



Plant Propagation Now!

Bill Farris of Prairie Wind Nursery was our speaker at the October CCMGA meeting. He spoke about seed and plant propagation. Mr Farris has been very generous to CCMGA, donating plants for our demo garden and giving us a great discount for our plant sales.



At our November Meeting...

In place of our regular meeting, we will enjoy our Harvest Feast on Thursday, November 10th at 11:30 am. Come and help us thank our community contributors as we all enjoy a sumptuous meal. We will also welcome our new Master Gardeners!

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Once again we approach our annual Harvest Feast. I hope you will plan to attend. Not only will we enjoy another great meal together, we will acknowledge the great support that others have provided our Association throughout the past year. Importantly, we congratulate and award those members of the last class who have completed their hours and greet them as fellow Master Gardeners!

Fred



Condolences

It is with deep sadness we inform you of the passing of Bud Hightree's wife, Marge. We offer our sincere condolences to Bud and his family. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers .



PR Prattle

By Judy Kautz

Doorhangers are still available for you to distribute in your neighborhood or local businesses who have lovely fall displays. Tell them how much you appreciate their efforts to make our environment beautiful!

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 those who volunteered to be tour guides in the garden this year. We entertained and educated many visitors to our Demonstration and Teaching Garden and it was exceptionally beautiful throughout the season! Thank you!

Patches: We still have patches for your attire. They are \$3 each and will also be available at the meeting.



The last Demo Garden tours were on October 29 and it has been a very good year. So very many beds were really beautiful and the vegetable beds were productive. Master Gardeners have donated 460 pounds of produce as of 10/25/16. The Dreamcatcher bed only has plantings on the outside areas left to be completed and looks lovely. The Ethnobotanical beds have been getting a face lift with decorative objects and painted symbols attached to the fence. The baton has been passed to new caretakers for the large Oklahoma Proven bed, the Xeriscape, the Serendipity, and the Ethnobotanical beds. We were blessed to have had the years of work by Darlene Cagle, Patty Cummings, Robbie Johanson and Fred Schneider and now newer members to take on established beds. The construction crew worked very hard on renovations and already have next year's jobs planned. Currently we are working on end of season tasks like new gravel, mulching, pulling out annuals,, harvesting (until freeze), etc., you know, all of those things you are doing at home. The garden has benefited from members stepping up to be part of the garden committee, and we offer thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a good year.

Thanks to all who helped harvest Tomoko's sweet potatoes! Jim McDaniel captured these photos of all the hard labor!



Photo Booth



Far left, Monarchs in the garden – three on one bush. Beautiful! Left, witches in the garden—spooky! Submitted by Vada Edwards



Burpee Funds Permanent White House Kitchen Garden

A \$2.5 Million gift has been announced to ensure the operation and maintenance of the White House Kitchen Garden initiated by First Lady Michelle Obama. The donation will be made by the home gardening company, W. Atlee Burpee, and The Burpee Foundation.

According to George Ball, chairman and CEO of the 140 year old Pennsylvania based Burpee, establishment of a formal vegetable garden at The White House resurrects a tradition that goes back to John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. "As America's leading home gardening company we recognize the importance of continuing The White House Kitchen Garden and developing its educational activities in support of The White House initiative."

The gift will be made to the National Park Foundation (NPF) to cover direct costs to expand and maintain the Garden. The donation is a long-term commitment to the preservation of the White House Kitchen Garden.

"Everyone at Burpee is proud of the First Lady's 'Can-Do!' attitude," Mr. Ball says, "and we hope that a well-conceived longlasting version of The White House Kitchen Garden will be fully supported by ensuing Administrations for so long as The White House serves as the residence for The President of the United States."

Burpee has been working with the NPF for more than two years to help reverse the dramatic loss of bees and other pollinators. The company donated more than one million seed packets to help home gardeners plant gardens that attract bees and butterflies. The packets were distributed free of charge to visitors to national parks throughout the 2015/2016 season.

Funding for the donation will come from W. Atlee Burpee Company, a privately owned home gardening company in Bucks County, PA, and The Burpee Foundation, which was established in 2003. The Burpee company breeds, produces and distributes seeds and plants of vegetables and flowers both nationally and internationally.

The First Lady of the United States commended Burpee and The Foundation for its generous gift in support of the future preservation of The White House Kitchen Garden and its impact on her "Let's Move!" initiative, at a ceremony, Wednesday, October 5th, on the South Lawn next to the Garden which she planted in 2009.

Article from Burpee website.



Book Title: The Forgotten Pollinators

Author: Stephen L, Buchman and Gary Paul Nabhan

Everyone loves the well-known, late Rodney Dangerfield's line, "I don't get any respect". As we all know, respect comes at a high price because respect is earned NOT given freely. So why are the little guys, the insects and small animals, known as pollinators NOT given any respect? We depend on pollinators for the food we eat, drink and the cotton clothes we wear. Also, some spices, perfumes, medicines, coffee, and chocolate depend on pollinators.

The authors state that the numbers are staggering: 130,000 to 200,000 invertebrate and vertebrate species visit plants to assure pollination. I have a list of 12 (some of the more common) pollinators. Can you name them? Hint: check next month's newsletter for that list.

