

The Weeders' Digest

Committee Fair A Huge Success!



Our April meeting topic, Landscaping With Native Plants, presented by Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric was great. We heard things we already knew, but hopefully there were some things you did not already know. We have a responsibility to edu-

cate those we work with on how to manage our environment better. It would be great if the bird population grew over the next 50 years because we were more mindful of caring for our mother earth!

Our May Meeting....

by Lois Cox

It will be exciting to attend the May 18 meeting, our first Member Showcase. Melody Palm and Kandace Schloesser will present a program on Spinning with Plant Base materials. They will be demonstrating spinning with a variety of materials including plants. You will even have the "opportunity" to try it yourself! Let's come out to support these members.

If you would like to participate in a Member Showcase, please let me know. It would be the October meeting. I have one member already committed to about 15 minutes of the presentation time. Are there others of you who would like to share? Let me or Jeannie Kline know. The meeting begins at 10 am but come at 9:30 for food and fellowship. Our business meeting will follow at 11 am.

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

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President's Posting

By Lois Cox

We can take great pride in the success of our Garden Party in April! You guys are awesome. I did not receive a single call that morning saying it was too cold to spend the morning outside (even those that was true!). You are real troopers and dedicated to our organization. I am sure we will not have trouble finding ways to spend the profits we made in our Demonstration Gardens! If you haven't gotten involved, we have a GREAT group of people to get to know.

We have exciting things coming up! How great is it to have our home garden tours back again? Don't miss June 11 as we will be touring 6 of our member's gardens. You gain so many ideas and get to know members you might not ever have the chance to talk with at meetings. Thanks, Evan, for taking on this task! And thanks to the 6 of you who volunteered your gardens.

Hopefully your calendars are already marked for our annual Master Gardener conference June 16 and 17. It will be here before you know it. Plan to attend this fun and educational event. You will gain lots of continuing education hours as well.

The weather has been a huge challenge to this year's gardening but soon, we will all be in our own gardens working away and enjoying the reason we are Master Gardeners! *Lois*



Junior Master Gardener Program

By Lois Cox

Thanks to all the work Joan Barker has already done to get this program off the ground. Now she has a more important priority in her life: caregiving for her husband. If you are a praying person, please send up your prayers for her as she is also a caregiver for her sister. We will need someone else to take charge of this program.

If you would like to work with this new addition to the Cleveland County Master Gardeners (that already has a girl scout troop interested in being a part), attend the meeting immediately following the May 18 meeting in a corner of Fry Auditorium. We will plan how to proceed with the program. All are invited. Those who specifically showed an interest will receive an email invitation.



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



For our May program, Claren Kidd will present “Composting 101” on May 21st from 10-11 a.m. The class will meet at classroom C in the OSU extension building. If the weather is permitting, we will move to the demonstration garden composting station. Claren will share her wealth of knowledge in composting during this presentation.

Getting to know our presenter: Claren grew up on a wheat and cattle farm in the North Canadian River Valley North of Geary, Oklahoma where she graduated from a high school with 31 classmates. During those 18 years she helped with the vegetable garden, chickens, drove a wheat truck and sometimes milked a cow.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Geography, she taught secondary school geography and earth science for several years. She taught in Norman and Rantoul, Illinois before earning a degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA). For over three decades she enjoyed assisting people as Geology Librarian in the OU Geology Library and subsequently the L.S. Youngblood Library.

For years before retiring from OU at the end of 2006, she planned to take the Master Gardener class and enrolled in 2007. Learning and watching her grandmothers and mother, she had always enjoyed gardening. Now she appreciates a community of gardeners and the constant learning about landscaping and plants. Since her retirement she relishes her time gardening in addition to volunteering as a docent in Fred Jones Jr. Art Museum, snow skiing, hiking, and traveling.

