

# The Weeders' Digest

## Congratulations to Our New Master Gardeners!



Congratulations to our new graduates from the classes of 2019 and 2020! We celebrated with them at the Harvest Feast on November 4th and we are so proud of their many accomplishments! More photos from the Harvest Feast are located on pages 10—11.



## A Party in December ....

We will not have our usual meeting and speaker in December, but will celebrate the season with a potluck and party instead! Join us on December 15 as we gather in the Frye Auditorium for feasting and festivities. We will also have an Ugly Sweatshirt/Sweater contest. Since the season is about giving, we will bring pantry items to donate to the Food and Shelter Inc. in Norman. The social begins at 10 am, Ugly Sweater contest at 10:30 and potluck at 11! Don't miss this most wonderful time of the year! The flyer announcing the party is on page 16.

### Listening Session

Join the upcoming listening session November 16th at 1:30 pm in Classroom A. Be sure to register with Courtney to indicate you are attending. This is an exciting opportunity to shape our future!

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## President's Posting

*By Joan Barker*

Congratulations to our 2020 and 2019 graduates who received their certifications during the Harvest Feast on November 4, 2021. Congratulations also to our 2021 graduates.

Delicious food and awesome people made this a festive event. We are thankful for all our volunteers and community partners during these challenging times. A special thanks to Lois Cox and Nancy Logan for organizing the Harvest Feast. The recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards for 2020 and 2021 were Joan Barker and Kathy Farley. Kathy and I are both truly humbled and thankful for the awards.

*Joan*



## Time to Submit Dues and Hours

Dues of \$20 for 2022 and hours for 2021 must be provided to Nancy Logan by January 19th, our January meeting. You can pay at the extension office, by mail, or directly to Nancy at our December or January meetings. Your education and service hours can be emailed or mailed to Nancy. If you record your hours online, those hours will be provided to Nancy from the system so no action is required on your part. Remember that if you do not pay your dues or submit your hours on time, you will not be included in the 2022 CCMGA Directory.



## Treasurer's Report

*By Nancy Logan*

Beginning balance as of September 30, 2021 is \$22,191.82. Income for the month is \$34 Meeting Plant Donation and \$50 Gloves Sold for total of \$84.00. Expenses include \$1000 Scholarship 2022-2033; \$35.82 Maintenance/Repair Keys & Locks and \$633.38 Greenhouse Supplies 2022 Sale for total of \$1,669.20. Balance at October 31, 2021 is \$20,606.62, less budgeted expenses not yet reimbursed of \$10,904.16 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$1,112.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$8,590.46.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Workdays for our Demo Garden ended at the end of October with a great potluck on Tuesday to end it right. Yum!

Some have requested to keep working! Love it! You can continue as long as you come with a partner. There are no set days so, please, put your days on Teamup in case others would like to join you (like me!)

If you need to see how a garden is put to bed for the winter... come check it out. When you need/want to leave being a bedhead or assistant for your demo garden bed, let me and Georgiana Mauldin know. This gives us time to find your replacement before the garden gets totally out of control.

*Note: We are delighted that Kathi Farley has agreed to stay on as our Demonstration Garden Coordinator! Thank you, Kathi!*



## Photo Booth

By Marilyn Solomon

Here are some of the beautiful flowers in Marilyn's garden: below left, Fall Hollyhock and below right berries from the Carolina Buckthorn.







## Photo Booth

Right, **Kay Holder** says, "ONE to-mato plant climbing out of the cage onto the red coral bean plant." Far right, **Rick Ault** shares this gorgeous sunflower from his garden.



