

The Weeders' Digest

Fall Means County Fair!

The Cleveland County Fair depends on CCM-GA members for horticulture—accepting entries, assisting judges, providing general assistance and giving directions. Well done to all those who assisted in all these activities at the fair. Your efforts were invaluable to the



smooth running of things hort! Great work! More pics on pg 8. *Photo above includes Laura Eckstein and Vada Edwards processing entries for vegetables.*

At the October meeting...

Judy Kautz will present a slideshow on the trip she took to Madagascar in April. Judy is a member of Zonta International, a service organization that works to empower women and improve their lives. They have a project in Madagascar which Judy evaluated during her stay. She also managed to capture some wonderful photos of local flora and fauna. The meeting begins at 10am but come at 9:30 for snacks and conversation. Don't miss the bat brownies!

Oklahoma Proven books are in. If you ordered one, be sure to stop by the Extension Office and pick yours up. They are wonderful!

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President's Posting

By Judy Kautz

October Greetings,

What a busy first week of October we had! Home garden tours, delayed one week, took place on Oct 1st, and we had a lovely day! Many thanks to Terry Hull, who organized the event and offered her own garden to tour, and to Molly Monaghan, Ben Swagerty and Julia Linger, who gave us amazing insight into four very different gardens. We all came away with some new ideas!

Our next activity included tours of Tulsa Botanic Garden and Linnaeus Garden on Oct 3rd, arranged by Susan Aikman. Again, we had fabulous weather and both the gardens were beautiful. It was interesting to see how much the Children's Garden has changed since 2016 when we visited. Thank you, Susan, for making all the arrangements!

We rounded out the week with the Tri-County Learning Lab hosted by Oklahoma County Master Gardeners. We saw presentations on African Violets and Amaryllis, as well as preparing our pots to come indoors or in the garage. We also had a tour of the Will Rogers Gardens. Attendees to all these events amassed a bunch of education hours!

Our Harvest Feast is rapidly approaching...don't you love this time of year? All the beauty of the landscape, the cool days, the yummy food? We will be signing up for food and set-up/clean-up for the feast at the October meeting. 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.

See you Friday!

Judy



Demo Garden Tours

By Laura Eckstein



October is the last month that the garden will be open for this year. I will need three or four volunteers for the Saturdays in October. I want to thank all of the people who have come out and made this a very successful season. I appreciate all you do.

Many thanks to Jim McDaniel who took this photo Oct 5. There were over 100 people who toured the garden that day!



Education Update

By Kathi Farley

October 9, 6:30 PM, Houseplants, Classroom C, Courtney DeKalb

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

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



Well, we have made it to October. Hopefully the temperatures will be for a normal October. The Demo Garden has been looking very good, with lots of bees and other pollinators swarming around.

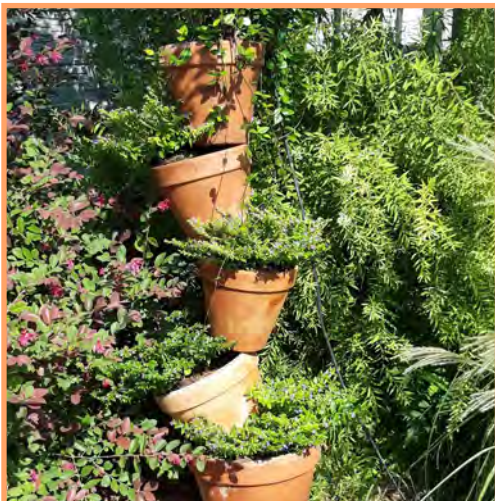
We now have someone to take over the Container Garden section for next year! If you have a desire to get involved in the garden, let me or Kathl Farley (next year's Garden Chair) know.

We have, as of September 17, donated 375 pounds of food to the food bank. Great job gardeners!

We have been looking at some new sign posts for the plants in the garden and have a recommendation on our choice. They will be much easier to see than the ones we now have. We will present the idea to you at the October meeting!

The garden officially closes on October 29th. Come on out and help close it down and eat potluck with us. See you in the garden.

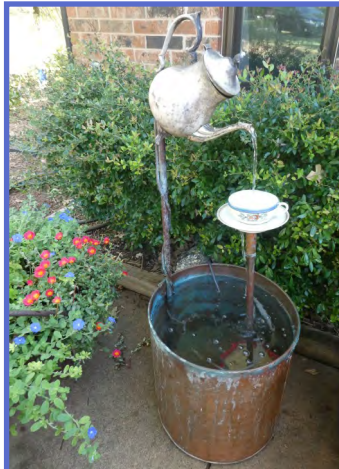
Photos below feature Georjana Mauldin's Serendipity Garden. Janelle Miller helped her with it, and has picked up fun items at thrift stores. Also, Jody has been a great asset helping to install irrigation to each pot.