Come join the Saturday Education class as Claren helps us answer the following questions:

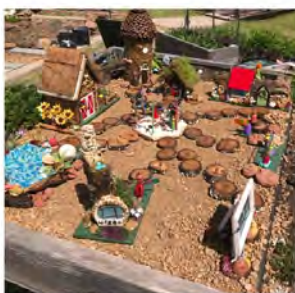
Do you really want to compost? Do you have enough space to compost? Does it matter if your compost station is located in the sun or shade? What do you need to start composting? What are the different styles of composting? How do I use compost?

She will also discuss things to consider: Do you really have time to invest in composting? If not learn that there are alternatives to you doing it yourself, such as: Vermiculture (Worm Bin) or rely on the Norman Compost Facility. We hope to see you in the class.



We have such talent in CCMGA! Brittany Jordan created the beautiful terrariums to be auctioned in our meeting...thank you for your time & artistry! Our winners were delighted as you can see from the photos below. Thank you also to Nancy Logan for her donation from the plant sale. And have a look at the new Faerie Garden hand made by Brittany Jordan. Demonstrations at the Garden Party were a hit with the kids.

Kathi





Native Plants

By Mary

If you missed the April meeting, you missed an excellent program presented by two Oklahoma City landscape architects – Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric. Using Oklahoma native plants, they are designing landscapes to attract pollinators. Yippee! This made me very happy. They are getting the word out that native plants are not only beautiful but easy to grow, long lasting, and hardy using very little water once the plant is established. The U.S. Agency for International Development predicts by 2025 one-third of all humans will face severe and chronic water shortages.

I purchased Connie's book, "Oklahoma Native Plants." It is well worth \$20. On pages 97 and 98, it lists where to see native plants in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Stillwater, Pawhuska, and Poteau. Yes, I plan to visit some of these gardens.

What I learned from their program:

Oak trees support 557 caterpillars. Wow!

Frogfruit is a groundcover that can be used instead of a lawn

Mow it only 3 or 4 times per year

Can be grown in shade and sand

Spreads quickly

Can walk on it, but it does not do well with a lot of heavy traffic

Root systems of native plants are very deep

Add some beautiful color to your garden - plant some native plants. You will be glad you did, and you will be able to enjoy pollinators in your garden.



Garden Adventures

By Vada Edwards

We recently got a new water fountain for our front porch. The kind with the self-contained pump. We had been hearing a frog croak, which was not uncommon. The fountain seemed low on water and so I got a watering can with water to fill it up. Imagine my surprise when I see a little frog, with upper body stuck out of the water recycling hole! Fat little croaker! I was afraid I might pull his little legs off, so I recruited my husband to do the dirty deed. However, he was able to pull him out with no loss of limbs! Hope he goes on to catch many insects in my garden (only the bad ones. Not the good ones!)



Myriad Garden School

CCMGA members thoroughly enjoyed Garden School offered by Myriad Gardens in March! The speakers were all local and their topics were timely and interesting!





Photo Booth



Pat Welty a True gardener. Notice she has a plant in each hand and one in every pouch. It's what makes us happy!!! *Submitted by Karen Wolf*



What does one do when one has to thin out sucker growths from the beloved Crepe Myrtle? The beautiful huge Crepe Myrtle died to the ground during the Siberian freeze. One uses the limbs to make a Wattle Fence!! Karen Driscoll, Janelle Miller, and Georjana Mauldin made this wattle fence with the scrap limbs. Wattle fences were used in ancient times, often made from willow suckers. *Submitted by Georjana Mauldin*



Maybe this is "news" only to me, but I've never had an aloe flower. Here are 3 photos: the bud when it was still short enough to be on a shelf; full flower; and after it had to be moved to the floor to accommodate the flowers which were as tall as me! (No short jokes, please!). *Submitted by Cathy Bowden.*



Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

MAY = FEATURED VEGETABLE GARDENS

BEDHEAD = KANDY SCHLOESSER

#6 CIRCLE GARDEN ; #7 SQUARE FOOT AND TOWER GARDEN; #8 BASIC SQUARE FOOT GARDEN

Kandy started gardening though not successfully at eight years of age, she explains. But by young adulthood, her garden skills were improving!! She said, "Gardening is about a lot of learning." What Kandy loves about vegetable gardening is the production. Plant a seed, get a plant, then harvest its bounty. She did say her interest in basic flowers is growing.

