

The Weeders' Digest

February Meeting Meet and Greet!



We enjoyed getting to know each other at the February meeting as we used breakout rooms in Zoom to learn about individual members. It was fun to share common interests and see each other in a more in-depth way!

Our March meeting....

by Lois Cox

Please plan to join us in March for our Committee Fair. It is March 16 back in the Frye Auditorium. You will get out of Master Gardeners what you put into it. Gaining the knowledge from the classes is great but being involved in making the organization the best it can be will help you get even more out of it. Gardeners are some of the happiest people in society because of our connection with nature. It is a great bunch of people to spend time with so get involved!

You may not know what opportunities are open to you. That is what the March meeting will do for you. All the committees will have a table set up. During the time allowed, you can visit as many as you like to see where your skills and interest best fit into the Master Gardener Program. Each chair needs a working committee of people to help the work go smoothly. Some committees need chairs as well. We want each master gardener to find where their interest are best met in a committee. You are not expected to be a part of every one—just the one(s) you are the most interested in and fit your skills, talents, and interests.

And to top it all off, we are back in person with real food—not just pictures! I am looking forward to seeing some of the people in person that I met on Zoom. Please join us for this fun morning with your fellow gardeners—9:30 for food and fellowship and 10 for our meeting followed by the business meeting at 11. Did you know you can claim 2 hours of continuing education hours for attending the meeting?

Pick Up Your Directory!
Directories will be available at our March meeting!

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President's Posting

By Lois Cox

Wasn't it fun to get to know a few more of your Master Gardeners on Zoom last month? Yes, I know we are tired of technology taking the place of in-person meeting. But I am very thankful we have the technology to be able to continue meeting in some format when in-person isn't the best option. The pandemic has changed our lives in many ways and technology has certainly been a huge part of that change. However, the pandemic was a big boost to gardening. More time at home meant more time to dig in the dirt. I am trying to focus on all the positives of the pandemic rather than the negatives.

Most of us also learned how important other people are in our lives. We missed having a conversation face-to-face with friends and family. We missed the magic of touch in a hug. Learning the importance of people in our lives was a huge blessing. Hopefully we will never take that for granted again. We learned that as well in Master Gardeners. The friendships created and grown in the demo garden are precious and to be valued. More than flowers grow in the garden!

Let's make the March in-person meeting the beginning of the post-pandemic time in Master Gardeners. We look forward to seeing everyone's face without a mask (if you are comfortable), of sitting and eating together, of sharing our gardening ideas, and creating new friendships. This is a great year to regrow our organization along with our gardens!

Lois



Computer Classes Offered

By Lois Cox

The following computer classes have been scheduled for the Master Gardeners in Classroom C:

- Basic Computers and Windows – March 23 from noon to 3 pm
- Word – March 31 from 9 am to noon
- PowerPoint – April 5 from noon to 3 pm
- Excel – April 15 from 9 am – noon
- Cloud computing using Google Suite (must have a Google account, i.e., Gmail) – April 21, 9 am - noon

There are a few laptops available to use for the classes if you decide not to bring your own laptop. To sign up for these classes, click on this [link](#).



2022 State Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference

Dear Oklahoma Extension Master Gardeners, We would like to invite you to the 2022 Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education Conference on **June 16-17, 2022**, at the Rogers State University in Claremore. Our hosts this year are the Rogers County Master Gardeners. They have been working diligently to plan another exceptional conference and we hope you will Save the Date and join us in June. We hope you will put this on your calendar and watch for future updates!

Happy Gardening!

David Hillock



I'll have a table at our next Wednesday General meeting. Come check us out! I'm ready for spring!!!

While you are cleaning out your own personal gardens at home, think of bringing things you're dividing or thinning to the Demo Garden. I know they can be used.

Kathi



Community Education Committee

By Donna Wright

We have teamed up with several fantastic committee members: Kay Holder, Laura Eckstein, Debra Howes, and Kathi Farley. Kathi Farley is an honorary member for her support and past experience being chair of this committee, and as new members we could not have co-chaired as easily without her encouragement and wisdom. Thanks, Kathi!

