

Faraway Madagascar!

Judy Kautz, CCMGA President, presented the October program at our meeting. She spoke about her April trip to Madagascar and explained about the program she observed—building new schools and providing materials for children in Madagascar. She also showed photos of flora and fauna in the country.



Come to our Harvest Feast!

We will have no regular business meeting this month, but instead will host our annual Harvest Feast. We will celebrate and graduate our newest Master Gardeners and say thanks to all those in the local community who support our organization. Sign up for your potluck contributions with Donna Carter and come hungry! See you November 7 at 11:30 am.

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Are you keeping track of your hours? It will soon be time to submit your hours for service and education work this year. See more information on page 2.



President's Posting

By Judy Kautz

Dear Master Gardeners,

Are you grateful for Fall? We are blessed with lovely colors in the landscape, cozy fire-sides, and cool weather at last! I must say that super cold weather this time of year is unusual...we set some records in October for coolest highs! Unfortunately, 25 degree lows have totally destroyed my lovely garden plants! Can't wait until next year! Let's begin planning!

We are just about at the end of another year...I am so proud of all that you have done to educate the public, beautify our gardens, offer informative and interesting classes, feed the hungry with harvest donations from our demonstration garden, and all the other myriad activities in which you participate. You have represented our association well.

Our Harvest Feast is rapidly approaching. Make plans to attend this wonderful annual event, where we graduate our newest master gardeners and say thanks to all our supporters in the community. You can still sign up for potluck items with Donna Carter...we always need a variety of dishes. See you there!

Judy



Dues and Hours Records

By Nancy Logan

2020 Dues (\$20) and your record of 2019 Education & Service hours should be turned in to the treasurer no later than the January 10, 2020 general meeting. If you choose to enter your hours into the OSU computer system, you do not need to document your hours for the treasurer. All others should use the form at the back of your directory to submit your hours. Comparable computer forms will be accepted but bits and pieces of paper will not. Please read the definition of education and service hours on pages 22 & 23 of your directory to properly record your hours.

If you cannot attend the Harvest Feast, the December meeting or the January meeting you can turn in your hours and dues to Cherry in the extension office or mail them to Nancy Logan, 3200 Summit Bend, 73071. Dues received after January 10 may mean your name will not be included in the 2020 Directory.



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

The following educational opportunities are scheduled for November.

November 12, 6:30 PM, Landscaping for Birds, Classroom C, Courtney DeKalb

November 16, 10 AM, Shade Gardening, Classroom C, Rahmona Thompson



The Demo Garden is officially closed as of October 31st. We had a very productive year with around 400 pounds of produce donated. We had many "new to the garden" people who worked in the garden making it easier for all the rest of us.

For those of you who have gardens or those who want to have a garden bed, Kathi Farley will head the Garden Committee next year. Get ready to submit a garden budget probably in January for approval by the membership no later than March.

Our first garden workday will be March 3, 2020, weather permitting. See you in the garden!



Pumpkin Planters

By Barbara Mahoney Raffety



To plant fall flowers in a Pumpkin Pot, pick out a pumpkin or 3. Mums, pansies or marigolds work well or any fall flowers... Cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin, a bit larger than the plant container. A Poke saw or a drywall saw work well for this project. Clean out all of the guts and save for roasted pumpkin seeds, later. Fill the bottom of the empty pumpkin with potting soil, place plants inside and tuck additional soil around the sides. These will stay fresh for a couple days in the house or longer outside in the cooler air. But they certainly don't last forever, so compost when necessary.

For Roasted Pumpkin Seeds: Preheat the oven to 300*. Rinse seeds with water and remove any additional pieces of pulp. Toss a cup and a half of seeds in a bowl with 2 TBSP melted butter and salt. Season to taste: add any savory spices at this time, if you like. I sometimes add Tony's or chex-mix spices.

Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stirring occasionally.

Let cool completely and snack. Some split the seeds and eat only the nut inside, but some eat them shell and all.



Lost Pruning Shears

Lost in the Garden! Serena Norrell has missing bypass pruning shears. Someone in the garden borrowed them, but somehow they didn't get returned. They are Fiskars, black and orange in color. If you have seen them, please let Serena know so she can get them back. We all know how important our pruners are to our garden work!