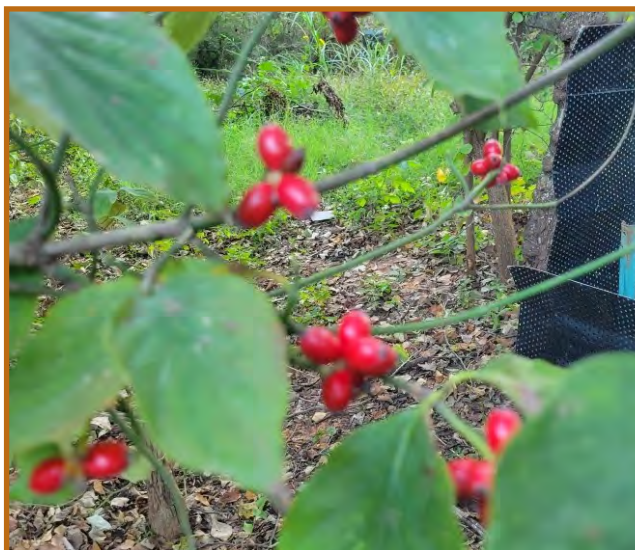
Left, **Valerie Green** reports, "There is a Japanese maple behind the pineapple sage. This sage reseeded itself from last year and is about a foot taller! Courtney wasn't kidding about fertile clay soil." Below, **Vada Edwards** captures Mexican Taragon—sunshine in an autumn garden!







Clockwise beginning with top left, Dogwood berries, asters and a random rose, jade plant, Dogwood berries, and a basket of begonias.







## Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

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

### NOVEMBER FEATURED GARDEN - SERENDIPITY AND HUMMINGBIRD BED

#### SERENDIPITY BED

In the beginning there was Mary Engel! She helped me (Georjana Mauldin) to get assigned to the Serendipity Bed. This photo is of her with her head down picking weeds in 2016. All the vegetation was so small back then. You might remember there was a pink and purple children's bike "planted" there with a basket of flowers spilling out of it. I've used that as a jumping-off point -- the inspiration. The garden for me is about ... how to utilize an already estab-



lished garden with limited space, but it is given new life each year with garden art. I've also had help from Janelle Miller. She has added some of her whimsy to the garden. And also, help from Karen Driscoll. She has always been ready, willing, and able to help keep the grass and weeds at bay. We four -- Mary, Janelle, Karen, and me -- can often be found in deep confab under the cover of the pergola there.



The Serendipity Garden grew into a very lush garden, until the 2020 ice storm, Siberian Freeze, and multiple hailstorms. Most of the beautiful bushes died and have been removed. It looks so barren now. But don't lose hope, things are a-

changing. Mariah Menzie has offered to install a Pear Espalier trellis garden to replace the missing bushes. It will be a great learning experience for all of us and for the public. We will be able to show how to grow fruit trees in a small area, like a backyard! This new addition fits with the Demo Garden mission - to teach!

Serendipity Garden photos were taken in 2019 during its heyday



#### HUMMINGBIRD -- the RED BED

The long bed, as we refer to it, is near the Serendipity Bed and next to the fence. It has been part of the Monarch Way Station. It now has been cleared of all overgrown and evasive plants. My hope is to plant mostly red plants to draw in Hummingbirds. There are plans to add some rock art to the bed too. Four trellises have been added to grow vines that Hummingbirds desire. It is all in the very beginning stages.

If you work in the Demo Garden or just there for a visit, please stop over and take a peek. See what is new and changing. Life in the Demo Garden is good!



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### FLORA, YES - BUT WHAT ABOUT FAUNA?

(This segment is to feature the animal life that is found in the Demonstration Garden)

HEAR YE HEAR YE, NEWS FLACH: 10+ LIVES SAVED IN THE DEMO GARDEN - FILM AT 11pm. Lives saved include: two Milk Snails and several Gulf Fritillary Caterpillars

#### SNAILS

In late October, amongst all the butterflies and bees flying around enjoying pollinating our flowers in the south-west corner of the Demo Garden, Janelle Miller found a very large snail. I have a Biologist friend, that I thought might be interested in the find.



I took it over to Dr. Liz Bergey, Professor, Department of Biology, OU. She identified it as a Milk Snail, the first of its kind found in Oklahoma! Since then, a second one has been found in another county, and the third one was found by Jennie Kline in the Square-Foot Garden!! We will now be in the record books in perpetuity.