Rare Arizona desert plants are dying because of the loss of pollinators. These plants use a specific type of pollinator. So if the pollinator dies, so does the plant. What does it matter if one species of plant dies and one species of pollinator dies? It does matter. Have you heard of the cascading extinctions? It's the premise that one or several extinctions, especially of key organisms in trophic levels, can lead to a rapid sequence of extinctions of other organisms ecologically linked to the first.

The transaction between pollen producing plants and pollen moving animals is called biodiversity. The authors indicate that "the current rate of species loss is a biodiversity crisis of unprecedented proportions. The pollination crisis is worldwide. Xerces Society founder Bob Pyle calls it "the extinction of experience: the loss of direct contact with wildlife that leads to a cycle of disaffection, apathy, irresponsibility, and sometimes outright contempt towards natural habitats."

So, the next time you see a pollinator (perhaps one of the 12 of my list) give them some respect. They have a big job to do helping us, our plants, and our planet Earth. Let's all fall crazy in love with our pollinators. Our life, our very existence, depends on pollinators.



Meeting called to order by President-Elect, Jeanne Parker. Fred Schneider was out of town. The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for offices for 2017: Nancy Logan: Treasurer; President- Elect: Laura Eckstein, and Secretary: Vada Edwards. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees. A vote was taken to elect the nominees and the majority of those present voted yes.

Fred and Jeanne attended the 41st Annual Awards Ceremony for Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in Stillwater. They met the recipient of CCMGA's Scholarship, Grant Linstead. Jeanne introduced our speaker, Bill Farris. Bill owns Prairie Wind Nursery and will speak on propagation.

After a short break the business portion of the meeting was conducted.

Treasurer's Report: (Nancy Logan) Cash balance as of September 25 was \$13,560.08. Funds in excess were \$9,433.99.

Committees:

Community Education: (Laura Eckstein/Sonya Fallgatter) Judy Kautz's class on Photography was well received. Mary Engle will present "Butterflies and Milkweed" tomorrow, 10/15. The Education Committee is planning on expanding and would like to develop more educational experiences for the community. They would like to develop more programs for children and work on getting them into the garden. One suggestion was to have a Grandparents Day in the garden. Moore High School requested another Hypertufa class. Last year Lois Cox and Jeanne Parker presented a class and the students were very interested. Any suggestions on classes or events for the community would be appreciated. Also, any volunteers for the committee would be welcomed.

Fund Raising: (Susan Aikman) The Flea Market had very nice merchandise donated by our members. The only problem was no visitors came to the market. All the vendors had the same problem. We made \$800.17 with a total of 147 volunteer hours. This was less than the amount made in the last several years. The only difference was entering the market in the fall instead of spring. The decision was made to wait a year and have the Flea Market in the spring of 2018. Any suggestions for a fund raiser for next year would be appreciated.

Garden Tours: (Les Brown) This has been a successful year in the garden with a total so far of 1,631 visitors. Les thanked everyone the helped with the tours. There are 3 Saturdays left and the number of visitors has decreased. Moore/Norman VoTech brought 20 students to the garden and all seemed interested in the garden. Les went to their campus the next day and toured their garden set-up. They had a nice set-up and would like to start selling produce in the Farmers Market. Les would like to step down from managing the tours next year so if anyone is interested please speak to Les.

Hospitality: (Phyllis Blackwell/Julie Johnson) A get well card will be sent to Darlene Cagle, who having health issues. Phyllis thanked the providers of our snacks for break.

October Meeting Minutes (continued)

Garden Director: (Theresa January) It is the end of the season and everything looks gorgeous. The garden will be open for tours until the end of the month. The tropical garden will be going next Tuesday. The rest of the sweet potatoes will be harvested next week but harvests of other vegetables will continue until first freeze. The workdays will continue. There will be a gardening meeting 10/18 at 12:00 in the Extension kitchen. The committee would like input on new plantings and discuss garden beds that may be available. Members with pick-up trucks are needed to help transport wood chips from the Norman compost facility. The garden has had a problem with homeless people climbing the fence into the garden. The people in the RV Park saw them and notified the county sheriff and Norman Police. A member was working in the garden alone and spoke to two people that wandered in. Please don't work in the garden alone. The person that mows took care of the weeds on the outside of the fence where they were sleeping. So, just be careful and keep your eyes open. We will send a card of thanks to the lawn man and an invitation to the Harvest Feast.

Greenhouse: (Nancy Logan) There will be a work day in the Greenhouse 10/27 from 9-12. Many seeds were donated by Ross Seed Co. in Chickasha. Please give suggestions for plants to be grown to Nancy or any committee member. Next Spring there will be a different approach to members getting their plants from Prairie Wind Nursery. Two days in April will be set aside for CCMGA members to go to the nursery and buy their own plants. Bill Farris will then donate 25% to CCMGA.

Membership: (Jackie Engleman) No new information.

Public Relations: (Judy Kautz) Jeanne Parker reports that we still have cookbooks and patches for sale.

Newsletter: (Elaine Dockray) Jeanne Parker reported that the newsletter will go out this week.