Home Gardens - Terry Hull





Home Gardens Molly Monaghan





Home Gardens Ben Swagerty





Home Gardens Julia Linger







Photos on left submitted by Vada Edwards—her zinnias and sunflowers finally bloomed!

Photos below submitted by Lois Cox of her incredibly beautiful back yard!

Photo Booth





Jalapeno Tartar Sauce

Master Cook

Ingredients

1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons dill pickle relish
2 scallions -- minced
1 tablespoons drained capers
1 jalapeno -- seeded and minced
1 teaspoon dried dill

Place all ingredients in a bowl and whisk together. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. (Can transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate for up to 1 week.)

Yield: 1 cup

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 1593 Calories; 187g Fat (98.4% calories from fat); 3g Protein; 4g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 77mg Cholesterol; 1258mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 Vegetable; 16 Fat.

NOTES: This is SO good, it's drinkable.

Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies

Judy Kautz

Ingredients

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1-1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1-1/2 cups quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 cup canned 100% pure pumpkin (not pie filling)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat baking sheets with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar, then add eggs, pumpkin, and vanilla, blending well. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves; add to the pumpkin mixture and mix well. Mix in the oats, coconut, and walnuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes.
Makes 5 dozen cookies.





Upcoming Events

October 5, 9 AM – 2 PM: GardenFest, Mum Sale and Pumpkin Palooza, OSU Botanic Garden, Stillwater, OK. Join us in the garden for an educational and festive day of presentations, guided tours, children's activities, Monarch tagging, food and music. GardenFest also kicks off our famous Mum sale!

October 11, 10 AM: CCMGA meeting, Classroom.

October 12, 1 – 3 PM: Pollinator Prairie Land Preparation - Work & Learn, Will Rogers Gardens 3400 NW 36th St. Oklahoma City. Join Oklahoma County Conservation District & OKC Parks for a two-part workshop series on urban pollinator prairie establishment at Will Rogers Garden. In this first workshop, learn different techniques to prepare your land for native pollinator plants in the landscape. We will be utilizing different methods to control existing vegetation to make room for a diversity of new native pollinator-friendly plants. To RSVP, please contact the Oklahoma County Conservation District at 405-415-4602 or oklahomaccd@conservation.ok.gov (Limited to the first 20 registrants). Additional Info: -Please dress comfortably for the weather, and wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Please bring a reusable water bottle. There will be a water cooler for refilling. -All the necessary tools will be provided. Feel free to bring your own work gloves if you have them.

October 19, 12:30 PM: Fall Plant Exchange, Tuttle Library, 305 W Main St, Tuttle, Oklahoma. Do you have perennials or houseplants that need to be divided? Interested in sharing some seeds? Are you up to your eyeballs in irises or drowning in daylilies? The Tuttle Library is hosting a Fall Plant Exchange for gardeners who would like to introduce a little variety into their horticulture. Gardeners can bring any seeds, bulbs, tubers, cuttings, or divided plants to the library to swap. Plants can be brought in paper or plastic bags, and seeds may be divided into small portions and placed in Ziploc bags. Participants are also welcome to donate any unwanted plants, bulbs, and seeds without taking home a swap item. Plants must be free of disease and pests.

October 26, 1 PM: Thought Leader Series with Benjamin Vogt, Ph.D.: Repairie Suburbia: Creating a Drought Tolerant & Low Maintenance Pollinator Garden. Myriad Botanical Garden, Park House Event Center. FREE admission thanks to SqueezeEveryDrop.com. FREE, REGISTRATION NEEDED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE. Learn how to find the right native plants for your landscape, strategies to design a space that is functional as well as beautiful year-round, and a season-by-season guide on management to keep pollinators and neighbors happy. We will cover a plethora of resources and specific plants, construct a sample plan, and explore successful examples of urban lawn-to-prairie conversions that avoid city weed control. Pre-registration encouraged, but not required at myriadgardens.org. In addition, local landscape architect, Connie Scothorn will be on-hand signing copies of her new book, *Oklahoma Plants: A Guide to Designing Landscapes to Attract Birds & Butterflies*. Benjamin Vogt is the owner of the prairie-inspired design firm Monarch Gardens and for five years wrote an award-winning column for Houzz that had over 3 million readers. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska and is the author of *A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future*. He speaks nationally on sustainable landscape design and environmental philosophy. Benjamin is an Oklahoma native now living in Lincoln, Nebraska with his wife and son.



Left to right, Marilyn Solomon, Judy Kautz, and Courtney DeKalb enjoyed lunch at Bedlam Barbeque after the Tri-County Learning Lab hosted by OK County on Oct 4. Lunch was followed by a tour of Will Rogers.

Extension Office Closures for Winter Quarter:

- Oct 14 Columbus Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 28 & 29 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday



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