Lineaus Gardens





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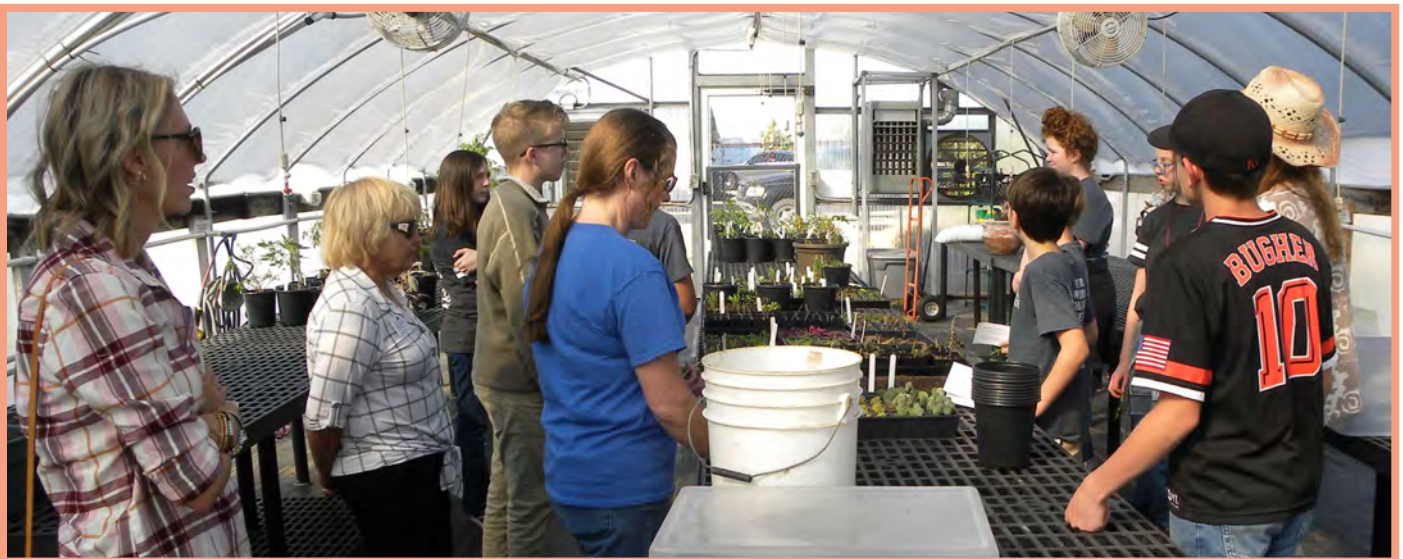
Tulsa Botanic Garden Tour







Students Tour the Garden



Mary Engel, Susan Aikman, Vicky Morris and Jim McDaniel had 10 Botany students and 2 teachers tour the gardens last week. They conducted mini classes on General gardening, Butterfly, Herb and Composting. What a great way to fulfill our horticulture mission of educating the public!

Thanks to Jim McDaniel for the great photos and article!





Dear CC Master Gardeners,

I have volunteered to write a series of articles for our newsletter introducing some of our newer MG Sprouts. Please indulge me by letting me start at home. My name is Barbara Mahoney Raffety. Although I have moved around quite a bit, I have been here in Zone 7a for 3 years this month. The toughest part of gardening for me right now is re-zoning myself to Oklahoma after living in CA, NM, CO and LA. Oh, and adjusting to the Oklahoma weather.

As a 3 year old, my neighbor let me adopt my very own tomato plant, and introduced me to vegetable gardening. I have been learning and growing ever since.

My property is home to 13 very mature Sycamore trees and two Chinese Pistaches. My early spring part-sun flower bed turns full shade by May. Learning the microclimates of my yard is a project. I also plan to rescue my veggie garden from the Bermuda infestation and camouflage my 200 feet of front chain link with vegetation.

Since retiring from teaching Art and Special Education, I have been working at Prairie Wind Nursery. I love that we plant seeds and take cuttings, and then they turn into plants - Pure satisfaction. I have had an opportunity to learn about culinary herbs, perennials, Oklahoma natives and butterfly hosts and nectar plants.

While I have successfully raised Monarch, Swallowtail and Gulf Fritterlary butterflies, I have never been successful with Cosmos.

Since taking the MG course in 2017, I have participated in two Garden. Parties, served as a TA for the MG course 2018 and 2019, taught community classes in herbs and succulents as well as working at the Extension desk, answering calls. My first call started with "my husband and I are having a fight. Maybe you can help." I thought it was a set up.

I am enjoying getting to know my fellow Master Gardeners, especially on our local home garden tour as well as our recent trip to Tulsa. I am truly looking forward to my continued participation in our club and continued friendships and learning.



Here are pictures & pointers I took away from Mariah Menzie's TreeWizard Tree Planting class. This Oct 19 class took place on a cool clear Saturday morning. To see the trees planted (a Bald Cypress, Desert Willow, & Tupelo) visit the Tree Wizard in Noble OK.