Square Foot Gardening is a great way to show that one can plant in a small space, and receive a large harvest. In Square Foot Gardening the growing area is divided into one foot squares segments. The idea is to grow a dense field of plants in a small area. This makes maintaining and harvesting an easy job. The produce grown is given to various charities and churches around the community.

One lesson, Kandy and her helper Linda Snook learned together, is when to pick radishes. She stated, pick them small and it makes all the difference. Linda is a 20 year veteran in Square Foot Gardening at her home.

BEDHEAD = LINDA DOLEZAL

#9 LARGE SQUARE FOOT GARDEN



No wasted space. This is beans planted in a crack between the fence .

Linda may have inherited her love of food production from her Grandparent's truck garden and fruit stand. At eleven years old, she had a spark of inspiration and wanted to see if she could propagate roots of a Rubber Tree by air layering. Air Layering is a procedure used to induce roots to form on a plant stem while it is still attached to the parent plant. She put a little baggie on the stem, with some moss, waited for the roots, and low and behold, they appeared. She was energized by her science experiment success.



Susan Aikman and Kandy mix and blend new soil for the Square Foot Garden



Hooped Square Foot garden on side of house.



Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

Linda loves growing vegetables and sharing produce with others. Along with practicing Square Foot gardening at home, Linda also practices Lasagna gardening. Lasagna gardening is the practice of adding layers of organic materials that will decompose over time, enriching the soil in layers and no tilling.

Linda set up a hoop house over one of her Square Foot garden beds where she grew salad plants. That garden produces salad greens until Christmas.

Linda's science experiments also include an Angel Wing Begonia that she continues to propagate and share. This plant belonged to her Grandmother Valentine, who would be 122 years old if she were alive today. While in south Texas, Linda would see a sprout of a Palm Tree growing in sidewalk crack or yard and ask if she could have it. She had many of these propagated treasures until the recent below zero freeze in 2021.

#38 ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN

As a child of the 70s, Valerie had a plethora of plants in her college room. She fondly remembers a Baby's Tears plant that blessed her living quarters.

In her adult life, she lived in Florida for some time and had a "stunning yard!!" "You can grow anything in Florida," she exclaims.

"Growing a vegetable garden in Oklahoma can be a challenge," she continues. Oklahoma's weather might be too hot, too cold, too windy, too wet, too dry -- too____ (fill in the blank.) She receives great help from Rayge Johnson and Tony Stone.

Valerie said they have developed a plan, that when the gardening gets overwhelming, they just pick one area or job to complete. We all know that weeds have been a particular pain in all our gardens this year. To combat this weed problem, she and her team got busy and put down cardboard and cottonseed hulls in between their growing rows for mulch to keep weeds at bay. They are considering implementing a no-till gardening strategy.

Valerie said there are always lessons to be learned, as she contemplates the continuation of pulling up mint and lemon balm from the garden.

A few OSU Fact Sheets to explore:

Oklahoma Garden Planning Guide

"Well-planned, properly managed home gardens can furnish Oklahoma families with flavorful, high quality, fresh vegetables from spring through fall, as well as for processing or storing for winter.

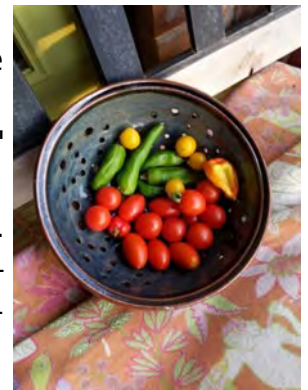
<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/oklahoma-garden-planning-guide.html>

and

Vegetable Varieties for the Home Garden in Oklahoma

"A successful garden begins with the selection of varieties that are adapted to the area."

<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/vegetable-varieties-for-the-home-garden-in-oklahoma.html>



Tomatoes and peppers.