Dr Bergey said of the first Milk Snail, "The shell is 1.18 inches across. The snail is in the family Polygyridae. These, like most land snails, are hermaphrodite, so have both sexes." It is not a species from central Oklahoma. She further said, "Its *Otala lactea*, and its common name is Milk Snail. It can be a pet, evidently - and is edible. It is native to the western Mediterranean (Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Algeria). It's been introduced into several SE USA states, and another Biologist has seen it in Texas. It may be a new Oklahoma record - although it's really not a record if there is only one (now there are 3), which likely came in on a nursery

plant from Texas."

This find prompted Dr. Bergey to visit the Serendipity Garden one day. She found 8 different types of snails.

Dr Bergey's notes:

Demonstration garden list from Georjana's plot on 22 October 2021  
(the milk snails were collected at other times)

1. *Otala lactea* (milk snail). Non-native. Native to Mediterranean. Introduced into SE states, including Texas. This one is a new state record!!!! The two from the Demonstration Garden are named 'coffee' and 'cream'. The color patterns vary a lot within this species.
2. *Mesodon thyroides* (white-lip globe) Native, though also common in plant nurseries, so it's unsure where urban ones came from (they may have arrived on plants).
3. *Bradybaena similaris* (Asian trampoline). Not native. Native to SE Asia. This cutie has a brown stripe running around the outside of the shell.
4. *Triodopsis hopetonensis* (magnolia threetooth). Native E of the Mississippi. A common urban snail in Oklahoma.
5. *Linisia texasiana* (Texas lipetooth). Considered somewhat rare nationally, but apparently, they don't know that they are common in yards.
6. *Polygyra cereolus* (southern flatcoil). Native or a recent expansion of range. Found in SE USA
7. *Strobilops texasiana* (southern pinecone snail). Native. Tiny
8. *Hawaii minuscula* (minute gem snail). Native. Really tiny

Liz Bergey; Biologist, Oklahoma Biological Survey; Professor, Department of Biology





## Demonstration Garden Diaries *By Georjana Mauldin*

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### Snails (continued)

#### ARE SNAILS GOOD OR BAD FOR YOUR GARDEN?

Well, too many snails might be troublesome, but lots of plants can survive with a few snails nibbling on them. But what good are they? Yes, they will eat living plants, but also will eat dead and decaying plants. This helps keep your garden tidy, speeds up the decaying process, and (like tiny compost makers) they help your plants to thrive. They also will eat insects and their eggs, which helps keep other pests down in your garden. Snails are snacked on by birds, providing birds a nice source of calcium in their diet. Snails help to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY!!

### CATERPILLERS

Also in October, I noticed my tiny sprout of a Passion Vine (thank you Rahmona Thompson for the little start) was almost completely devoured by caterpillars. Lots of caterpillars. More caterpillars than the plant could feed. I thought - "Kay Holladay's Butterfly Garden also had Passion Vines." So, I brought this to Kay's attention, and she was in agreement that they needed to be moved to her garden. She knew they were Gulf Fritillary caterpillars. We didn't want them to starve. It was a quite a sight to see several Master Gardeners gingerly transporting the little delicate babes to her bed. We felt that this shows our gardens are a success. Caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies.

#### Butterflies of Oklahoma

Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*)

Wingspan: 2 1/2 - 3 3/4 inches (6.3 - 9.5 cm).

Identification: Upperside bright orange with black markings; 3 black-encircled white dots on forewing leading edge. Underside brown; forewing with orange at base; both wings with elongated, iridescent silver spots.

Life history: Males patrol for females, who lay eggs on many parts of the host plant. Caterpillars feed on most parts of the host. Adults overwinter in the south.

Flight: Throughout the year in south Florida and South Texas, January-November in the north. Number of broods has not been determined.

Caterpillar hosts: Various species of passion-vine including maypops (*Passiflora incarnata*) and running pop (*P. foetida*).

Adult food: Nectar from lantana, shepherd's needle, cordias, composites, and others.

Habitat: Pastures, open fields, second-growth subtropical forest and edges, city gardens.