The potted Bald Cypress had several inches of mulch covering its root



flair and as Mariah released the Cypress roots from the pot, she found several girdling roots that needed removing. It seems harsh on the tree but as Mariah explained roots that wrap around the main root must be removed or the tree will strangle itself as girdling roots increase in size. Further, she cautioned that trees from the

nursery are often planted too deep in the pot and the root flair must be exposed to find the proper planting depth. Here Mariah is pointing out the proper exposure of root flair on this Bald Cypress. In addition, you can see mulch being applied about 10 inches away from the tree trunk.

As our instructor indicates, dig holes wide and not too deep as shown



in the picture. Here is the Desert Willow properly planted with root flair exposed.



Pumpkin, Raisin & Ginger Cookies

Master Cook

Ingredients

1 package Pumpkin Bread quick bread mix
1 egg
1/2 cup unsalted butter -- melted
1/2 cup cinnamon-flavored raisins
1/4 cup crystalized ginger -- chopped
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, combine quick bread mix, egg and melted butter. Add raisins and ginger and mix well (mixture will be somewhat dry). In a small bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon. Shape dough into 1 1/2" balls and roll in cinnamon sugar. Place 3 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake at 350 F. for about 12 minutes or un-

til the tops puff and crack slightly. Remove from cookie sheets. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about 20 cookies.

Yield: 10 servings

(I've substituted 3/4 to 1 c. white chocolate chips for the raisins and ginger. Semi-sweet chocolate chips would be good too! I've also substituted dried apple nuggets for the cinnamon raisins when I couldn't find them. Andy's second grade class flipped over the Pumpkin, Apple & Ginger Cookies! Some people have added nuts to this recipe. I think the crystalized ginger along with dried cranberries instead of the cinnamon raisins would be delicious. One half cup dried cranberries and one half cup white chocolate chips with perhaps some orange extract or orange peel would be heavenly too!)

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 109 Calories; 10g Fat (78.6% calories from fat); 1g Protein; 5g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 46mg Cholesterol; 8mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 0 Lean Meat; 2 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

NOTES: Pillsbury picked this recipe as one of the 100 finalists in the 50th Anniversary Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest! They direct mixing the raisins and ginger with the quick bread mix first and then adding the butter and egg and stirring until the dry particles are moistened. Pillsbury also suggested for BANANA RAISIN AND GINGER COOKIES, substitute Banana Bread quick bread mix. Going one step further and substituting 3/4 to 1 c. chocolate chips for the raisins and ginger in the Banana Cookies would be another delicious variation!



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

Since there was no meeting in September due to the fair, there were no Minutes to review.

Treasurer's Report: (Nancy Logan) Beginning balance Aug 25, 2019 \$24,150.53 and available balance as of Sep 25, 2019 is \$15,637.91. The full report in the newsletter stands as printed.

Garden Committee: Judy Kautz introduced a topic from the Executive Board Meeting. New plant markers are needed for the Demo Garden. Linda Wren's step-grandson made a prototype similar to some markers Nancy Logan purchased. He can make 700 markers with 50 of those being 6" longer than the other 650 for about \$3353.00. Marilyn Solomon made the motion to purchase the markers for an amount NTE \$3500. Phyllis Blackwell seconded the motion and it passed.

Garden Tours: (Laura Eckstein) She needs tour guides for the last Saturday of the month.

Program Committee Report: (Linda Wren) No report

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

October 15-Vicki Morris is sponsoring a class on Herbal Remedies and Lore

November 12- Landscaping for birds-Courtney Dekalb

November 16 – Shade Gardening- Rahmona Thompson

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson/Phyllis Blackwell. No Report)

Public Relations: (Jim McDaniel) Living Oklahoma on Fox 25 may be interested in interviewing in the gardens.

Membership: (Rahmona Thompson) No report.

Home Tours: Judy thanked all those opening their gardens for the tours.

Fundraising: (Brenda Williams/Linda Wren) No report.

Hospitality: (Cindy Mullens/Patty Hayes) They thanked Val Green, Rahmona Thompson, Rayge Johnson, Rick Ault, Judy Kautz, Fred Schneider, Tamoko Yashida, Helen Morrison and Courtney Meyers, for the delicious snacks.

August Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business

County Fair-Judy thanked everyone that worked the Fair. We had double the judges, so more people were needed. There will be a feedback meeting so people with any comments or suggestions should email them to Courtney.

New Business:

- Harvest Feast-Nov 7—Sign up sheet in back of room
- T-Shirts—A committee that includes new members has been established
- Christmas Party – We will not play Dirty Santa, but perhaps will have a food or toy drive. Email any suggestions to Judy, Cindy or Patty.

