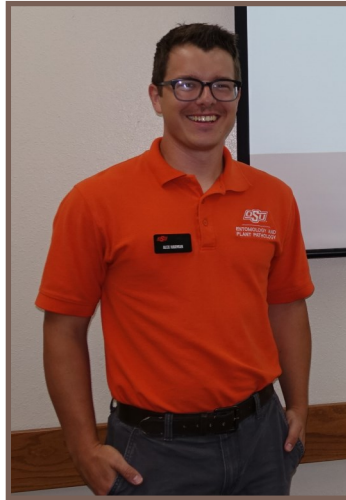


The Weeders' Digest

Sophia Darrow Shares OSU Student Farm



Our April speaker was Alex Harmon, whose topic was Diagnosing Insect Pests and Problems. He told us what he does at the insect diagnostic lab, and shared common insects we deal with and how to find and diagnose insect pests. Alex also brought some interesting show-and-tell material including some neat magnifying tools. It was an informative class and we learned so much!

May Meeting

by Valerie Green

Our May speaker is Adam Sarmiento, who will speak to us on Eco Landscaping. Adam Sarmiento has been working in the fields of organic agriculture, landscaping and horticulture since 1998. After an organic farm summer internship and a year long residency apprenticeship at the Ecology Action research garden, Adam began applying ecological and organic concepts to landscaping in the late 90s. His design/build firm Eco Landscaping focuses on ecologically beneficial, utilitarian spaces that celebrate the regional character of Oklahoma. His landscape designs have been awarded Norman's "Water's Worth It" award and he has contributed landscape designs to numerous area schools, parks and non profits. He regularly gives presentations and workshops on native plants, mini-farming, and ecological gardening. Join us at 9:30 for snacks and conversation. Our meeting begins at 10 am.

Do You Like to Talk About Plants?

Sharon Mitchell is looking for speakers for Saturday classes for the summer and fall. Here's an opportunity to share what you love to do! Contact Sharon.

Inside This Issue

President's Posting	2	Upcoming Events	17-18
Demo Garden	6	Recipes	15-16
Garden Guru	5	Treasurer Report	12
Education Class Info	4	April Minutes	10-12
Plant Sale Photos	7-9	Jr Master Gardener	19
April Meeting Pics	3	Photo Booth	13
Museum Tour Info	14	Directory Update	20



Thank you, greenhouse committee, for such a wonderful sale. The plant sale really puts our group in a positive position. At the sale we interact with lots of Cleveland County citizens. The plants sold help promote gardening as a healthy activity. The additional tables that promoted our efforts, was new and a brilliant idea. So, when our service efforts are reported for April, the plant sale, makes us shine. Plus, this effort also funds all the other CCMGA committee activities.

The committee that benefits the most monetarily is the Demonstration Garden committee. One of the service benchmarks for the gardens is how much produce we donate to a food bank. Donations to Food and Shelter by CCMGA has been going longer than I have been a Master Gardener.

Linda Dolezal explained this process at the March 5, Demonstration Garden Brunch and Learn. Each garden workday, any available produce is weighted and recorded. Then at about 11am either she or Valerie Green deliver our donation to the free grocery store at new Share Center.

Produce we donated comes from the Linda Dolezal's square foot bed and hügelkultur bed; Valerie Green and Rayge Johnson's organic vegetable bed; Loreen Upton's blackberry and strawberry beds and Serena Norrell's chive pot. The new Food and Shelter policy of the accepting any kind of garden produce means that now Pat Welty can donate blueberries and Richard Lowrance donate figs if they choose to do so.

But as produce donations have such a positive impact on the community maybe we should set up what we are doing. I am not talking about over 5,000 pounds of produce such as we saw in March's wonderful talk by Sophia Darrow. Just more.

I see three possible ways to grow more. One is to tuck some vegetable plants into an already existing bed. Companion plants can be ornamentals. I am going to do some of this in my grass bed. Afterall, corn and switch grass are related. Second is for someone to take over and convert a bed without a bedhead into a small vegetable garden.

Courtney DeKalb-Meyers is all for increasing produce output in the Demonstration gardens. And if, people are serious about this, she would arrange a field trip to see what is being done in other counties. Let she or me know if a field trip will help us grow more produce.