Kathi also started our education program by giving the first class on **Beginning Gardening**. We had the class virtually by Zoom. Not only did she supply a wealth of knowledge to the beginning gardeners, but Kathi promoted the Master Gardening Program, as well as announcing our next class that will be held in person on **March 19th at 10:00 am** in classroom C at the Extension Center. The class will be taught by Certified Square Foot Garden instructor Linda Dolezal. She will focus on 10 principles of a Square Foot Garden along with 8 steps of building a Square Foot Garden. Linda will also teach how to make "Mel's Mix" to help promote successful gardening while sharing her personal experiences as a Square Foot Gardener. One copy of the third edition of the Square Foot Gardening book will be given away by Linda as a door prize.

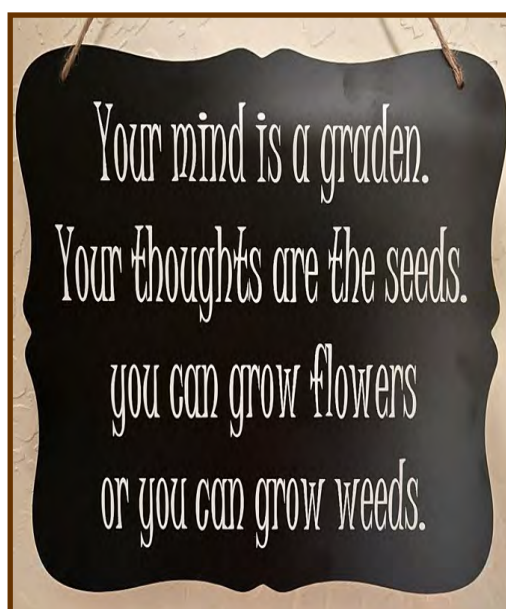
I hope to see other master gardeners at our community education classes as ambassadors of our program by greeting our guests and sharing your gardening stories.

Donna Wright and Linda Dolezal are co-chairs of the 2022 Community Education Committee.



Garden Humor

Submitted by Donna Wright and Karen Wolf



Her: Look me in the eyes
and tell me you aren't
buying more Seeds.





Garden Party!

By Lois Cox

It is that time of year when we plan and carry out our biggest event of the year—the garden party! Thanks to all who signed up via the survey. It takes all of us working together to pull this off. We will discuss at the March meeting what the needs still are to help you fill in the vacancies. This is a great way to advertise to our friends and neighbors what Master Gardeners is all about as well as providing them with beautiful plants along with knowledge about growing them.

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer that day in some capacity.
- Advertise – Courtney sent out the information flyer via email. Post it on any of your social media channels (including NextDoor), your church information bulletin board, your children's schools, any community bulletin boards available where you shop, and, of course, inviting your friends and family to come personally.
- Plan to purchase your spring plants here! We are our best customers after all!

The garden party is a day you can't miss! You will have a great time, educate, and entertain those who come, enjoy being in our Demo Garden, and go home with beautiful plants for your own garden or for gifts.

Sign up to help at the March meeting! *Below are photos of plant available at the Garden Party Plant Sale. More photos are located on page 5.*



Purslane



Lantana Confetti



Fig Brown Turkey



Community Education Scheduled Activities

Community Education Committee will have an education table at Marcum's Nursery on Sooner Road on Saturday, March 19th. This is also the day that the first of our in-person Community Education Class will be held at 10:00 am in classroom C. The committee reached out and Jeannie Klein has agreed to be in charge of the table at Marcum's. She needs volunteers to represent MG and talk to people about spring gardening. Please reach out to Jeannie if you can volunteer a few hours on this Saturday.

The next Community Education Committee activity will be on Sunday, April 3. We will have a table at the SE Library on Alameda to help them kick off "Spring Fest." The Fest is scheduled to be from 3-5 pm. Cleveland County Master Garden organization is the main attraction. We will have a short presentation on Square Foot Gardening. Our presentation begins at 4 and ends 5 pm. Please come out and be an ambassador for MG's.

More Plants Available at the Plant Sale!



Plants are all growing in the greenhouse! The gorgeous blooms above right are from Gazania plants growing in the Greenhouse. The plants will be sold at the April Garden Party. I can't wait to buy some Gazania plants for my home garden beds. Pat Welty



Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

(These diaries are designed to familiarize readers with the various beds in the Demonstration Garden)

MARCH FEATURED GARDEN = FIG BED AND STRAW BALE BED

BEDHEAD = RICHARD LOWRANCE

Richard learned the glory and failure of gardening at the early age of ten or so. He saved his allowance to purchase dwarf azalea bushes for his Alabama home. He confessed they didn't do very well, and I said, "Well, you just jumped in with both feet."

