



The Weeders' Digest

Share Your Garden Videos!

Have you had a chance to view some of the videos our CCMGA members have made of their gardens? It is such a great opportunity to see what clever ideas our members have created and



what beauty they have produced. These videos are not available to the public, only to our members, and Courtney is sending them out for viewing as they are created and sent to her. Thank you to Courtney, Nancy Logan, Marilyn Solomon, Rick Ault, Evan Taylor, Tomoko Yoshida, and Lois Cox for the lovely videos of your gardens! Thanks also to Jim McDaniel for creating educational videos as well. These will also serve to help you with education hours gained when you view them. If you want more information on how to create a video of your garden, contact Courtney for sources on how to do it. Also, see the article on page 2 of the newsletter.

OSU Extension offices and programs are cancelled until further notice. Updates will be provided to CCMGA membership as they are received.

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President's Posting

By Joan Barker

Thank you to Marilyn Solomon for putting together a virtual tour of her beautiful home garden. Marilyn's tour inspired me, especially the section of her garden that she referred to as "a little bit of heaven." We all need a place like that, especially now. Thanks also to Jim McDaniel for his educational videos and to all others who have created and sent in their videos. Please keep sending virtual home garden tours and educational videos to Courtney!

Joan



Newsletter Inputs Needed

By Elaine Dockray, Editor

With many of our regular articles on hold due to cancelled or suspended activities, we need your help with inputs for the newsletter. Photos, recipes, book reviews, stories about gardens you have visited in the past . . . and any other ideas you may have. Help us keep the newsletter vibrant!



Create a Virtual Garden Tour!

By Courtney DeKalb-Myers

"Virtual Garden Tours" - the concept is simple – show off your garden spaces while videotaping your plants and narrate some of the significance behind all of it. You can do this with any smart phone or camera that has videotaping capabilities. It does not have to be Oscar worthy! My hope is that this will bring us "virtually" together while social distancing.

To create a virtual garden tour, use the video capturing app on your smart phone or camera. You can do one continuous video or cut it up into several small videos. If you go with the smaller videos, you can use editing software on your computer to compile -OR- I will do it for you. When you have taken your video(s) and you're ready to share, let me know. Sometimes videos are too big to share over email, so you can text it to me. We may have to work through a couple hiccups along the way, but remember that in the end, this is supposed to be a fun experiment! There is no time requirement; it can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

When we get some videos made, I will send those out to the membership. These videos will not be shared with the public, only internally among CCMGA. The time you spend making your video can count towards service hours. The time you spend watching other member's videos can count towards education hours. While I absolutely do not want you to stress about getting hours right now, I want to let you know that this would count.

If you have any questions, please let me know! I hope that this will be a fun way for us to show off our gardens while staying home.

Courtney



The demonstration garden is closed for now but we hope to be open as soon as we are able. Be looking for emails on what this will look like. Courtney will be in communication with those calling the shots and will let us know. I know it will be like starting over but fun to get back out there and we should be enjoying warm weather while at it!

Thanks to Jim McDaniel for submitting this historic photo of our gardens, taken in 2001 or 2002. A lot has changed since then!





Thanks to Nancy Logan for submitting these lovely photos of her garden!





Upcoming Events

June 27, 10 AM: Gardens Walking Tour, Myriad Gardens OKC. Expand your knowledge of Oklahoma plants and find inspiration for your own garden with our educational walking tours. Each month will feature different plants from our outdoor collection that make great choices for our region – from year-round color to drought-tolerant choices and more. Self-guided plant tour handouts are available in our north lobby. **In keeping with recommendations and requirements from city, county, and state officials regarding COVID-19:**

Pre-registration is required to attend – the tour is still free! Register at Myriad Gardens website.

We encourage all attendees to wear a mask for the walk.

All attendees must social distance in order to participate. The guide will be wearing a mask and a microphone so everyone can hear them.

July 25, 10 AM: Gardens Walking Tour, Myriad Gardens OKC.

July 25, 11 AM: Urban Hike, Myriad Gardens, OKC. **Saturdays, July 25 and September 26, 10 am-noon.** Depart at the Visitor Lobby of the Crystal Bridge. Take a hike, literally, with a new Urban Hike beginning this spring at Myriad Botanical Gardens. Immediately after the regularly scheduled monthly Guided Walking Tour, instructors from the Greater YMCA Oklahoma City will lead participants on an hour-long hike through downtown Oklahoma City. Target locations will be announced prior to the hike. Bring water and wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Walk-ups are welcome. Geared towards adults, children, and strollers are welcome to join.



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of April 25, 2020 is \$25,822.12. Income includes \$393 Plant Sales for Total Income of \$393.00. Expenses were \$225 Demo Garden and \$6.92 Credit Card Fees for Total Expenses of \$231.92. Balance at May 25, 2020 is \$25,983.20, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$13,935.20 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$10,936.00.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Baked Spaghetti Meatball Cups

by Rick Ault

Ingredients

6 ounces dried spaghetti pasta
1 pinch salt
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large egg (optional) -- lightly beaten
Cooking spray
1 1/2 cups freshly grated parmesan
1 1/2 cups pasta sauce
12 cooked meatballs
Fresh basil leaves (optional) -- chopped

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease a nonstick muffin pan thoroughly with cooking spray and set aside. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Cook the pasta for 2 minutes less than specified by the package instructions, so it's firm to the bite. Drain the spaghetti and toss with olive oil until evenly coated. Optional: add beaten egg, which will help the nests hold together after baking. Cool pasta for 15 minutes. Add 1 c. parmesan cheese and toss until evenly

coated.

Divide spaghetti among the 12 muffin cups. Arrange and press down to make a nest shape. Spoon 1 T. pasta sauce onto each cup, then add 1 meatball, followed by another 1 T. pasta sauce. Repeat 11 more times for remaining muffin cups.

Sprinkle remaining 1/2 c. parmesan cheese over the tops of meatballs.

Bake for 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven and cool slightly (if you take them out while hot, they may collapse). Garnish with chopped fresh basil.

Source: Pinterest; copyright 2019

Frozen Berries, Cake Mix and Sprite!

Ingredients

Two 12-oz bags frozen mixed berries
1 box white cake mix (no pudding)
1 can of diet 7-up or sierra mist (clear soda)

Place frozen fruit in a 9x13 baking dish. Add dry cake mix over the top. Pour soda slowly over cake mix. DO NOT stir the cake mix and the soda – this will give you a 'crust'. If you stir the two, you will have a cake like topping. Bake 350 for 45-50 min. You may be able to use frozen peaches instead of mixed berries. Serves 16.



Garden Party Memories



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