And third is to supplement with produce from our home gardens. Canadian County Master Gardeners don't have a garden of their own, but they donate produce to a food bank. They plant an extra row of something. And they gather up excess from their garden. They have a central location to weigh and document donations and a delivery person. We have the latter things; we just need to the supplement what is growing in the demonstration gardens with healthy, edible fruits and vegetables from our home gardens. I know I will have more eggplant than I can eat because my husband hates it.

There might be other better or additional ideas. But one thing is true: produce donation is an excellent way for CCMGA to service Cleveland County.



April Meeting Photos

by Judy Kautz



**CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER
GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

*At this **FREE** meeting*

Square Foot Gardening

Saturday, May 18th

10:00-11:00



Photo Credit:
Michigan State University Extension

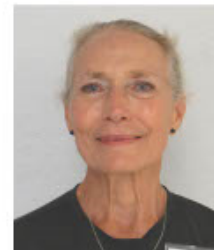
At this **FREE** class, you will learn 10 principles of a square foot garden, 8 steps of building a square foot garden, and how to create Mel's mix and compost. Part of the class will be held at Linda's square foot beds in our demonstration garden, (weather permitting). Bring your questions!

Pre-registration not required.

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



Presenter: Linda Dolezal
**Master Gardener, Certified Square Foot
Gardening Foundation
Instructor**



Oklahoma State University, as an equal opportunity employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination and affirmative action. Oklahoma State University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all individuals and does not discriminate based on race, religion, age, sex, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, or veteran status with regard to employment, educational programs and activities, and/or admissions. For more information, visit <https://eeo.okstate.edu>.



Cleveland County Tool Time



What is a Garden Dibber? I had no idea what it was, maybe it is something along the line of a gnome. After a little bit of investigation, I found out that a dibber, AKA as a Dibbler or Dibble, is a long Stick-like tool that is used to create holes for seeds or seedlings for planting.

I was not familiar with this tool and had to look it up on the internet to see what this really looked like. I was really surprised by the number and assorted styles of Dibber's that are out there. There are wooden ones, metal ones and plastic ones. Short ones, long ones, fat ones and skinny ones. Some Dibbers even come with a companion ruler with premeasured holes drilled at different intervals.

Then some questions began to work their way to the frontal portion of my little brain. Who came up with the idea for this tool? Found out that it is a little bit older than I am, it dates to the ancient Roman era. It was usually a stake-like implement made from wood or bone, whatever was available. They would poke it into the ground, to make a hole, then insert a seed and cover it with loose soil.

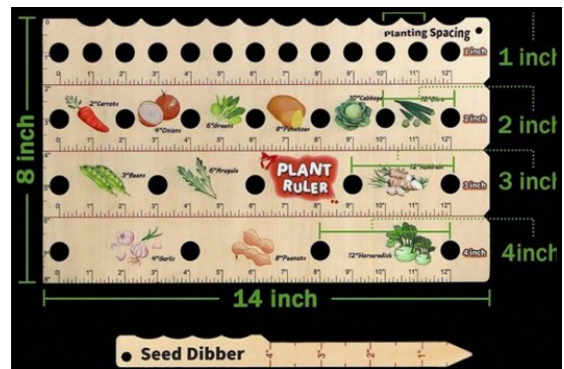
What else can you do with the Dibber other than planting seeds? You can use it to transplant young plants. You can use it to loosen the soil next to an existing plant so that you can easily uproot it. You can poke holes around your plants to help in the irrigation/drainage around your plants.

What are some of the things to consider when you are shopping for a Dibber? There are at least three things to consider. 1. Price. What is your budget going to allow you to spend? Price ranges from \$4 to hundreds of dollars. 2. Comfort. The grip should be comfortable. 3. Length. Is it long enough for the

job that you want it to do?

Is buying a Dibber necessary? Yes and no. Yes. It can save you time when you couple it with a companion ruler. There are some cool ones on the internet, some even come with measurements etched onto the body of the tool to give you an idea of how deep you are going to be setting the seeds. No. You can improvise and achieve the same results with common items laying around the garden shed. You can use a 36-inch ruler to measure intervals, and you can poke a hole in the ground with your finger, or use a pencil, drill bit, dowel, anything that you can poke into the ground.