Bee-guiling Books for May

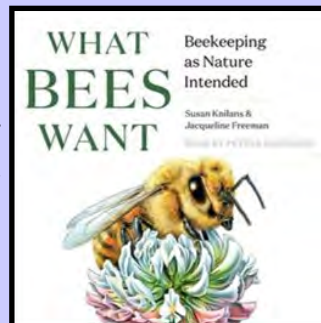
I don't think I planned it, but bees became the center of my life this past month. And not just in books, coincidentally during my reading marathon, I watched a PBS Nature special entitled 'My Garden of a Thousand Bees.' A wildlife filmmaker, at home during the Covid-19 lockdown, got up-close and personal with the bees in his urban backyard. Incredibly intimate, I'd say. The cinematography was splendid. Taking place in Bristol England, he documents over 60 kinds of bees living in his garden. Very informative and memorable, as well. <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/my-garden-thousand-bees-about/26263/>

OSU's article is also a must read. 'Oklahoma Welcomes Backyard Beekeeping Trend' explains bee keeping in Oklahoma. About the article: "Backyard adventures and DIY projects are all the rage right now, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic prompted people to rediscover some of the joys of being at home and pass the time with new hobbies." https://news.okstate.edu/articles/agriculture/2021/ellis_backyard_bees.html

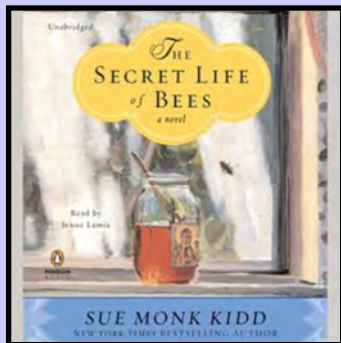


The 2022 Big Read with the Pioneer Library System features several environmental books to read. The 'Music of Bees' is one of these books. It is a novel about three misfits, starting over, and becoming friends centered around a Honey Bee farm. It is beautifully written. Intertwined within the story are facts about beekeeping. I found the book to be entertaining and instructional at the same time. It is a light feel-good book. I did cry with happiness at the end of the book. <https://www.eileengarvin.com/the-music-of-bees>

'What Bees Want: Beekeeping as Nature Intended' was an easy read. This is a book filled with facts and instructions, but told in a conversational way. The author tells of her successes and failures. The author found that if she really observes her bees, she could learn their language, or what they want! She realized: "when bees are allowed to live as they would in nature (with smaller hives, no chemicals, freedom to swarm, and little-to-no human interference), they will thrive." I think she learned what I would call the Zen of beekeeping. There seems to be a common thread in these resources about bees recognizing their caretakers. Beekeepers have to let all the world's troubles go when approaching their bees. <https://whatbeeswant.com/>



So while all this bee interest was still a high pitch noise in my head, I thought about the 2008 movie, 'The Secret Life of Bees.' I loved that movie, but hadn't read the book. Well, the book is as delightful as the movie. The story is set in 1964 South Carolina. A young girl, Lily, and her older African American friend, Rosaleen, set out on a path of discovery. Rosaleen works for Lily's father, and is also the stand-in mother for Lily. The two find themselves in a racially charged situation, and they feel that running away is their best option.



They escape to a small rule town, Tiburon, South Carolina, Lily feels this is the place for them to heal, recover, and make a plan. The three calendar sisters, as Lily calls them, August, May, and June are beekeepers. They welcome the travelers into their home and lives. The novel is about strong women finding their way in troubling times. <https://suemonkkidd.com/books/the-secret-life-of-bees/>



Lost in Translation: The Cases of Kerria and Nandina

I bought a seedling of Japanese kerria two years ago from our plant sale. It flowered well this spring in my backyard. The one in our demo garden was also in full bloom during our garden party. Have you ever wondered what “kerria” means? This shrub was named after William Kerr (d.



