



Are You Ready for Cold Weather?



Hopefully after our October presentation by Judy Kautz, Class of 2007, you know how to prepare your gardens and landscapes for the upcoming winter. Judy told us how to take care of vegetables as well as plants, and even threw in a special Fall decorating section of ways to make your yard and porch more festive for this special season!

November Meeting

Excitement abounds as we approach our upcoming Harvest Feast! Not only do we get to graduate our Master Gardener interns, but we get to congratulate our Distinguished Master Gardener for 2023. And to top it off, we get to have a wonderful meal of homemade goodies created by our wonderful Master Gardener cooks. If you are decorating, show up at 10 am. If you have food to heat, show up at 10:30, and all others, bring your food at 11 am. You can pay your dues for next year at this meeting too!

Time to Pay Dues!

Dues of \$30 will be taken at Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb meetings. Also, now is the time to gather your Education and Volunteer hours to maintain your certification as a master gardener.

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President's Posting

By Jeannie Kline

Hello, Friends!

Well, we experienced the first frost in our area this week and our Demo Garden year is nearly over. Our last day and potluck are November the 7th. It has been a good year with much progress made in the garden. The Greenhouse is up and running and already half full of plants. The committee is so excited for the 2024 Garden Party. It is going to be our best ever! The Master Gardener class of 2023 finished classes on the 27th and will be working on their hours as interns. They are a great class and we are excited to have them with us. Congratulations to the class of 2022, who have completed their hours. They will receive their certificates and become official Master Gardeners at our Harvest Feast on November 9th. We will also be presenting the Distinguished Service Award to one of our members. It is a great time for fellowship. You don't want to miss it! The meal starts at noon and if you are bringing food, please have it there by 11:15 to 11:30. Please keep in mind our Christmas party December 20th and our ugly sweater contest. Be sure to come to the flower arranging class December 2nd where we will be making a Christmas themed arrangement. And don't forget to order your poinsettias from the Meals on Wheels Holiday Marketplace. They can be picked up on November 30th. They are beautiful plants and the sale helps support the Norman Meals on Wheels. *Jeannie*



Community Education Committee *By Donna Wright & Linda Dolezal*

Don't miss the November 18th class on how to avoid plant disease in the garden. It will be taught by Sara Wallace, Plant Diagnostician, and the class will be held at the Extension, Classroom C, at 10 am. This will serve as education hours for anyone needing to fill those in before the end of the year. See the flyer on page 3. Megan Griffin from Posh Pearl will return on December 2nd to instruct us on making beautiful tablescapes for our holiday table. Meagan will provide what we need, unless you have beautiful holly you would like to share! The class is limited to 25 people and the cost will be \$20. The deadline to pay and sign up is November 22. Hope you join the fun Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00-11:00 am at the "Well", downstairs classroom. See the flyer on page 4.

CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

At this **FREE** meeting

How to avoid plant disease in the garden

**Saturday, November 18th
10:00-11:00**



Sara grew up in Virginia and had parents who did not garden. However, her neighbor planted tulips in the fall (by the thousands) and taught her how to forage for wild blackberries to make cobblers. Sara was a Paramedic in Alexandria, VA before getting married and having kids. While visiting her (gardening Grandma) in the hospital, she was encouraged to grow plants and given a Park Seed magazine. This love of plants grew from herbs growing in a container to a Community Supported Agriculture. This led to horticulture classes at Tulsa Community College, working with community gardens in Tulsa, and moving to Stillwater to continue her horticulture degree at OSU. She then got a master's in Entomology and Plant Pathology. She worked for a year at ODAFF and now is your second plant diagnostician for the state. She comes to us from the Plant Disease and Insect Diagnostic Lab at OSU.

**Location: Cleveland County Extension
Meeting Room C, Northwest corner of front building
601 East Robinson, Norman, OK 73071**



**Presenter:
Sarah Wallace
PDIDL Plant Diagnostician**



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GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

At this meeting

Holiday Table Arrangements

Saturday, December 2nd

10:00-11:00



Megan will return on December 2nd to instruct us on making beautiful tablescapes for our holiday table. Megan will provide what we need, unless you have beautiful holly you would like to share! The class is limited to 25 people and the cost will be \$20 so sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited.

**Location: The Well, Downstairs Classroom
210 James Garner Ave., Norman, OK 73069**



Presenter: Megan Griffin
Posh Pearl



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The Last official workday in the garden will be Friday, November 10th. As we monitor the rest of November, we sometimes have some really nice weather days. There will be no workday scheduled, but watch your emails for special workdays.

We still have a couple of gardens that need a bedhead. They are fairly small and do not require weekly work on them.

