

The Weeders' Digest

A Tour of Gardens by Rick Ault

Our own Rick Ault presented April's program about the parks and gardens of Eastern Canada, Quebec and Ontario. It was a delightful presentation and instilled our desire to visit. Thanks, Rick!



At the May meeting....

By Linda Wren

Our quest speaker for May is Joshua Guess. Joshua Guess is the owner and producer, with his wife Allison, for Rooted Farm which specializes in microgreens. His farm services restaurants in the OKC area and also the OSU/OKC and Edmond farmers markets. His passions include nutrient dense food and regenerative farming. Joshua has been growing and selling microgreens, with various degrees of success, for 7 years. The meeting begins at 10 am, but come at 9:30 for conversation and snacks.

2019 Directories are still available from Cherry in the Extension Office if you don't have yours yet. You will need to sign for your directory. Thanks, Cherry, for putting these together for us!

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President's Posting

By Judy Kautz

Hello Gardeners,

Didn't we have a fabulous day for our Spring Plant Party? It was a beautiful day and we had about 350 visitors to the garden and plant sale. Thank you to Vada Edwards, Donna Carter and all the committee members and CCMGA members who made the event such a success. Nancy Logan will share with us the results of the plant sale at our May meeting.

Although it has been a very wet spring, the Demo Garden Tour Committee is holding tours on Saturday mornings as we always do. Laura Eckstein is looking for volunteers throughout the summer. Be sure to help her out by volunteering for a few Saturdays. You'll enjoy the experience!

Mark your calendars for June 27-28 for the State Master Gardener Conference in Durant. CCMGA usually shows up in force at this event, wearing our t-shirts! If you need a shirt, contact Phyllis Blackwell or Julie Johnson.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the May meeting!

Judy



PR Prattle

By Jim McDaniel

If you have any photos of the garden, home tours, meetings, etc. that you want added to the video and picture archive please send them to me (Jim McDaniel, randyednamac@cox.net.)



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

May 11, Saturday, 10 AM: Class on "Prairie Gardening" by Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon in Classroom C.

May 16, Thursday, 9:15 AM meet time: Master Gardener's Myriad Garden Tour/lunch/OKC Flower Market. Susan Aikman contact person.

May 18, Saturday, 9 AM - 3 PM: Information table at Moore Home Depot.

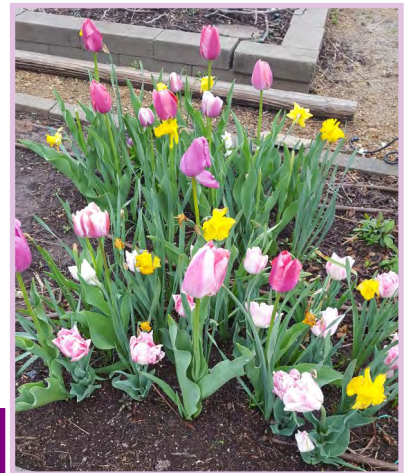
May 22, Wednesday, 9 AM – 1 PM: Home garden tours. Terry Hull is the contact person.



The garden is flooding from all the rain but also the plants are doing great and we are helping the garden water bill. The greenhouse sale was fantastic.

The fairgrounds personnel are going to replace the south fence with the old fence that was along the west side.

We have missed 2 workdays so far with more rain expected Tuesday, so weeds are taking over. If you can come out and help weed, it would be much appreciated. Thanks from all who have beds and need help. *(Thanks to Marilyn Solomon and Pat Welty for pictures below.)*



As usual, our demo gardens are beautiful!



Spring Home Garden Tours

By Terry Hull

The CCMGA Spring Home Garden Tour will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. In the event of inclement weather, the Tour will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. The Tour encompasses the first half of the day. Home garden tours are fun opportunities for shared visual learning, showing support for our members' gardening efforts and generosity in opening their gardens to us, getting to commune outdoors while getting to know each other, and earning annual continuing service and education credits toward our Master Gardener membership. (3 hours of service for those who open their gardens; 1 hour of education for each garden you visit.) Just like the unique personalities of our members, every home garden has something different to offer. Come enjoy and learn from different approaches and from what did and did not work. A group e-mail with agenda (times, descriptions, locations, driving directions) will be sent out about two weeks before May 22.



President Judy Kautz called the meeting to order, requested that everyone silence their phones, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Treasurer's Report: (Nancy Logan) Balance as of February 25, 2019--\$20,199.98. Income was \$115 and expenses totaled \$635.43 leaving a cash balance of \$19,679.55 with \$13,046.07 specifically budgeted and \$400 reserved for Greenhouse Repairs. Funds in Excess of Budget as of March 25, 2019 are \$6,233.48.