Range: South America north through Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies to the southern United States. Wanders north to the central United States; rare northward.

Conservation: Not usually of concern.

The Nature Conservancy Global Rank: G5 - Demonstrably secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.

Management needs: Cultivate host plants.

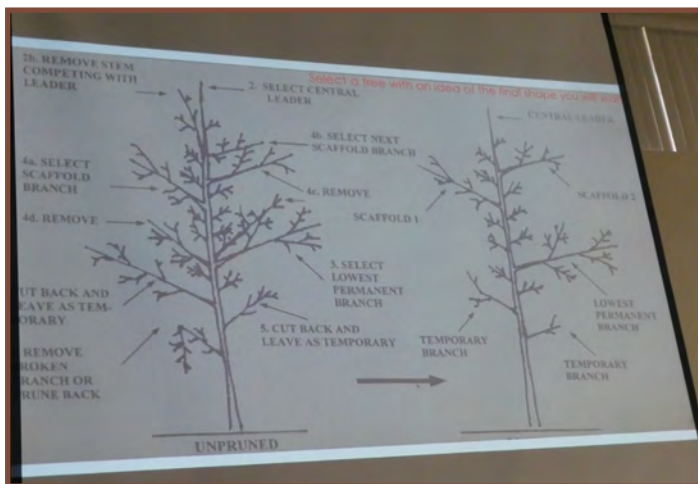


"Butterflies of Oklahoma -- *Agraulis vanillae*" <http://www.abirdshome.com/resource/ok/45.htm>





## October Meeting



Mariah Menzie of Tree Wizard presented an interesting program on tree damage from our storms this last year for our October meeting.



## Distinguished Master Gardeners for 2020 and 2021!

Congratulations to Joan Barker (below left) and Kathi Farley (below right) on their selection as Distinguished Master Gardeners for 2020 and 2021 respectively. Joan served as President of CCMGA for 2 very difficult pandemic years, and Kathi worked miracles in the Demonstration Gardens. CCMGA is a better organization thanks to the efforts of these two superb ladies!







## Harvest Feast Photos







## Harvest Feast Photos—Our Graduates!



Congratulations to our graduates from 2019 and 2020! Left to right, top to bottom, Ronna Banks, Sheri Copeland, Linda Dolezal, Sherry Garner, Cheryl Jones, Richard Lowrance, Jerry and Florence Mowdy, Janice Oak, Karen Ann Ramsbacher, Linda Snook, and Evan Taylor.





Book Title: THE \$64 TOMATO: "How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden"

Author: William Alexander

2007 Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill

**Warning: Adult Language is used occasionally to illustrate some humorous points**

The author, Bill, and his wife, Anne and their 2 children moved from Yonkers NY to a charming small town in the Hudson River Valley. They bought a historic fixer-upper house on 3 acres and the author decided to become a "gentleman farmer".

His day job was a Data Systems Director and his wife had just finished her residency as a Family Physician. She would set up her practice in the small town and he would commute to his present job.

After their struggles and successes and compromises in rehabbing the house, they started to dream of their future garden. They would grow their own food and flowers, have an orchard, a meadow, a swimming pool and a haven for their children to connect with nature.

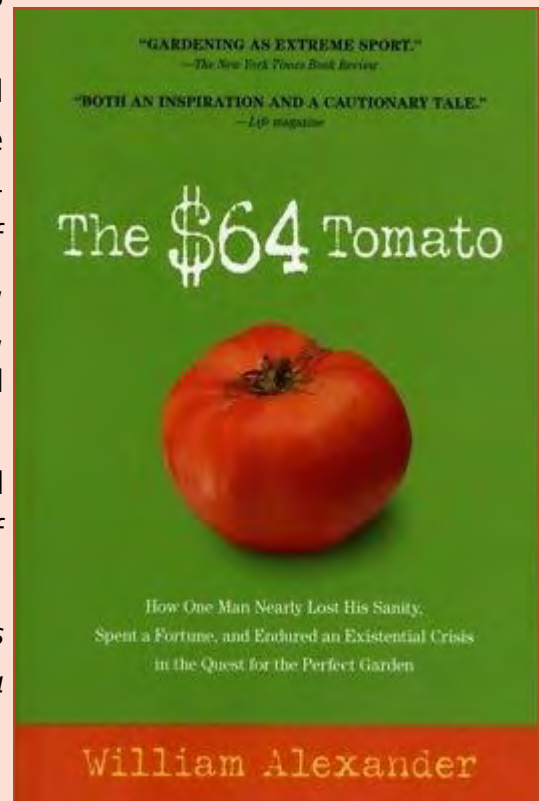
His children had no interest in the work involved with gardening but did enjoy the produce. The plan for them to develop a love of gardening was not to be, but he was not deterred. His wife liked growing flowers so one of the beds was reserved for her hobby.