1814), a British plant hunter. Its Japanese name is yamabuki (literally, “mountain shoots”). In this essay, I will consider how different indigenous and English names are, and what’s lost in translation, using the examples of kerria and another plant introduced to the West by Kerr, nandina, which is now commonly seen in Oklahoma gardens.

Both kerria (*Kerria japonica*) and nandina (*Nandina domestica*) were brought to Europe by William Kerr in the early 1800s and were named by Carl Peter Thunberg (1748-1828). Kerr was a Scottish gardener who worked at Kew Gardens and was sent to China to collect plants. Thunberg was a Swedish naturalist and physician and was a student of Linnaeus. He stayed in Japan over a year and wrote *Flora Japonica*. Thunberg named the flowering bush kerria in honor of William Kerr.

Kerria is a deciduous shrub commonly seen on hill sides as well as in gardens in Japan. It bears abundant golden-yellow flowers in the spring. A double-flowered one grew in my parents’ backyard. Yamabuki is also the name of a color, a bright yellow tinged with orange. This flower has been appreciated in Japan from ancient time and has appeared in many poems. I was happy to find out that one of the common English names of this plant is Japanese rose. Since kerria belongs to the rose family, this is not farfetched. More importantly to me, rose sounds more poetic.

Nandina is originally from China. Its Chinese name is nantianzhu (literally, “southern sky bamboo.”) Although nandina is not related to bamboo, its appearance—straight stems and compound leaves—is reminiscent of bamboo. When it went to Japan, the name was abbreviated to nanten (“southern sky”) dropping the reference to bamboo. The scientific name *Nandina domestica* was derived from nanten. However, in the English common names, “bamboo” is added back again: heavenly bamboo or sacred bamboo! We had nandina in our yard, too. My father used it for flower arrangements for the New Year celebration. Green leaves and red berries were much appreciated when nothing else was blooming. Some Japanese consider nandina to be a lucky plant. This is based on a wordplay. A homonym of the word nanten means “turning difficulties.” Thus, if you have nandina around your home, you can avoid or overcome obstacles.

English names of exotic plants seldom reflect the cultural and historical references of their native lands. Plant guidebooks and websites have a tendency to discuss foreign species merely in terms of their horticultural merits or demerits (hardiness, beauty, toxicity, invasiveness, etc.). However, if we explore how the locals have associated with those plants, I believe we can come to a richer and more nuanced understanding of those plants.



All-in-one Quiche

By Sonja Fallgater

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup biscuit mix
6 Tablespoons (3/4 stick) butter (room temperature)
3 eggs
pinch of salt
1 cup diced ham, bacon, etc.
2 green onions, chopped
1 4-ounce can sliced mushrooms, drained
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix first five ingredients in blender. Add meat to ungreased deep 9" or regular 10" pie dish and pour blended mixture on top. Top with onions, mushrooms, and cheese. Bake until top is golden, about 45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6.

Notes: Here is the recipe for the quiche that I brought to the last Master Gardener meeting. I got the recipe from my sister-in-law. Several people had asked me to have it included in the newsletter.

I doubled the recipe for the master gardener meeting and baked it a little longer. I usually use less butter.

Overnight French Toast Bake

By Lois Cox

Ingredients

1 loaf sourdough bread
8 eggs
2 cup milk
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
3/4 cup sugar
1 TB vanilla extract
Topping
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup butter cold, cut into pieces

Cut loaf into cubes and place evenly in a greased 9x13 pan.

In a bowl, mix together eggs, milk, heavy cream, sugar and vanilla. Pour evenly over bread. Cover your pan with Saran Wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Mix together flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl. Cut in butter with this mixture until crumbly and place in a Ziploc bag and refrigerate overnight as well.

Take pan and Ziploc out when ready to bake. Sprinkle crumbly mixture evenly over the bread.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes to 1 hour depending on how soft you like it.

Note: I purchased a sliced loaf of sourbread rather than getting a loaf from the bakery. It turned out to be more bread. I used a larger than 9x13 pan, increased the milk by 1 cup and the eggs by 2 or 3 (I used the extra large eggs so only used 2).

