

# The Weeders' Digest

## All About Drip Irrigation!

Our own Jim McDaniel presented a detailed description of everything needed to install a drip system. Jim demonstrated different pieces of hardware and offered tips and tricks, and especially hazards involved in installing your own system. It was a real education for everyone!

*Right, Jim McDaniel explains the intricacies of installing drip systems in your garden.*



## Come to the Cleveland County Fair!

Come and see all the wonderful displays of veggies and fruits, and crafts and animals at this free fair! We will also be offering tours in our demonstration gardens! Thanks to all our CCMGA members who are volunteering to check in items for judging and serve in other capacities! It's going to be a great weekend! Don't miss it!



### Don't Miss It!

Don't miss seeing our demo gardens during this fall season. They are absolutely stunning this time of year!

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On August 26th, Laura Eckstein and I represented the CCMGA at the OSU Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Award Ceremony. Since 2014 the CCMGA has donated a scholarship to be awarded at this Ceremony. This year's recipient of our scholarship was Jacob Cheatham. Jacob is a wonderful young man with a lot of ambition. He thought it was really cool that he would be in our newsletter. A photo of us is at left along with his thank you letter.

On a not so good note; sometime between Aug 11th and Aug 14th our Demonstration Garden was robbed. They cut the fence and stole many valuable items using our large yellow wagon and a wheelbarrow to haul it off. Judy Kautz wrote a Norman Transcript article on Sunday August 27th, "Thieves in the Night", detailing the theft; it is included in this newsletter.

On a better note, we are looking forward to the Cleveland County Fair September 7-10. Master Gardeners will be working the Horticulture exhibit taking entries on the 6th. It's always fun and interesting to see what our neighbors grow. I would like to thank all the Master Gardeners who volunteered to work the exhibit, and guide our many visitors through our beautiful Demonstration Garden.

Jeanne Parker

I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient for the Cleveland County Master Gardener Association Scholarship. The scholarship will be a huge help for me as I continue my educational career at Oklahoma State University.

I am originally from Carrollton, Texas where I worked for my grandfather, an OSU alumnus, for his horticultural consulting business. I am excited for the opportunities that this unique experience will continue to provide for me throughout my college experience.

This fall I will start my senior year in the Public Horticulture program with an option in Urban Horticulture at the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources. I plan on finishing my undergraduate degree and eventually pursuing my masters degree in horticulture in order to become a horticultural/landscape consultant. This summer, I will be completing a Horticulture Internship at the Dallas Arboretum. I am a member and the treasurer of The Navigators, a non-denominational Christian campus ministry, and I mentor students younger than myself. As I look to the future, I get excited about all of the opportunities will have to bring joy to people by connecting them better to the landscape around them. My experiences here at OSU have greatly contributed to that dream, and I am very thankful for people like you who are willing to support me in this journey.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to me and my educational future.

Sincerely,

Jacob Cheatham



## Education Updates

By Kathi Farley

Here are upcoming classes being offered:

- ♦ September 23, 10 AM: Photography in the Garden, Classroom C, presented by Judy Kautz
- ♦ October 21, 10 AM: House Plants & Moving your Plants Indoors for Winter, Classroom C, presented by Cathy Bowden



## PR Prattle

By Judy Kautz

**CCMGA Cookbooks** are still available...cost is \$10. Copies have been placed in the Extension office and can be picked up there. Don't forget to pick up the correction sheet that you can place in your cookbooks.

**Garden Tours:** Thanks to all who continue to volunteer to be tour guides at our demonstration garden on Saturdays. We appreciate you!



The Demo Garden plants continue to look really, really good. The weather has been kind enough to rain – in August – in Oklahoma!! Pretty amazing wasn't it? We hope to have things looking spiffy for the visitors during the County Fair. I cannot say enough about the hard working crew of volunteers who pull weeds, plant, prune, etc., hope those monthly potlucks are some reward for all the work.

However not all the garden news is good this month. It is sad to have to report that some garden beds do not look as nice as they did before we were robbed. The garden fence was cut and someone used our own cart and wheelbarrow to remove two benches and numerous small statues and decorative objects (they kept the cart & wheelbarrow). So sad to have that happen.