During one of our many conversations I was surprised to learn how much he knew about Oklahoma Trees, being a newly graduated Master Gardener. Then recently I found out he enjoys the study of trees, Dendrology. Dendrology is a branch of botany that specializes in the characterization and identification of woody plants.

FIG TREE BED:

Richard has managed the Fig Tree Bed for a few years now. He mentioned that one location where he lived in Georgia there was a 50+ year old fig tree, suitable for climbing! We discussed that Fig Trees, like Crepe Myrtles, can grow into large trees when they don't have to repeatedly restart from the crown after a hard freeze.

Fig trees are historical figures - Buddha found "enlightenment" setting under a fig tree and Pharaohs took figs to their graves for nourishment for their final journey. Figs are mentioned in all three Abrahamic religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam), and it has been used for medicinal purposes throughout the ages. Figs are often called The Fruit Of Heaven.

Our Fig bed hosts a Brown Turkey Fig Tree. It is a low-maintenance fruit tree, and a good jumping off point for gardeners that are wanting to begin learning and growing fruit trees. They are most successful in zones 7–10, and can grow to be 20 to 30 feet wide. Fruiting season is from August to Frost. For further reading see:



Home Fruit Planting Guide - OSU Factsheet <https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/home-fruit-planting-guide.html>.

STRAW BALE BED:

The Straw Bale Bed will be a new bed for the Demonstration Garden. Richard along with the help and advice of Barbara Mauldin (an experienced Straw Bale bed creator) will work on the construction beginning in April. The photo is of Barbara's garden.

After seasoning the bales, they can be treated and planted just like you would in a garden. Straw is preferable over hay since straw contains less seed than hay.

Find out more by talking to Richard, Barbara, and visit the garden in April to see our progress. For further reading see:



Straw Bale Bed: A Way to Garden While Building Soil | Oklahoma State University, <https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/straw-bale-bed-a-way-to-garden-while-building-soil.html>.



Book Title: Fox and I, An Uncommon Friendship

Author: Catherine Raven



A captivating memoir about a biologist that lives an isolated life by choice. First as a child, then as a Park Ranger, and finally as a landowner in Montana.

At her cabin in a remote area of Montana, a little fox comes out of the woods to visit this new construction with a lot of interest. Who is to say if the fox or the woman started the friendship? But it is an enduring friendship. As a biologist she knows not to interfere with nature, but this little fox has other ideas.

Book Review: 'Fox & I,' by Catherine Raven - The New York Times (nytimes.com) "Raven likens herself to Ishmael, the narrator of Melville's "Moby-Dick," "

The Fox and I is the second book that I've read that hearkens back to Moby Dick - the first book is Migration.

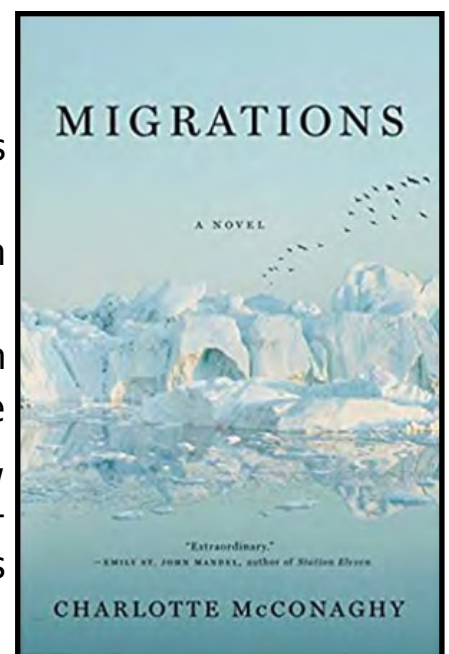
Book Title: Migrations: A Novel

Author: Catherine Raven

This book's setting is in the near future. All life sways in the balance as climate change grips the planet.

A broken woman sets out on a journey to fix a broken world, and hope is the outcome at the end.

The women's journey to follow the Arctic Terns from one migration point to the other. Her trek from the Arctic to the Antarctic is littered with joy, sadness, danger, and intrigue. She manages to hop on a fishing vessel to follow her birds across the ocean. Does she make it? You'll have to read the book!