Then I added another 1/4 cup flour and brown sugar, 1/2 tsp more cinnamon, and another 1/4 cup butter.



Lois Cox (President) opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Logan (Treasurer). Beginning balance as February 28, 2022, is \$21,744.62. Income for the month \$40.00 for 2022 dues paid, \$35.00 miscellaneous donation, \$20.00 gloves sold, and \$17.00 patches sold for a total of \$112.00 Expenses were \$248.95 for Directories, \$268.60 for Greenhouse expenditures, \$30.00 Memorial Brick, and \$175.00 Demo Garden for a total of \$722.55. Cash Balance on March 31, 2022, was \$21,134.07, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$11,451.49 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$8,570.68.

Nancy Logan (Greenhouse) Plant sale report: \$11,421.41 Gross proceeds, \$135.00 gloves, and \$138.00 donations. Kudos to the Greenhouse workers! Nancy coordinated work from November through April.

Program Chair (Lois, Jeannie Kline, and Patty Cummings))- Melody Palm and Kandace Schloesser will present a program on Spinning with Plant Fibres. We will highlight other members in Membership Showcase programs in October.

Special Events/Garden Party (Lois, Jeannie Kline) there were 493 attendees, including sixty children at the Garden Party.

Donna Wright and Linda Dolezal (Education) A printed schedule for Saturday classes is available.) The May 21 program will be Composting 101 by Claren Kidd (outdoors), June 18 Roses by Cathy Bowden, and July 16 Fall Gardening by Courtney Dekalb-Myers. Earth Day is next Sunday from noon to 5:00 at Andrews Park and Cathy Bowden will be there with the Styrofoam Densifier.

Julie Johnson/Phyllis Blackwell (Special Projects) A suggestion was presented for members wishing to honour/remember a loved one to donate a bench for the demo gardens.

Judy Kautz (Public Relations) Items for the newsletter have been great contributions and she wants them to keep coming in. She would like to have more recipes submitted She boosted Facebook announcement of the garden party. There were Norman Transcript articles about it as well. Publicity for the Garden Party made a significant difference in the attendance.

Kathi Farley/Georjana Mauldin (Garden Committee) The garden crews rocked in preparing the gardens for the Garden Party and a special thank you went to Deborah, Carol, and Ruth. Judy Kautz donated transparent glass bowls and closed terrariums. Brittany Jordan and Rona Banks planted them. We had a Silent Auction for the items as a fundraiser.

Garden Tours—Lois said the Fair Board plans more events, and we can have tours on those days especially. We can also host community groups on Tuesday and Friday. We plan to invite groups like schools, senior centres, and Girl Scouts to tour the gardens. There should be a maximum of 20-30 attendees. Plant labels are needed in the gardens, so label requests should be sent to Courtney or Rahmona.



April Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Marilyn Solomon

Rahmona Thompson (Membership) She needs three additional mentors. Trainees should attend the State Master Gardener Conference June 16-17.

Evan Taylor (Home tours) He has enough volunteers signed up to host home garden tours on June 11 from 8:30 to 12:30, but he does need coordinating assistance. He needs a photographer on the day of the tour. Volunteers hosting the tours receive 3 hours of Service, and those members touring receive 3 hours Education.

Fundraising—Kathi Farley suggested Bingo games when we are not working in the gardens.

Ronna Banks, Cheri Copeland, and Cheryl Jones (Hospitality) The treats were great thanks to Sonya Fallgatter, Cheryl Jones, Kathy Whittle, Donna Parker, Fred Schneider (brought by Claren) Sherry Garner, Lois Cox, Judy Kautz and Marilyn Solomon.

Jr. Master Gardeners- Joan Barker is unable to chair this program because of her husband's illness. She has a committee of six. The library and girl scouts are showed interest in the program; however, the program is more involved than anticipated. There is a meeting next month after the regular meeting to determine if we want to continue involvement.