Bill was then in charge of making the garden happen on 3 sloping acres of (pottery-quality) clay and weeds.

His adventures in finding contractors, some of whom could do the work, some of whom disappeared after seeing the project, was very relatable to me. He made disastrous situations hilarious; whether in underestimating the scope of building terraced beds and bringing in new soil to fill them, his battles with hungry deer and other animals, webworms, diseases, the weather, etc. he becomes more determined (and obsessed).

I think many gardeners could identify with this "quest" and be reassured that they are not the most extreme example of this "affliction"

*NB: There are 2 parts that I had a hard time reading. One was about a woodchuck called "Superchuck" and another about a possum that did not have a happy ending.*







## ASTERS

The lovely purple asters in the Demo Garden are eye-catching, as are the aromatic asters in my gardens. With so many plants dying back right now, the sight of these abundant flowers brightens my days. Asters belong to the sunflower family and has over 600 species of which only 180 are recognised today as true asters. Aster plant varieties offer a variety of blooms, colors and sizes. There are two main types of asters—the New England and New York—but many cultivars of the plant. All are hardy to USDA zones 4 to 8. Most thrive in temperate to cool season climates.

Both the New England and New York asters are native to North America and thrive in a wide range of growing conditions. New England aster has full, plump blooms and thick, woody stems while New York

asters are also known as Michaelmas daisies and bloom in fall while New York asters are known to bloom in summer. Among these are classifications such as heath, aromatic, smooth, caliciflorus, and wood. Sizes range from 1 to 6 feet in height (30 cm.- 2 m.), with New England varieties the tallest. Height, bloom colour and bloom time are all defining factors when choosing asters. Most bloom late in summer to early fall. Here are just 32 different varieties: Ada Ballard, Audrey, Barr's Coombe Violet, Fellow-Grinder, Harrington's



KICKIN Carmin Red, KICKIN lilac Blue, KICKIN Pink Chiffon, Little Carlow, Lou Williams, Monch, Nanus, Ochtenglören, October Skies, Pink Victor, Prof Anton, Purple Cloud, Purple Dome, Rosa Erfullung, Royal Ruby, Sapphire, September Ruby, Snow Flurry, Violet King, Violetta, Wood's Pink and Wood's Purple.

For best results, plant asters in fertile soil in a sunny position which drains well but which does not bake too hard in summer. Some tall cultivars may need some type of support. One should cut back the dead stems in March. To propagate, lift, divide and replant the rootstock in autumn or spring. This should be done every three years or sooner (oops, I have not done this) to maintain vigour and to ensure free flowering. Good luck with your asters.



## The Best Peanut Butter Cookies

### Ingredients

1 egg  
1 cup of natural  
peanut butter (Not  
regular Jif etc.)  
1 cup of sugar

Blend ingredients together.

Spoon out onto parchment paper  
covered cookie sheet.

Bake for 6-8 minutes at 375.

Let cool and eat.

*Note: Rick brought these to our garden potluck and they were delicious!*

## Honey Lime Rainbow Fruit Salad

By Georjana Mauldin

### Ingredients

1 lb fresh strawberries, chopped  
1 lb chopped fresh pineapple,  
12 oz fresh blueberries  
12 oz red grapes, sliced into  
halves  
4 kiwis, peeled and chopped  
3 mandarin oranges\*  
2 bananas, sliced (optional)

### Honey Lime Dressing

1/4 cup honey  
2 tsp lime zest (zest of 2 medium limes)  
1 1/2 Tbsp fresh lime juice

Add all fruit to a large mixing bowl.