Greenhouse Report: (Nancy Logan) Plants are flourishing. Team members are visiting Prairie Winds Nursery to select some plants for the sale. Working on early prep for the greenhouse. MGs covered the greenhouse Tuesday with shade cloth. Team is setting up Thursday for the Saturday sale.

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

May – Josh Guers—Micro Greens

June—Judy Hogan—Water Ponds

July-Audubon Society

Aug-Lois Cox

Oct—Markham's/Bulb Layering

Special Event and Plant Party: (Donna Carter/Vada Edwards) The 20th is the Spring Plant Party and nice weather is predicted. Volunteers still needed. Planning on moving tables to the garden at 1:00 pm on Friday and workers are needed at 8:30 a.m. on the 20th. Bring your own chairs.

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

April 20-Plant Sale in the Garden

April-Oct Tours of the Demo Gardens,

April 28- Earth Day Information Table

May 18-Information Table at Moore Home Depot

May 11– Prairie Gardening (Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon)

May 22- Home Garden Tours

July-Dirt – (Cathy Bowden)

August- Hypertufa – (Brenda Williams & Linda Wren)

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

Oct – Seed Gathering Mary Engel with Elaine Bison as TA

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson) No report

Public Relations: (Jim McDaniel) Received an email from Discover Oklahoma wanting to tape a show now, but Jim told them to contact us in midsummer when the gardens are in bloom. He is sending letters to organizations about hosting private garden tours.

Garden Committee: (Rick Ault) One square quad bed with teacups needs an owner. Fairground employees moved fence from behind the pergola.

Membership: (Rahmona Thompson) Only five mentees have not completed or signed up for phone duty.

Tours: (Susan Aikman) Planning a tour on May 16 to Oklahoma City Myriad Gardens, then to lunch, and then on to the Oklahoma City Flower Market.

Fundraising: (Brenda Williams/Linda Wren) Purchased a child's picnic table with umbrella and a garden bench to raffle at the garden party. The drawing will be at 1:00 pm on the 20th. There will also be 20 hypertufa pots for sale.

April Meeting Minutes (continued)

Hospitality: (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) Thanked Lois Cox, Kathy Whittle, Theresa Guidice and Donna and Les Brown for furnishing tasty goodies. A special thank you to Kathy Whittle for sharing her bunny collection as table décor.

Home Tours: (Terry Hull) Terry said member home tours will be on May 22 with a make-up date on May 29. The new telephone duty desk guide is available on the CCMGA website. She introduced Serena, her mentee.

Old Business: Earth Day is Sunday in Reeves Park from noon until 5:00. Demonstration garden tours begin on April 27th. Cathy Bowden thanked everyone that brought Styrofoam.

New Business: Rahmona Thompson announced the OU Botany Club plant sale today. Fred Schneider announced the Iowa Seed Savers Exchange will have a major program the third weekend in July.

Courtney's Comments: Marcum's Nursery requests people at information tables on April 27 and May 4. Courtney passed out samples of her handouts she developed to encourage field trips to the gardens. The advance class for Master Gardeners will be presented on April 30, 1:30-3:30 pm. Toxic weed control in lawns and pesticides will be addressed in the class. May 14 will be the Traveling Learning Lab on propagation.

President's Comments: (Judy Kautz) Judy presented a quilt made by Brenda Williams with CCMGA members' signatures.

Dates to Remember:

Spring Plant Party – April 20

Plant Sale (con't) – Apr 27

OK Proven sale at Markham's nurseries—Apr 27 & May 4

Earth Day – Apr 28

Advanced MG Class – Apr 30, 1:30-4:30 PM, Classroom C

May 14 – Learning Lab 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Canadian County Extension Office

Home Tours – May 22, back up day May 29

Student Luncheon – Aug 2

Harvest feast 2019 – Nov 7

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of March 25, 2019 is \$19,679.55. Income includes \$25 Gloves Sold ; \$20 2019 Dues; \$150 Shredder Sold; \$2.25 Nametag Jar; \$15 Painted Rock Donations and \$7,135 Plant Sales for Total Income of \$7,347.25. Expense includes \$1,017.84 Greenhouse Supplies; \$8.86 Microphone Repair; \$ 288.74 Demo Garden; \$124 Gift Quilt; \$125.74 Credit Card Fees and \$89.92 Hypertuffa Pots for Total Expense of \$1,655.10. Balance at April 25, 2019 is \$25,371.70, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$11,390.97 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$400, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$13,580.73.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Enchilada Pie

Master Cook

Ingredients

2 lb ground Beef Top Round
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1/2 t garlic powder
1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
2 c canned whole tomatoes, chopped
1 4-oz. can chopped green chilies
1 envelope taco seasoning mix
1/2 t salt
1/4 t pepper
1 T chili powder
1 package corn tortillas (12)
1-10 3/4 oz. can cream of chicken soup 3/4 c milk
2 c (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

Combine beef, onion and garlic powder in large skillet; cook over medium heat until meat is browned, stirring to crumble; drain.