OLD BUSINESS: The best part of the kid's activities at the Garden Party was the Scavenger Hunts, and we had 155 prizes from Pam Barnes. The demonstrations were not so popular, but the weather could have been a contributing factor

NEW BUSINESS Committee meetings may be held after the regular meetings.

President's Comments: Lois said she will teach Cloud Computing tomorrow and plans to offer the computer classes after the gardening season—possible in January.

Dates to remember:

April 28—Ice Cream Social for Volunteers at Fairgrounds

May 21-Composting 101 presented by Claren Kidd

June 11- Home Tours

State Conference-June 16-17

A big thanks to Lois and Jeannie for a great Garden Party.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of March 31, 2022 is \$21,134.07. Income for the month is \$190 Gloves Sold; \$ 15 Meeting Donations; \$11,322.71 Garden Party Plant Sale; \$138 Garden Party Donations and \$90 Meeting Silent Auction for a total of \$11,755.71. Expenses were \$265.75 Greenhouse Supplies and \$211.30 Credit Card Fees for a total of \$477.05. Balance at April 30, 2022 is \$32,412.73, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$10,974.34 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,913.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$19,525.39.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*

Plant Sale Details

\$11,322.71 Gross Sales

(211.30) Credit Card Fees

(709.80) Sales Tax

(1,917.24) Greenhouse Supplies

(478.32) Purchased Plants (Estimate, not billed yet)

\$8006.05 Profit



Upcoming Events

Submitted by Elaine Dockray

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.

May 13, 1 – 2 PM: Guided Garden Explorer Tour. Myriad Gardens, OKC. Join the horticulture team for the FREE Guided Gardens Tour. Meet in the visitor center. We'll look at spring flowering perennials, shrubs, and trees that our staff look forward to each year. Also, we'll be discussing how we care for our spring bulbs to get our spectacular displays year after year. Stroller friendly, leashed dogs welcome

May 21, 9 AM – 3:30 PM: Will Rogers Gardens 32nd Annual Garden Festival. Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC. Features unique and everyday garden plants, garden decor and other garden items to purchase, plus friendly alpacas. Jamie Ashmore and Gwin Faulconer-Lippert from KTOK's "Garden Party" will broadcast live from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and be available to answer questions from festival visitors. Food trucks will be on site. A raffle of several garden-related gifts will take place sponsored by the Friends of Will Rogers Park Foundation. Sponsors: Oklahoma City Council of Garden Clubs and the Oklahoma City Parks Department

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June 10, 1 – 2 PM: Guided Garden Explorer Tour. Myriad Gardens, OKC. Join the horticulture team for the FREE Guided Gardens Tour. Meet in the visitor center. Stroller friendly, leashed dogs welcome

CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

At this **FREE** meeting

Composting

Saturday, May 21st

10:00 - 11:00



DO I REALLY WANT TO COMPOST?

Do I have enough space to compost? I have a really small space

Does it matter if it's located in the sun or shade?

Do I need to add water to my compost?

Exactly what do I need to start composting?

What will I need to construct a compost... Pile or Bins?

Will I learn different styles of composting such as?

What will the final product look like and how will I use it?

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: Do I really want to spend the time and effort to do all the work?

Alternatives to composting: Vermiculture (Worm bin)

Norman compost facility

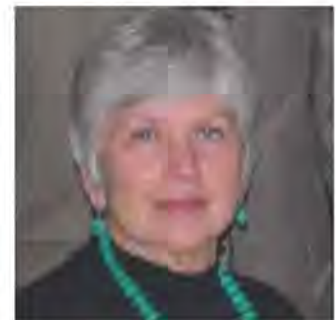
Location: Cleveland County Extension

Meeting Room C, Northwest corner of front building

601 East Robinson, Norman, Ok 73071



Presenter: Claren Kidd
Master Gardener



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Left, congratulations, Nancy, on the superb plant sale for our Garden Party. Your organization and attention to all the details made us successful in raising record profits, all to the benefit of our organization! Well done and thank you! Below, Mary Engel mans a booth at the Garden Party. More photos next month.



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