Courtney's Comments: Courtney gave a presentation on how to record service and education hours as written in our by-laws.

President's Comments: (Judy Kautz) Judy asked the new trainees/new Master Gardeners in attendance to stand. She thanked Susan Aikman for arranging the Tulsa tours.

Dates to Remember:

Harvest feast 2019 – Nov 7

Christmas Party/Potluck - Dec 13

Plant Party – Apr 18, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of August 25, 2019 is \$24,150.53. No income for September & October. Expense includes \$375 Demonstration Garden; \$520 OK Proven Books Ordered; \$81.86 Greenhouse supplies and \$2,000 Plant Label Stakes deposit for Total Expense of \$2,976.86. Balance at October 25, 2019 is \$21,173.67, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$6,444.76 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$591, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$14,137.91.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*

The Cleveland County
Master Gardener Association
and the
Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service
Invite you to join us
as we celebrate our annual

Harvest Feast

Thursday, November 7, 2019
11:30 am
at the Frye Auditorium
Cleveland County Fairgrounds

For potluck information contact
Donna Carter at dcarter56@icloud.com
or 405-222-7917





Upcoming Events

November 7 – 11:30 AM: Harvest Feast!

November 13, 6 - 7 PM: Indoor Gardening with Houseplants, Will Rogers Gardens 3400 NW 36th St. Oklahoma City. Now that winter is approaching, you can learn to bring the garden indoors with the November Wednesday@Will program on Indoor Gardening with Houseplants. Houseplants are more popular than ever, and this fun evening will teach you about choosing and caring for plants that will grow indoors. The right plant in the right place is a rule that applies inside the house, too! The free program will present information on lighting requirements, feeding, humidity and lots more.

November 16, 10 AM – Noon: Pollinator Prairie Establishment Workshop, Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden. Join Oklahoma County Conservation District & Oklahoma City Zoo for a workshop on urban pollinator prairie establishment. We'll explore different land preparation techniques, learn to take a soil sample and a water infiltration rate, plus introduce native pollinator-friendly seed and native grass hay into our future pollinator prairie. To RSVP, please contact Oklahoma County Conservation District at 405-415-4602 or oklahomaccd@conservation.ok.gov (Limited to the first 20 registrants).

November 16, 9:30 – 11 AM: Autumn Garden Tour, Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St. Oklahoma City. Go for a stroll through the Gardens and see what is growing, flowering, resting, or holding onto its fruit late into November.

November 16, 10 AM – Noon: Dried Flower Wreaths, Commonwealth Urban Farms, 3310 N. Ollie, Oklahoma City. Back by popular demand! Learn to create beautiful wreaths from dried flowers and greens. Edith has an uncommon talent for combining dried flowers and foliage with visually intricate and elegant results. Plus, they smell great! Using plants grown at Commonwealth, Edith will walk participants through the steps of making a wreath of their own to enjoy for months to come. Instructor: Edith Siemens is a retired horticulturist who has turned her yard into a wonderland for butterflies, other pollinators, and the people who love them. Cost \$15.

November 19, 6:30 PM: Flower Garden Planning, Myriad Gardens, Garden Classroom. Prepare to fill your home with beautiful flowers this upcoming year! Learn about the easiest flowers to grow in OKC. Also, discover how to design and prepare your garden bed, discuss seeds vs. transplants, annuals vs. perennials, and explore the benefits of trellising and succession planting. Register by November 15 at Myriad Gardens website. Members \$14, Nonmembers \$19.

December 2 – 8, Noon – 4:30 PM: OKC Beautiful Poinsettia Sale, 3535 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK. Help OKC Beautiful raise money for its Annual Service Scholarship and give back to a deserving teen! The scholarship will be awarded at an Annual Luncheon to a high school senior who shows leadership in the area of environmental stewardship. There is an ambitious goal to sell 750 poinsettias this year. They are red poinsettias that come in 8 inch pots wrapped in decorative foil selling for \$20 each.

December 7, 8 AM - Noon: Christmas Plants, Will Rogers Gardens 3400 NW 36th St. Oklahoma City. Add to the holiday atmosphere in your home by learning how to care for Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti and how to force bulbs. Presented by the Oklahoma Gardeners' Association.

December 13, 10:00 AM: CCMGA Christmas Gathering, Classroom

Odds & Ends

Left, a Golden Orb spider has taken up residence in front of my husband's shop door. Isn't he beautiful?

Below, at the October meeting another gorgeous table arrangement from our hospitality wizards, Cindy Mullens and Patty Hayes. Submitted by Judy Kautz



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