Crispy Cucumber Salad

By Mary Engel

Ingredients

4 medium cucumbers,
peeled and sliced
1 large white onion,
sliced very thin

Dressing

1 ½ cups mayonnaise
3 – 4 Tablespoons Apple
Cider Vinegar
Salt and Pepper to taste

Put sliced cucumbers in a separate bowl in the refrigerator. Put sliced onions in a separate bowl in the refrigerator. Mix mayo and vinegar and keep in a separate bowl in the refrigerator.

Just before serving, mix cucumbers, onions, and mayo/vinegar mixture, and salt and pepper. Enjoy!

Serves 8

NOTE: I use Duke's real mayonnaise. It is creamy and has great flavor. To take out the bitterness of the cucumbers, use a fork to make ridges from top to bottom of cucumbers, then slice.

Quick Banana Nut Carrot Cake

By Judy Kautz

Ingredients

1 carrot cake mix
1 c chopped nuts
2-3 ripe bananas,
mashed
1/2 c water
1/2 c vegetable oil
1 3.5 oz pkg instant va-
nilla pudding mix
4 eggs
1 c coconut (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 2 9x5 inch loaf pans with cooking spray.

Mix cake mix, nuts, bananas, water, vegetable oil, pudding mix and eggs together in a large bowl with an electric mixer until evenly blended. Pour half the batter into each of the prepared loaf pans.

Bake in preheated oven until toothpick inserted in the middle of each loaf comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from the pans.

NOTE: I brought this to the garden breakfast potluck and several asked me to include the recipe in the newsletter. You can substitute any cake mix flavor and any pudding mix to make a different variety. Loaves are also good with chocolate or peanut butter chips in them.



The meeting was shared on ZOOM.

Lois Cox (President) had opened with the Pledge of Allegiance earlier for the Greet and Meet.

Nancy Logan (Treasurer). Beginning balance as of December 31, 2021, is \$21,420.68. Income for the month \$520 for 2022 dues paid. There were no expenses. Balance on January 31, 2022, is \$21,940.68, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$7,055.00 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$13,773.68. Demonstration Garden expenses will come from this figure. Kathi Farley is in the process of reconfiguring the garden budget. We now have 105 paid members.

Nancy Logan (Greenhouse) The plants are growing almost too well, and seeds still require planting. We probably will plant flats of plants for Earth Day. Jerry Mowby plans to provide us some perennials for the plant sale.

Program Chair-We still need a chair but will have a Committee Fair at the March meeting. There will be a clip board for program suggestions.

Donna Wright and Linda Dolezal (Education)- Kathy Farley will present a program on Beginning Gardening on February 19 and posters were distributed to several places. Linda plans a square foot gardening class in March. They are working on booths for the Garden Party.

Julie Johnson (Special Projects) No report

Judy Kautz (Public Relations) A Garden Party announcement will go on Facebook as well as Kathi Farley's class. Judy uses Boosts to enhance the announcement. She will send Donna Wright posters for the March Class. Newsletter input is good.

Kathi Farley (Garden Committee) She is reworking the garden budget to attempt to reduce it. The first garden workday is March 1 with a breakfast potluck before the work begins. Tuesday and Friday are the workdays from 9-12. Any persons desiring to work in the gardens should contact Kathi. Anyone dividing plants at home can bring plants to the Demo Garden. Cathy Bowden suggested watering the garden prior to starting work.

Garden Tours—We need someone to volunteer for this position.

Rahmona Thompson (Membership) She has sixteen mentors for sixteen students, but she can use some available alternate volunteers

Evan Taylor (Home tours) Although he is unavailable today, he needs volunteers to host home tours.

Fundraising—There will be a table for fundraising ideas at the March meeting. A Painting and Wine party is one suggestion.

Ronna Banks, Cheri Copeland and Cheryl Jones (Hospitality) People are scheduled to bring snacks to the March meeting.



Special Events/Garden Party-Lois and Jeannie are heading the committee. A survey will be sent out asking members what they are willing to do at the Garden Party. The Barnes' offered a trailer to transport the tables from the classroom and also have a canopy. We need more canopies. Courtney planned the music. We need a lot of advertising. Bed-heads should be available for tours. Tomoko Yoshida volunteered for Origami. Karen Wolf suggested setting up tables earlier since it is so time-consuming, so we may do it on Friday night before. If you have Neighbourhood Next Door announce the Garden Party on it.