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together they honey, lime zest and lime juice.

Pour over fruit and toss to evenly coat, serve immediately\*\*.

10 servings; Prep 20 minutes; Ready in: 20 minutes

### Notes

\*1 (15 oz) can mandarin oranges in juice or light syrup, drained well).

\*\*Fruit can be chopped 1 day in advance (except banana) and dressing can be made 1 day in advance and kept separate and chilled, toss together just before serving.





## Tuna Chowder With Corn and Cheese

### Ingredients

2 cups water  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 medium potatoes (peeled and diced)  
1/2 cup carrots (diced)  
1/2 cup celery (chopped)  
1/2 cup onion (chopped)  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup flour  
2 cups milk  
3 cups Cheddar cheese (sharp, shredded)  
1 can/7 ounces tuna (drained and flaked)  
1 can/8 ounces corn (cream-style)  
Few drops Tabasco sauce  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Garnish: chopped green onions or parsley

Put water and about 1 teaspoon of salt into a large saucepan.

Add the diced potatoes, carrots, celery and chopped onion.

Cover and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat and simmer for about 10 minutes; remove from heat and set aside.

Melt the butter in a small stock pot.

Blend in the flour and stir until smooth.

Gradually add the milk, stirring constantly. Continue cooking, stirring constantly, un-

til the sauce is smooth and thickened.

Add the cheddar cheese and stir until it's melted.

Add the cooked vegetables with their liquid, the tuna, corn, and Tabasco to taste and continue cooking until the chowder is piping hot.

Add salt and pepper to taste and serve garnished with green onions or parsley, if desired.

Prep: 15 mins; Cook: 40 mins; Total: 55 mins; Servings: 6 servings



*Cleveland County Master Gardeners Association  
Invites you to our*

***ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY MEETING***

**December 15, 2021**

**Social Time Starts at 10:00 a.m.**

**Meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Ugly Sweater Judging at 10:45 a.m.**

**Potluck at 11:00 a.m.**

*(bring your favorite dish!)*

**This year we will hold an Ugly Holiday Sweater/Sweatshirt Contest.  
Only first prize will be awarded. Everyone is welcome to participate!**

**We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for  
Food & Shelter, Inc., Norman, OK.**

**If you would like to participate, please see below for suggestions. \*  
(Of course, cash donations for Food & Shelter will also be appreciated!)**

- \* *Boxed items: pasta, cereal, crackers,  
Peanut butter, Canned soup, beans,  
tuna, chicken, ravioli, Canned vegetables***





## October Meeting Minutes

By Marilyn Solomon

Joan Barker (President) introduced Joseph Stupps, the new Program Assistant/Administration Support person, and then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joan reminded the members that the Harvest Feast will be on November 4 with Lois Cox managing it.

Nancy Logan (Treasurer). The account balance as of 8/31/21 was \$24,078.76 with no income. Expenses were \$1886.94 for mainly mowing, leaving a cash balance of \$22,191.82. The Demo Garden unspent budgeted amount is \$12,573.36 with \$1112.00 budgeted for greenhouse maintenance leaving available excess of \$8,506.46 on September 30.

Nancy Logan (Greenhouse) Workers will clean the greenhouse tomorrow and there are two additional volunteers. The recent hail damaged the greenhouse covering, and the insurance company approved repairs. American Plant Products will give us the cost and do the work.

Jo Ann Dysart (Program Committee) Michele Landenback from the City of Norman Water Department will be our guest speaker in January.

Julie Johnson (Special Projects) She ordered a commemorative brick for Helen Morrison for the Memorial Pathway.

Judy Kautz (Public Relations) The 17-page newsletter went out today, and she thanked everyone for all the great garden photos.