## Fall Garden Tours

By Terry Hull

The CCMGA Fall Garden Tour will be on Thursday, September 28, 2017. In the event of inclement weather, the tour will be on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Garden tours are an opportunity for shared learning, a way to show support for our members' gardening efforts and generosity in opening their gardens to us, a chance to commune outdoors while getting to know our brother and sister gardeners, and a fun way to obtain continuing education and service credits toward annual master gardener certification.



## Photo Booth



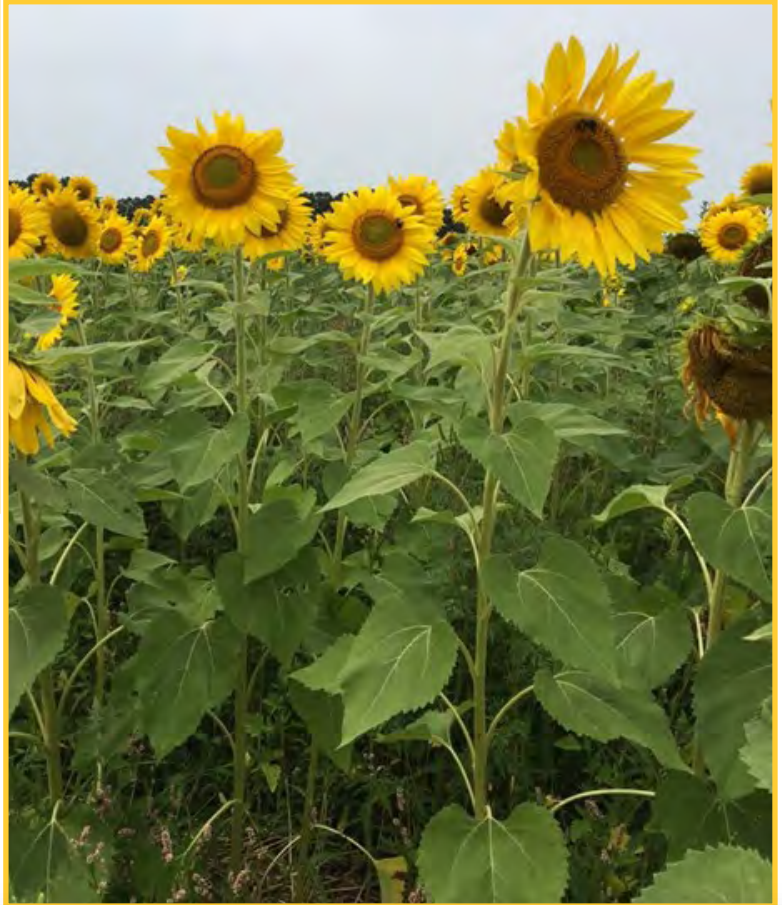
**Above left,** Kathy Kelley says, "My Summerific Hibiscus had an explosion of blooms just in time for the 4th of July (Actually it bloomed like this on 7/3/17). Most amount of blooms I've ever had on this bush in front of my house. Wonderful surprise, but I knew it was going to explode at any time when I saw all the buds getting ready to bloom. Has anyone else had a bush like this with this many or maybe more blooms?"

**Above right,** Vada Edwards snapped this photo of the sun shining through the leaves during the eclipse!





Photos from the Wisconsin Sunflower Festival outside Madison on August 20, 2017. Absolutely stunning!



Do you have photos you would like to share of your yard or garden? If so, please submit them to Elaine Dockray at [elaine.dockray@cox.net](mailto:elaine.dockray@cox.net) for inclusion in a future newsletter. Thanks!





## Thieves in the Night

By Judy Kautz

*(This article appeared in the Norman Transcript Sep 3, 2017)* Cleveland County Master Gardeners maintain a Demonstration and Teaching Garden at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, just west of the large gravel parking lot. The garden was established in 2000 with just three beds and has grown considerably since that time – today there are 42 beds in the garden! Its purpose is to aid in community awareness of sound horticultural practices and help our community members to be more successful with their gardening ventures. The gardens are open from April to the end of October and master gardeners offer tours of the gardens on Saturday mornings from 9 am until noon, and from 9 am until 3 pm during the Cleveland County Fair.