I have been using a 36-inch ruler and an old wine stopper to make my holes for the seeds. Since I ran across this tool, I ordered a Dibber and ruler set that has predetermined holes drilled at 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-inch increments. Hoping that my Dibber comes in before my Sweet Potato plants do, I have 18 coming soon.



"There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder." ~ Alfred Austin. Any questions or suggestions regarding this article, please contact me at jrmdw6361@gmail.com



We need our Locust Group and interns to start showing up. Lots of help needed to weed beds and walkways. Weather is perfect for doing that now. A sign at the West Pergola will name that day's assignment on the Tuesday Workdays.

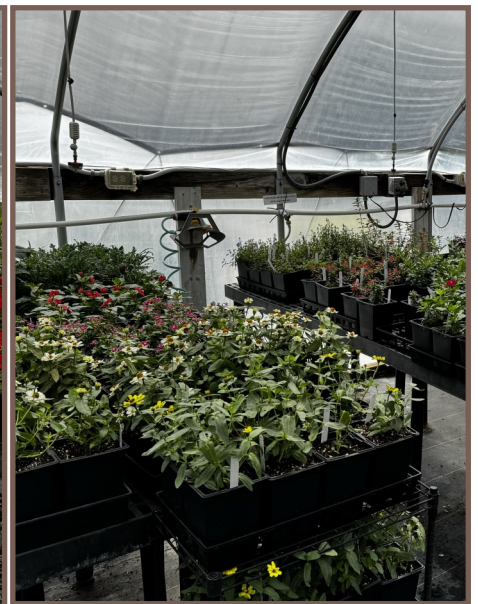
Also, Bedheads needed for a few beds that have no one. Email Georjana Mauldin if you are interested. This includes our interns: geoflowerchild@gmail.com.

We thank the J-team for their hard work on getting irrigation changed in our many beds. It takes time so be patient. If your bed needs irrigation and you haven't let them know yet, email Jim Hanlon: jehanlon@gmail.com
Interns, remember, you are to do a day rotation thru irrigation and composting in addition to working gardens. Contact Kathi Farley to get set up for that: Netfarley@gmail.com

"Walkway Words from Debbie Wood: Demo garden walkways are looking pretty darn good thanks to OU Students who worked on the OU Big Event. In an effort to use as little chemical as possible I would like to request that Bed Heads please keep 12" of walkway around your beds as weed free as possible. We will try to only spray really problematic areas. Thank you! Happy gardening."

Pre-Sale Greenhouse Photos

By Rahmona Thompson





Pre-Plant Sale Photos

by Rahmona Thompson





Plant Sale Photos

by Rahmona Thompson





Plant Sale Photos

by Rahmona Thompson





Rahmona called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She recognized the 2023 interns in attendance who were greeted with applause.

Approval of the Minutes (Rahmona Thompson) – approved by consensus

Welcome 2023 Trainees (Rahmona) – Attendees were welcomed with applause

Treasurer’s Report (Nancy Logan) See full report on page 12

Greenhouse Report – Nancy Logan We have every one of the bugs he (speaker Alex Harmon) talked about. We’ve had mealybugs since Christmas, the earliest we have ever had them. We attribute this issue to the warm weather; they are difficult to get rid of.

The exhibit hall is set up; we have lots of room. Cool weather is expected. We have enough workers Friday; be in the exhibition hall by 9:30. Patty has a flat-bed trailer; Peggy has a 4-stall horse trailer; and everyone with a pickup, please bring—to move plants. We are so full, out of space, that we have had some plants outside for three weeks.

Workers, on Saturday enter by the exit doors. A lot is going on at the fairgrounds on Saturday including food trucks, Norman PD with shredding, meds, gun locks, animal welfare info. All members please park close to the demonstration garden. Saturday, show up at 9:00.

Q: How many plants are available?

A: Linda Snook reported we have 150 flats x 18 each and 1,200 gallon pots. All the gallon pots are perennials.

Education (Sharon Mitchel) – Sharon thanked all who helped with the plant swap including speakers. Over 152 attended the past two weekends. Susan Aikman’s talk on compost at the library had 22 attendees.