Kathi Farley (Garden Committee) Joan gave Kathi's report. The 30-days of Caring made a difference in our gardens. Georgiana will be assisting Kathi next year to recruit new bed heads. Garden work ends in October and there will be a potluck on October 26. We are attempting to obtain a small greenhouse and video the erecting of it for education.

(Fundraising) April 16, 2022 is the date for our Garden Party/Sales.

Rahmona Thompson (Membership) The 16 students take their final exams in two weeks. They will begin working the desk in January. She needs sixteen volunteers to monitor each student their first hour at the desk

Cindy Mullins and Patty Hayes (Hospitality) They thanked Rahmona Thompson, Cathy Bowden, Linda Reed, Scott Woods, Sherry Garner, Fred Schneider, Evan Taylor, and Mary Engel for the delicious meeting snacks.

OLD BUSINESS: Cathy Bowden said the first Styrofoam densifier event will be at the Moore Library on Saturday October 23.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Claren Kidd announced that she has gloves for sale which make good stocking stuffers.

Celeste Stonecipher is giving away three sets of DragonFly yard ornaments.

Fred Schneider provided information about the Seed-Savers Exchange and said they have 13,876 unique varieties of vegetable seeds.

Courtney Dekalb-Meyers (Horticulturist) Courtney requested that everyone read their emails for details about the Distinguished Service Award. She plans to form a task force to help manage the desk duties. There will be a Lake Thunderbird clean-up day on October 31.

Joan Barker (President's Comments) Joan said that when people pick up poinsettias at OSU Norman Meals on Wheels on December 2, we would like to have an information booth setup and needs two volunteers from 8-5. Members may earn Service hours. A group that is applying for a grant for a community garden may contact CCM-GA for advice. Joan has volunteered to help with the new Junior Master Gardener program.

There will be no monthly meeting in November, and we will have our annual Harvest Feast instead on November 4.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Marilyn Solomon*



**November 13, 11 AM – Noon: Create a Pollinator Overwintering Habitat.** Commonwealth Urban Farms, 1016 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> St, OKC. When the leaves and temperatures begin to drop, many pollinators are looking for a place to spend the winter and it could be right in your own garden. Most pollinators prefer to stay at home and ride out the cold. The availability of nesting and overwintering habitat is very important in providing shelter and food for beneficial insects. We will construct a natural habitat at the pollinator rain garden and explore ways you can provide nesting and overwintering habitat in your own yard.

Instructor: Jody Lesch, Garden School coordinator and resident “Bug Lady.”

\$10 per workshop, \$15 per couple/pair, unless otherwise noted. Or volunteer on a Saturday morning and get in free!

**November 19, 10 – 11 M: Putting Your Garden to Bed.** Myriad Gardens, South Lobby and Garden Grounds. Member \$3; Nonmember \$5. Register by Tuesday, November 16. November is the time to prepare your garden for the colder winter months so it looks its best and returns in the spring in the best shape possible. Our horticulture staff will talk through what they’re doing in the garden at this time and will discuss what is and isn’t getting cut back. They’ll also discuss adding mulch for cold protection, removing and composting annuals, and other best practices.

**November 20, 9 – 11:30 AM: Autumn Garden Tour.** Will Rogers Park Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St., OKC. Event ID: 41694

Let's go for a stroll through the Gardens and see what is growing, flowering, resting, or holding onto its fruit late into November.

**December 7, 10 AM: Wreath Making Class.** Cleveland County Extension Classroom A. Taught by Donna Wright and Courtney DeKalb-Myers. Limit 15.





This is a photo of plants in my prairie garden. What is unique is the pink muhly grass on the left which was passed onto me by Theresa January 3 years ago. I thought it hadn't survived until I saw the lovely blooms waving in the sunlight. The grass in the middle is zebra grass, which has doubled in size in 2 years. The flowers on the right are rain lilies, which I thought were dead, but which bloomed gloriously after an inch of rain fell in the yard. It amazes me how forgotten plants soldier on with God's sunshine and rain, and surprise us at the best time!

Submitted by Judy Kautz

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