Add next 7 ingredients; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Tear each tortilla into 8 pieces in a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan; top with meat mixture. Arrange remaining tortilla pieces evenly over mixture.

Combine soup and milk in small bowl, mixing well; pour over tortillas. Sprinkle cheese evenly over top. Bake at 350 F. for 45 minutes.

NOTE: This was a prize winning recipe. It was printed in Southern Living and Progressive Farmer magazine.

Cake in a Cup

You will need two cake mixes. One must be Angel Food and the other your choice. Mix the two together in an airtight container and seal it.

When you want a treat, get a coffee mug, add 3 Tablespoons of the Cake Mix and 2 Tablespoons of Water. Microwave 1 minute.

So awesome - and this one I made is just 180 calories - not bad when you need something sweet without overdoing it!!!



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.



Plant Party Greenhouse Crew















Upcoming Events

May 10, 10 AM: CCMGA Meeting, Classroom

May 11, 9 AM – 4 PM: OKC Garden Fest, Myriad Gardens. Participating in the OKC Garden Fest is a perfect way to celebrate spring! This is an annual festival of plants, gardens, and artists. Buy items for your garden and home, ask the experts your planting questions, enjoy some family fun activities and grab a yummy bite to eat. Buy locally grown and made products! The festival will offer perennials, annuals, native plants, herbs, produce, florals, succulents, pollinator plants, wines, and agriculturally-related crafts. Activities for children will also be offered and there is no charge for attending and food trucks will be on-site.

May 18, 10 AM – Noon: Organic Gardening, Myriad Gardens, Garden Classroom. Topics will include building organic soil, companion planting, protecting beneficial insects, securing best heirloom seeds, and unconventional planting methods. Registrants will receive free seeds to take home. Member \$14; Nonmember \$19. Register by Tuesday, May 14 at Myriad Gardens website.

May 18, 9 AM – 3:30 PM: Garden Festival, Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC. Join the Council of Garden Clubs for its annual Garden Festival. Find everything garden-related plus stained glass, jewelry, and kid's activities. Fundraiser for the Friends of Will Rogers Gardens Foundation.

May 25, 10 – 11 AM: Gardens Walking Tour, Myriad Gardens.

MAY 28, 7 PM: Harvesting the Rain, Agricultural Resource Center at the OSU/OKC Campus, 400 N Portland, Oklahoma City. Jeri Fleming, Assistant Director and Outreach and Education Coordinator of the Oklahoma Water Survey will present a program on rainwater harvest called, "Harvesting the Rain". Watch the Oklahoma Horticulture Society website for additional information.

June 7 – 16, 10 AM – 5 PM Daily: Children's Garden Festival – Where the Wild Things Are, Myriad Gardens. Journey into the wonderful land of imagination and mischief at the Myriad Garden's annual Children's Garden Festival. The Children's Garden is transformed into a world of Wild Things as we celebrate the 50th year of one of America's most beloved children's books. Cost is \$8 per person, includes a free ride on Mo's Carousel. Ages 2 and under are free. Gardens' members are free and get to skip the line!

June 8, 9 AM – Noon: Herb and Succulent Festival, OSU Botanic Garden, Stillwater, OK. SCHEDULE: 9:15 am - Wine Bottle Succulent Garden Demonstration, 10:00 to Noon - Pony Rides, 10:15 am - Wine Bottle Succulent Garden Demonstration, 11:15 am - Wine Bottle Succulent Garden Demonstration. A variety of usual and unusual herbs and succulents along with a several various vendors.

June 14, 10 AM: CCMGA Meeting, Classroom

June 20, 6 – 8 PM: Growing Fruit in Oklahoma, Myriad Gardens, Garden Classroom. Learn how to get started with home fruit growing, from choosing plants to site considerations and including details of soils, planting, subsequent care including pruning and dealing with pests and problems. Register by June 18 at Myriad Gardens website.

In Praise of Dandelion Turf

Submitted by Tomoko Yoshida

Are you ashamed of your dandelion lawn? Don't be. It's artistic.

I was sitting at the information table at Home Depot one weekend. A number of young people asked us about the use of unconventional plants such as clover and buffalo grass in their lawn. Why not?

In the photo, I am sitting in my front yard with Albrecht Durer's water color called, "Great Piece of Turf." It was painted in 1503 in Germany and shows a variety plants including dandelion, greater plantain, creeping bent, and smooth meadow grass.



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