Keys! If you have given up your position in the garden and have a key, they need to be turned in to Nancy Logan. We are running low on them and have needs. All Master Gardeners...please check to make sure you don't have a key laying around at home.

Read your Newsletter and emails. That is our primary way to communicate with you. You will miss information by bypassing these two things!



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of September 30, 2023 is \$35,300.32. Income was \$75 Gloves Sold; \$10 Meeting Donations; \$10 Old T-Shirts Sold and \$50 Fair Judging Stipend for Total income of \$145.00. Expenses were \$200 Greenhouse Repairs; \$870.73 Demo Garden Expenses; \$182.45 Greenhouse Supplies; \$88.31 Hospitality Supplies and \$2,000 2024-25 Horticulture Scholarships for Total expenses of \$3,341.49. Balance at October 31, 2023 is \$32,103.83, less budgeted expenses, not yet reimbursed, of \$4,431.81 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$2,797.10, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$24,874.92.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*

Reimbursements for demonstration garden expenses need to be requested before December 31, 2023. Please submit the CCMGA Reimbursement Form (located on our website or request from treasurer) and original receipts to Nancy Logan, 2803 24th Ave NW Apt 2126 73069, or deliver to the greenhouse Thursday mornings from 9-noon, or leave at the Extension office.

2024 Dues of \$30 will be collected at the Harvest Feast, the December, January and February meetings, or can be left at the Extension office.

7. Bob Lindeblad Garden

by Rahmona Thompson

Get ready for some al fresco bliss. This garden brings the comforts and style of the inside to the outside and adds nature and fresh air to it. Garden design has never been better. The expansive patio is a standout. Built for entertaining, it has many amenities, lush plants and a custom-built, trough-shaped firepit for gathering around. Need fresh veggies and herbs for dinner? The raised-bed kitchen garden is just a few feet away. A “Great Wall of Bamboo” artfully screens the patio from the neighbors.

There’s no closed-in feeling in this backyard. The patio looks out onto a large, spacious lawn surrounded by countless hydrangeas and hostas. Plus, there’s a cool, soothing shade garden to escape the heat (and get ideas for combining and layering shade-loving plants). You’ll also see a lot of orange and blue scattered throughout the landscape because they are Bob’s favorite colors.



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by *Rahmona Thompson*



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October Meeting Minutes

By Loreen Upton

President, Jeannie Kline opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Report listed below. Our 2024 dues are due. Please contact Nancy Logan. The dues are \$30.00. Volunteer hours are also due by our 2024 February meeting. More information will follow.

Greenhouse committee, Nancy Logan. Planning is in the process for our 2024 plant sale. We will Greenhouse report, Nancy Logan. There are 6 benches full of plants for the 2024 plant sale. Some will need pruning and replanting. Extra workdays have been scheduled for 10-24-23 and 10-31-23. The shade cloth needs to be removed.

Program committee, Patty Cummings. Our Harvest Feast to scheduled for 11-9-23. The Christmas party will be held on 12-20-23. The committee is currently planning events for 2024. More information will follow.

Education committee. Our meeting for 11-18-23 will include a discussion topic on "How to Avoid Plant Diseases." Our 12-2-23 class will be a flower arranging class. The date for the poinsettia distribution will be 11-30-23. There will be an information table on how to care for poinsettias.

Garden Party, Lois Cox-Marshall. We might have to move some of the children's educational activities inside in the event of bad weather. Dates to set up for the 2024 Garden Party and Plant Sale is set for 4-19-23 and 4-20-23. There is a need for all MGers and interns to help or as many as are able. Please mark your calendar. We are considering inviting a group of Afghan immigrant families to join our Junior Master Gardeners when we schedule our class on basic gardening to help them learn about gardening in Oklahoma.

Membership, Rayge Johnson. Thank you to all who have volunteered to open the Demonstration Garden gate at noon on Fridays to allow our new students to tour the garden. Volunteers are also welcome to attend the class.

Hospitality, Sherry Garner. Food for the Harvest Feast need to be delivered by 11:00 on 11-9-23. Please sign up to bring food or to help.

Farmers Market, Claren Kidd.

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the information table at the Famers Market this season. A special thanks to Joan Barker for all her help. It has been a very successful year.

Styrofoam, Cathy Bowen. Thank you so very much to all who have helped with a tremendously successful year for the Styrofoam project. Our program is growing and gaining recognition. Your effort has brought results beyond any expectation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Loreen Upton, Secretary*



Photo Booth



Left, several families enjoyed building a "Faerie Garden" during the Saturday Community Ed class by Brittany Jordan. Above, Joseph shows his amazing birthday cake!

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