Each bed in the garden has a caretaker – a master gardener who plans and plants the bed each year, and who tends the bed during the growing season. This group of gardeners, the garden committee, works in the garden on Tuesday mornings, weeding and nurturing the plants in their beds with lots of tender loving care. They often purchase or bring items from home to decorate their beds, all for the delight of those who visit the garden.

Two weeks ago when the gardeners showed up for their work day in the gardens, they found a hole cut in the fence at one corner of the garden. They began a search through their beds to see if anything was missing. Much to their dismay, thieves had stolen several valuable items, many of them decorative objects donated by the gardeners themselves. The gardeners were stunned, as this had never happened before in the history of the demonstration gardens!

Items stolen included all the pink wrought iron furniture from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness bed. The carved stone eagle that graced the red, white and blue Veteran's Honor Bed is also missing, as is the garden bench with stars on the back that sat between these two beds. Not satisfied with simply taking the eagle, these robbers also trampled the white petunias blooming around the eagle's perch!

The imaginative Serendipity Garden is missing its gazing ball and stand, as well as the whimsical cat and dog planters that delighted the children who visited this bed. They took the stone pagoda from the newest garden, the Zen garden, and you can no longer sit in the Sit Beside the Containers bed because the thieves stole its bench. These robbers also took several items which are vital to the maintenance of the gardens – a garden wagon, a wheel barrow and garden hoses!

Needless to say, these thefts are devastating to the gardeners who lovingly tend the demonstration gardens. We all feel violated and angry, and, unfortunately, we have little hope of recovering any of these items. They are most likely for sale in a flea market or garage sale somewhere. However, we will press on with restoring our beds and replacing the maintenance tools, because we want to ensure our gardens will continue to educate and delight the community members who will visit during the next few months.





# New Student Luncheon









Our speaker was Jim McDaniel, a Master Gardener from the 2001 class. His topic was "Setting up and Repairing Irrigation Systems"

After the speaker a short break was taken and we then proceeded to the business portion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Jeanne Parker. She led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. There were corrections in last month's minutes. Theresa January pointed out that the leaders of the Herb bed were Sherry Burnett and Vicky Morris. After the corrections the minutes were accepted.

There will be no General Meeting next month because of the County Fair. 15 people are needed for the fair on the 6th and 7th. A question was asked about a Fairy Garden category and this year there is one. On page 50 are the categories for Horticulture.

The newsletter went out this week. Oklahoma Gardening filmed in the garden and Judy Kautz and Thressa Giudice spoke with them about the garden. They had a drone that flew over the garden and the Fairy Garden. They will film again at the end of August. They will show Pat Welty's Vermiculture and Tracey Payton Miller's projects. No word when the episode will air. A week from Saturday we will present our scholarship to a student at OSU. Not many Master Gardener groups give scholarships. The scholarship is for \$1,000.

Donna Carter will be working on the Harvest Feast in November. She will pass a volunteer sheet at October's meeting.

The class picnic went well. A neighbor of Nancy Logan donated several house plants and they will be given away as door prizes.

Members of the new class were recognized. Alice Humphrey reminded members that the T-shirt sales were not a fund raiser.

Treasurer Report: (Nancy Logan) Cash balance ending 6/25 was \$19,136.80. Funds available for the 2017 budget were \$14,881.39.

### **Committees:**

Community Education (Kathi Farley, Carol Craig, and Joan Kemmet Greenleaf): On August 26 Pat Hadre will present a class in the garden on "Seed Collecting" Judy Kautz will present "Photography in the Garden" on September 23 in the classroom. There will be a tour of member's gardens on September 28. We will be viewing the gardens of Kathi Farley, Brenda Williams, and Linda Wren. Directions will follow. A back-up rain day is Oct 5. On 10/21 Cathy Bowden will present "Moving Plants Indoors and Care of Houseplants".