OLD BUSINESS: Kathi made a motion to accept the By-laws revision with proposed changes. Joan Barker seconded the motion, and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Courtney Dekalb-Meyers (Horticulturist). She received twenty names for the Bug Fest kids oriented activity but needs more. The event is March 17, 9-12.

She added that Fred Schneider will host an info booth at the new Farmer's Market, the Well. He is recruiting for that now since the Farmer's Market starts in April.

She is developing a CCMGA Blog. She still needs desk help to answer inquiries. Mentor training is March 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Lois Cox (President's Comments) Master Gardeners had a listening session November 16 of last year from 1:30 to 4 p.m. She is reviewing the recommendations from the meeting and plans to implement many of them. Today's meet and greet was one of the recommendations.

Dates to remember:

March 1-First Garden Workday/breakfast potluck

March 4—Mentor Training

April 16- Garden Party/Plan Sale

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of January 31, 2022 is \$21,940.68. Income for the month is \$260 2022 Dues Paid and \$30 Misc. Donation for a total of \$290.00. Expenses for January were \$337.13 Tree Wizard Pear Trees and \$148.93 Greenhouse supplies for a total of \$486.06. Balance at February 28, 2022 is \$21,744.62, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$7,168.94 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$13,463.68.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Upcoming Events

Submitted by Elaine Dockray

April 9, 10 – 11 AM: Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden. Will Rogers Park, OKC. Event ID: 43741. Oklahoma Gardeners Association member Janet Horner will show you how easy it is to have a successful butterfly garden with her presentation "Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden". Janet will explain the key steps in site location and in plant selection. Register at parks.okc.gov. Cost \$5.

April 9, 9 AM – 1 PM: Plant a Prairie Sale. Myriad Gardens, OKC. Join us for our 4th and first-ever in person Plant-a-Prairie sale on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is an incredible opportunity to replace a large portion of lawn or garden with native plants. Purchase 2-inch plug plants at wholesale prices. Plants are sold in groups of 8 or 10 for \$15 and full flats of 32 to 50 plants for \$70. Included are native grasses and flowers including milkweed, gaillardia, purple coneflower, and bee-balm. Horticulture staff will be on hand to answer questions and give advice.

Located on the West Plaza between Children's Garden and Visitor Lobby.

10 plants for \$15

Anise Hyssop	Agastache 'Blue Boa'
Nodding Onion	Allium cernuum
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata
Butterflyweed	Asclepias tuberosa
Sideoats Grama Grass	Bouteloua curtipendula
Winecups	Callirhoe involucrata
Tickseed	Coreopsis 'Summer Sunshine'
Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea
Joe-Oye Weed	Eutrochium 'Gateway'
Blanketflower	Gaillardia 'Arizona Sun'
Blazingstar	Liatris spicata 'Blue'
Blazingstar	Liatris spicata 'Kobold'
Beebalm	Monarda "Jacob Cline"
Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa
Spotted Beebalm	Monarda punctata
Wandflower	Oenothera 'Rosy Jane'
Wandflower	Oenothera 'Siskiyou Pink'
Missouri Primrose	Oenothera missouriensis
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum
Beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis
Beardtongue	Penstemon 'Huskers Red'
Mexican Hat Plant	Ratibida pinnata
Mexican Hat Plant	Ratibida 'Red Midget'
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia fulgida
Giant Coneflower	Rudbeckia maxima
Brown-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba
Goldenrod	Solidago 'Solar Cascade'
Goldenrod	Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'
Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans
Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis
Golden Alexander	Zizia aurea



April 23, 9:30 – 11 AM: Cannas in the Garden. Event ID: 44269.

Join us as historic Horn Canna Farm educates us and the public on how to properly thin and transplant Canna rhizomes. The Canna found here at Will Rogers Gardens were originally planted by City Horticulturist Henry Walters from Horn Canna in the 30's and 40's! Register at parks.okc.gov.

May 5, 6–7PM: Starting a Cut Flower Garden. Myriad Gardens, OKC, Terrace Room. Fresh flowers offer an ephemeral and radiant pleasure to our homes, promoting well-being and tranquility along with that extra 'pop' of color. By growing a cut flower garden, you can skip the stores and enjoy the process from seed to vase. Join us as we discuss flowers best suited to our environments and our homes, the process of growing, caring, and cutting our flowers, and how to maximize their lifetimes both outdoors and in our homes. Take this knowledge with you when you visit the annual Oklahoma City Flower & Garden Festival just two days later here at the Myriad Botanical Gardens! Register by May 3 at Myriad Gardens website.