Special Events: (Donna Carter) A sign-up sheet for food for the Harvest Feast was passed. The Feast will be on November 10th at 11:30. Please have your food items in the kitchen by 10-10:30.

Special Projects: (Julie Johnson) No new information at this time.

Horticulture Educator: No new information.

Cathy Bowden wanted to thank all the volunteers for the Blanchard Monarch Festival. She also invited all to a program at her church given by Mark Bays. He will speak on the Survivor Tree. Mark spoke at one of our meetings and was enjoyed by all. The church is University Lutheran on 914 Elm St. and the lecture will be Tuesday night at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned by Pres Elect Jeanne Parker

Respectfully submitted, *Vada Edwards*



Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of September 25, 2016, is \$13,560.08. Income includes \$8.11 T-Shirt Orders; \$876.90 Flea Market; \$24 Pomegranate Plants; \$24 Books Sold and \$50 Fair Judging Stipend for Total Income of \$983.01. Expense includes \$335.02 Demonstration Garden; \$43.24 Five Year Plan; \$5.50 Garden Party Expense; \$33.43 Butterfly Festival Expense and \$76.74 Sales Tax for Total Expense of \$493.93. Balance at October 25, 2016 is \$14,049.16, less budgeted amount of \$3,632.16, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$10,417.00.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Logan*



Blackberry, Bacon & Blue Cheese Salad

Master Cook

Ingredients

4 cups mixed greens
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
1/2 cup fresh blackberries
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 green onion, sliced
1/3 cup olive oil
1/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon dried basil

Assemble salad by tossing the mixed greens, blue cheese, blackberries, bacon and green onion.

For the dressing, combine the olive oil, balsamic vinaigrette, honey, cinnamon and basil.

Top the salad with the desired amount of dressing.

Per Serving: 1217 Calories; 104g Fat (75% calcs from fat); 29g Protein; 50g Carb; 9g Dietary Fiber; 72mg Chol, 1407mg Sodium.

NOTE: This salad is beautiful to look at. The first thing that jumps out at you when tasting is the cinnamon in it.

Black Tomatoes

We're already growing purple carrots, yellow courgettes and white asparagus.

But black tomatoes are the must-have crop for greenhouses this season, growers say. Not only will the dark tomatoes turn heads at the allotment society, they are also healthier than normal red varieties, according to plant scientists.

The new tomato starts out as a normal green fruit, but ripens to a jet-black color. Alfie Jackson, assistant product manager at Suttons Seeds of Paignton, Devon, said: They are not as sweet as normal tomatoes and have a more savory flavor, and are nice roasted or eaten in salads.

There are some dark colored tomatoes but Indigo Rose is the only real black tomato and is the darkest that has ever been bred.

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November 10, 11:30 AM: Harvest Feast, Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

November 26, 10 – 11 AM: Myriad Gardens Walking Tour, South Lobby, Crystal Bridge, OKC.

Sundays, November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 6 – 9 PM: Free admission to Crystal Bridge (presented by OG&E).

December 1 - 2, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM: OSU's 26th Annual Poinsettia Sale, OSU Teaching Greenhouses on Farm Road, Stillwater OK.

December 3, 2 – 4 PM: Living Wreath Class. Myriad Gardens Terrace Room. \$45 Members, \$55 non-members.

December 9, 10 AM: CCMGA Master Gardener Meeting, Classroom, Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

December 14, 6 – 7:30 PM: Wednesdays at Will Rogers. Topic is Holiday Gardening. Presented by Oklahoma County Master Gardeners. Free.

January 20 - 22: OKC Home and Garden Show. OKC State Fairgrounds.



Oklahoma State University's 26th Annual Poinsettia Sale

Public Sale: Thursday and Friday, December 1 & 2
7:30 A.M.—5:30 P.M.

At the OSU Teaching Greenhouses on Farm Road (south of the Colvin Center, east of the tennis courts)

Elfin Desk Size (4 ½" pot)	\$5
Deluxe Table Size (6")	\$10
Spectacular Specimen Size (8")	\$35

Specialty potted plants: Celosia, Ornamental Kale, Gerber Daisies & Cannas will be available.

Proceeds provide scholarships and awards to students in The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture for International Study Abroad and support OSU's horticulture teaching program including the Pi Alpha Xi honor society.

Global Horticulture

November 17, 2016
108 Seminar Room, Wes Watkins Center
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

An educational opportunity provided by the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service

Global Horticulture

This workshop is designed to allow attendees a better appreciation of horticulture and related disciplines throughout the world. Speakers will address both ornamental and edible crops. Presenters also have the option of commenting upon customs and traditions of countries discussed.

Need additional information?

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Register on-line with OSU Marketplace

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20271_ustores/web/index.jsp

Directory Updates

Jeanne Parker's new email is jeaneparkero7@gmail.com (that is a zero between the r and 7).

Darla Moyer's new address and phone number is:

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Black tomato article and photos were sent to Judy Kautz by her brother Dr. Dale Rush, a soil scientist and agronomist. He believes these tomatoes are probably a cross over from black nightshade, a close relative, or even possibly from eggplant.

MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

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