Demonstration Garden (Theresa January): The garden is beautiful and flooded. The Saturday tour may have to be canceled. More people are needed on Tuesday to work in the garden. Even with no email, there will be work in the garden, unless there are heavy rains. The refrigerator in the pergola is out so if anyone has one to donate it would be appreciated. The garden committee is looking into replacing the trash cans throughout the garden. The old ones are looking worn. Volunteers will be needed for tours all day Friday and Saturday during the fair. Nancy is giving up leadership of the Native Oklahoma Plants garden and is looking for a committee of 4 people to take leadership of the bed. Rick Ault will assume leadership of the large Oklahoma Proven garden in the spring.



## August Meeting Minutes (continued)

Greenhouse: (Nancy Logan) There will be a cleanup day at the end of October. Nancy will send an email with the date.

Hospitality (Cindy Mullins, Patty Hayes): The members that brought food for our break were recognized and thanked. Volunteers will be needed for January.

Membership (Georjana Mauldin): Georjana discussed mentorship. She would like to have a member at the student classes to mentor. There is a list of classes and if there is a topic you are interested in you could mentor on that day. You will receive Education hours for attending. We need members for the desk on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Sign-up sheets are available.

Newsletter: (Elaine Dockray) The newsletter is out. Elaine is always looking for new contributors. Please send pictures, articles of interest or recipes.

Public Relations (Judy Kautz): Judy is looking for a new project. She could possibly redo the cookbook if there was interest. She still has patches for \$3.00.

Programming: (Linda Wren, Brenda Williams): Linda is working on our speaker for October and a fall field trip.

Special Projects (Julie Johnson, Phyllis Blackwell, and Joan Barker): We still have visors for \$3.00.

Fundraising: (Alice Humphrey, Brenda Williams, Linda Wren) \$170.00 was made for the 5 plants raffled off during the picnic. A donation box will be placed in the garden. Having a flea market was discussed and it was decided to have it in the spring, possibly in March. It was decided that the fall was the wrong time. We will continue to use Colonel Dick as a venue for our flea market. A suggestion was to have a wine and cheese event in the garden but that would have to be discussed with Tracey first.

Theresa January thanked those who attended the fall vegetable class she presented. She has two necklaces for sale that were made to match our t-shirts. Claren Kidd announced that we are on the last of the 28 boxes of books and those not sold today will go to Half Price Books. A group of people from Cathy Bowden's church are going to Quail Springs Mall to view, "An Inconvenient Sequel". Please contact her if interested. The donated plants were given as door prizes.

Meeting was adjourned by Jeanne Parker.

Respectfully submitted, *Vada Edwards*



### Treasurer's Report

*By Nancy Logan*

Beginning balance as of July 25, 2017, is \$18,586.16. Income includes \$50 Cookbooks Sold; \$4 Garden Tomato Cages Sold; \$3 Visor; \$50 Gloves; \$20 Door Prize Donation; \$109 T-Shirt Jewelry Profit and \$176 New Class Picnic Raffle for Total Income of \$412.00. Expense includes \$625.24 Demo Garden; \$90.23 New Class Picnic Food & Deco; \$23.56 Speaker Visual Aides and \$175.51 Paper Goods & Coffee for Total Expense of \$914.54. Balance at August 25, 2017 is \$18,083.62, less remaining budgeted expenses of \$2,790.23, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$15,293.39.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



### Corn Casserole

By Judy Kautz

#### Ingredients

1 (15 oz) can whole kernel corn, drained  
1 (15 oz) can cream-style corn  
1 package Jiffy corn muffin mix (8 oz.)  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese or your favorite kind

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients, minus the cheese, together and pour into a greased baking dish.



After the casserole has baked for 45 minutes, or is set in the middle and golden brown,

sprinkle with cheddar and put it back in the oven. Let the cheese melt, take the casserole out and enjoy this ridiculously buttery dish.