May 7, 9 AM – 4 PM: OKC Flower and Garden Festival. Myriad Gardens, OKC. The annual Oklahoma City Flower and Garden Festival at Myriad Botanical Gardens Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 9 AM to 4 PM! This fun-filled event includes local vendors nestled in on the west side of the Gardens next to Mo's Carousel and the Children's Garden. The annual festival features an abundance of plants and more, sure to brighten up anyone's home. Visitors will find Oklahoma-grown herbs, perennials, annuals, native plants, culinary herbs, vegetable plants, flowers, produce, pottery, jewelry, wineries, succulents, ornamental grasses, milkweed, pollinator plants, wildlife habitat, and more.

May 12, 6 – 7 PM: Growing Food in the Summer – Protecting Your Food from Common Garden Pests. Myriad Gardens, OKC. Class participants will learn about organic growing methods including pest management without the use of pesticides. Dale and Carrie Spoonemore of From Seed to Spoon will also cover trellising and various support structures for summer crops. Additionally learn about succession planting and why it's important to continue to plant new rounds of seeds. Register by May 9 at Myriad Gardens website.

The Cleveland County
Master Gardener Association

invites you to their annual



Spring Garden Party and Plant Sale

children's activities | on-going garden demonstrations |
information booths | lots & lots of plants

April 16, 2022
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Plant sale continues on April 23rd, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cleveland County Master Gardener
Demonstration Gardens
Located at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds
615 E Robinson, Norman, OK 73071

For more information, call the
OSU Extension Office at 405-321-4774





Public Service Announcement

Subject: Oklahoma Orchid Society Spring 2022 Show & Sale

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See hundreds of orchids on show and for sale at Oklahoma Orchid Society's Spring 2022 Show & Sale, the Society's AOS-sanctioned event of the year. This one-day "bench show" (non-exhibit) event will be held on **Saturday, May 7, from 9AM to 5PM** at the **Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK**. Admission and parking are free, and the event is open to the public.

Vendors will have hundreds of beautiful orchids from around the world and growing supplies for sale. Be sure to stop at the Welcome Booth to speak with OOS members about growing and re-blooming orchids, ask questions, purchase a raffle ticket, and learn how to become a member of the Society. Come, saturate your senses with orchids!

For additional information, visit okOrchidSociety.org. Oklahoma Orchid Society is a member of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.

Follow CDC guidelines with respect to COVID-19 precautions.



***Spring 2022
Show & Sale***

**Saturday, May 7th
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center
3400 NW 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK

Free Admission & Free Parking

Information: okOrchidSociety.org

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Gopher Trouble

By Mary Engel

Last fall when a gopher ate most of my beautiful blue-purple Aster, I was very upset. The plant was huge – 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide. According to my gardening records, it had been planted 5 years ago. It had been planted in a wire basket purchased at Dollar Tree for \$1. That small amount I had invested in the basket was all I had left. To my surprise, it didn't rust.

So, this early spring, it's time to get serious about keeping these critters away. A 2013 book "Natural Gardening" from Deborah Robertson shows how to keep them from eating the roots of the plants.

Fences for Burrowing Animals: Fences must extend into the soil to stop burrowers entering the garden. An 8-inch flange at the bottom turned outward is also recommended to thwart burrowers excavating down and under the barrier. Never use barbed wire as it could injure wildlife as well as pets and errant children.

<u>Type of Animal</u>	<u>Size of Mesh</u>	<u>Depth in Ground</u>
Gopher	1½" (12mm)	24" (60 cm)
Moles	1½" (12mm)	18" (45 cm)
Rabbits	1" (2.5cm)	12" (30 cm)
Woodchucks	1" (2.5cm)	18" (45 cm)

The book also suggests planting the gopher plant (*Euphorbia lathyris*) that has pungent foliage to keep the unwanted critters away. Also, the TV program called "Growing a Greener World" showed that mint, garlic, onions, and marigolds can be used to keep deer and other pests away. Many mammals have a very sensitive sense of smell and mint, etc. turns them away in disgust.

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