawing. Her prize was four young tomato plants from Seed and Spoon. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned by President Laura Eckstein.

Respectfully submitted, *Carolyn Paul*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of April 25, is \$24,004.29. Income includes \$79 GP Bench Raffle; \$77 Garden Party Plant Sales; \$40 Gloves Sold and \$292 T-Shirt Orders for Total Income of \$488.00. Expense includes \$279.29 Greenhouse Supplies; \$474.90 Demo Garden; \$484.14 Garden Party Sales Tax; \$30 Speaker Honorarium; \$69.88 Garden Party Supplies; \$10 Soil Test Door Prize; \$204.21 NA Medicinal Bed Expenses; \$48.45 Demo Garden Keys; \$24.94 Plants for Grasses Class and \$257.74 T-Shirt Order for Total Expense of \$1,883.55. Balance at May 25, 2018 is \$22,608.74, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$7,511.53, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$15,097.21.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Breakfast Cheesecake

by Judy Kautz

Ingredients

2 8oz pkgs cream cheese, softened
2 tubes crescent rolls
1 cup sugar
1 egg yolk
1 tsp vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Gently add in the egg yolk and vanilla. Place one tube of crescent rolls in the bottom of an ungreased 9x13 pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture on top. Add the second tube of crescent rolls. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

Notes: Try to keep the seams together, and don't worry if they don't completely touch the edges of the pan. It will puff up while baking.

Flaky, golden brown but soft and creamy in the middle. Perfect with some fruit on top (or dare I say powdered sugar? Chocolate syrup?). This is best served warm from the oven, but it refrigerates and reheats really well. Don't microwave it for too long though, 15-20 seconds is all it needs.



Barbeque Sauce

Master Cook

Ingredients

1 2/3 cups Ketchup
1/2 cup White Vinegar
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
4 tsp paprika
4 tsp chili powder
4 tsp dry mustard
1 tsp salt
1 tsp Liquid Smoke flavoring
3/4 tsp cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients. Whisk until thoroughly mixed.

Store any remaining in a covered container.

Per serving (excluding unknown items): 683 Calories; 6g Fat (7.2% calories from fat); 11g Protein; 169g Carbohydrate; 11g Dietary Fiber; trace Cholesterol; 7309mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain (Starch); 1/2 Lean Meat; 1 Fat; 10 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

We will try to feature seasonal recipes and many of your own recipes in the Recipe Box through the year. Send us your recipes at rdsefd@aol.com.



June 8, 10 AM: CCMGA Meeting, Classroom.

June 9, 11 AM – Noon: The Other Bees – Native Bees in Oklahoma. Commonwealth Urban Farms, 3310 N. Ollie, OKC. Cost is \$10. Pay on site – no registration required.

June 13, 6 – 7 PM: Beekeeping Basics. Will Rogers Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC.

June 16, 9 AM—5 PM and June 17, 9 AM—4 PM: Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society Annual 2018 Show and Sale. Will Rogers Exhibition Center 3400 NW 36th St.

June 16, 9 AM – noon: Oklahoma Gardeners Association Garden Garage Sale. The Urban Mission, 3737 N. Portland, Oklahoma City. Garden related only items for sale. Open to the public.

June 21-22: 2018 State Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference, OUR LAND, OUR HERITAGE, OUR FUTURE, Muskogee, OK.

June 23, 1 – 5 PM: Oklahoma City Daylily Club Flower Show. Will Rogers Gardens, 3500 NW 36th, OKC.

July 11, 6 – 7 PM: Cacti and Succulents. Will Rogers Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC.



How to Plant a Pot by *Georjana Mauldin*

I watched a BBC garden show some years ago. This is the way they planted a pot.

Take each plant out of its container; set aside. Place the empty containers in the pot. Arrange them so the tops are at the final soil level. Pack the soil around the containers, take out the containers carefully, then just pop the plant in the hole. All done.

You can see what you are doing. You can plant different size containers that end up all the same level at the top. It is magic!

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