### Arroz Verde (Rice)

*Santa Fe School of Cooking*

#### Ingredients

1/2 c. tightly packed fresh cilantro  
1 poblano chili, roasted, peeled, and seeded  
3/4 c. water or chicken stock  
1 t. salt  
2 T. olive oil  
1 c. long grain rice  
1/2 c. minced onion  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
3/4 c. chicken broth

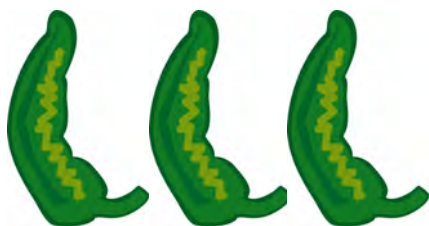
Place the cilantro, chili, water or stock and salt in blender and puree until well combined. Set aside.

In a heavy pot over medium heat, add the olive oil and rice. Stir the rice until the grains turn opaque and begin to turn a light beige, about 5 minutes. Add the onion and cook, stirring for 1 minute. Add the garlic and continue stirring for 1 minute more. Add the chicken broth and the green mixture from the blender, stirring well to combine.

Bring the rice to a boil. Cover the pot and reduce the heat to very low. Cook for 25 minutes. Remove the cover, stir

the rice and cook 5 minutes more. Remove the pot from the heat, cover rice with a paper towel and replace the lid. Allow the rice to steam for 10 minutes.

Note: This recipe was featured in a cooking class at the school...it is absolutely delicious and so easy!



We will try to feature seasonal recipes and many of your own recipes in the Recipe Box through the year. Send us your recipes at [rdsefd@aol.com](mailto:rdsefd@aol.com).





## Upcoming Events

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**September 7 – 10, Cleveland County Free Fair:** Cleveland County Fairgrounds

**September 9, 8 AM – 2 PM, Fall Daylily and Plant Sale:** Will Rogers Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, OKC. Sponsored by the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society.

**September 9, 9 AM - 3 PM and 9 PM – 11 PM, Water Garden Society of Oklahoma Public Tour.** The Tour Guide will be for sale at participating garden centers, pond and fish suppliers, and at each pon location throughout the tour for \$5.00.

**September 10, 1 PM – 6 PM, Water Garden Society of Oklahoma Public Tour.** The Tour Guide will be for sale at participating garden centers, pond and fish suppliers, and at each pon location throughout the tour for \$5.00.

**September 13, 6 PM, Container Gardening:** Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street. Sponsored by Oklahoma County Master Gardeners. No registration required; free.

**September 23, OKC Zoo MONARCH MADNESS 5k and 1 Mile Fun Walk:** Run 5k so they can fly 4,000k! The Oklahoma City Zoo invites you to run 5k (or walk 1 mile) in the Monarch Madness 5k. The officially timed course simulates the Monarch butterfly's epic 4,000k migration from Canada to Mexico for winter. Every 1,000 meters, runners will encounter themed water stops with the finish line at the entrance to the OKC Zoo. All participants will receive a tech t-shirt, timed bib number, a finisher medal and FREE general admission into the Zoo which hosts the annual Monarch Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with art, gardening and other butterfly related booths and activities. All net proceeds go towards Monarch butterfly conservation programs here in Oklahoma. Registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for kids. Visit our website: <http://www.okczoo.org> Once on this page, visitors could then click through to your registration page.

**October 6, 10 AM – 4:45 PM, FIRST FRIDAY GARDEN TOURS:** OKC Zoo Park. Botanical Garden tours featuring the Zoo's 10,000-square-foot Water Conservation Garden are scheduled for the first Friday of each month through October starting at 10 a.m. Garden tours will meet in the Global Plaza near the Guest Services office at 10 a.m. before proceeding on the tour. Tours are free with paid Zoo admission.

**October 13, 10 am: CCMGA Meeting.** Cleveland County Extension Office, Classroom C.

**October 21, 9:30 AM – noon, Fall Bulb Workshop and Bulb Sale:** Will Rogers Gardens - Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, (NW 36th & I-44), Oklahoma City. Workshop keynote speaker - Schroeder Wilson. Bulb sale will be before and after the workshop. --- FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC---

**November 9, 11:30 AM, Harvest Feast:** Frye Auditorium

## Upcoming Extension office holiday closures:

Oct 9: Columbus Day

Nov 10: Veterans Day

Nov 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 25 & 26: Christmas Holiday



# August Meeting

## MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

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