May 4 Grow Your Own Tea Garden by Lori Coats from My Raggedy Herbs, at the Well, 10:00 to noon, sponsored by the library

May 18 Square foot Gardening by Linda Dolezal, 10:00, classroom C

June 15 Cell Phone Flower Photography by Rahmona Thompson, classroom C and will move to demo garden

Sharon is looking for summer programs that can be taught in the demo garden.

Demonstration Garden (Marilyn Solomon) – The garden looks beautiful. OU Big Event – 19 students showed up to work, less than we expected. Marilyn reported that more volunteers including interns are needed in the garden



April Meeting Minutes (cont.)

By Jo Ann Dysart

Q: When will the garden be open to the public?

A: We are no longer open each Saturday as in past years due to low turnout. We are scheduling garden tours on demand. At this time, three groups are booked. Our first group OHCE (Oklahoma Home & Community Ed) is scheduled May 11. We need three people at each of the two timeframes: 10:00–2:00 and 2:00 to 6:00. This is a recruitment event for the group involving carnival games and food trucks. An unmanned information booth will be available. A sign-up sheet is on the registration table, and a Sign-up Genius email will be sent.

Hospitality (Sherry Garner) – nothing new

Membership (Rayge Johnson) – no report

Program and Tours Committee (Cathie Rose) Georgia O’Keefe Exhibit Tour at OKC Museum of Art, May 29, 10:00, \$15.15 for non-museum members. This will be a docent-led tour lasting approximately an hour. No carpool is being organized; make own plans. Be at museum by 10:00. Sign-up sheet is on registration table.

Cathie will not be at May’s meeting. Valerie will introduce May’s speaker Adam Sarmiento. Cathie will have someone to collect the \$15.15, preferably check. Those who are not at the May meeting may drop off check for museum tour at the office; be certain to get a receipt.

Public Relations (Judy Kautz) – The deadline to submit input for the Newsletter is always the 28th of each month. So, this month that deadline is April 28.

T-shirts: This is the last time to order t-shirts most likely for this year. An email went out yesterday with details. Order and pay online. The shirts will be delivered to the extension office. Those who ordered will receive email notification re pick up.

Special Projects (Jeanne Parker) – no report

Special Events (Lois Cox-Marshall) – Brochures will be available at a Jr. Master Gardeners table during our plant sale.

Junior Master Gardeners (Lois Cox-Marshall) – Our biggest problem is we need more volunteers to help with this program. Next month, after our May monthly meeting, those members involved with the June 18 Day Camp, please stay for meeting.

Farmers Market Booth at The Well (Laura Eckstein) – If you signed up to work and cannot be there, please go back to the Sign-up Genius and unsign. On opening week, we had 100 visitors. Week two, we had 97 visitors.

Reminder: This weekend, encourage visitors to attend our plant sale.

On the notebook in the box with contents, list what Fact Sheets need to be replenished. Kay Holder stuffs the boxes. Pick up boxes Thursday or Friday; return them on Monday or Tuesday.

Home Garden Tours (Molly Monaghan) – no report



April Meeting Minutes (cont.)

By Jo Ann Dysart

Styrostation (Cathy Bowden) – Cathy demonstrated a couple of items donated today. All Styro is #6. If it bends or does not break, it is not Styrofoam. She also reminded us that packing peanuts are not Styrofoam; they are made of corn starch and will melt in water. Also, UPS accepts donations of packing peanuts.

If the densifier is working, she may bring it to the Earth Day Festival this Sunday.

Cathy reminded all that five service hours may be earned cleaning and sorting Styrofoam. Cathy lives very close to the church and will be there if needed. Monday and Wednesday afternoons are good times for her, but contact her at other times.

Old Business – Cathie Rose reported that Debbie Wood will take money for the May 29 field trip at the May 15 meeting. Members only, no guests, may attend this field trip. If you cannot attend the May monthly meeting, pay Joseph in the office. Checks preferred. Be certain to get a receipt.

Sign-up sheet for Earth Day at Reeves Park this Sunday is available on table.

Last weekend, our organization was involved in three events that drew over 200 visitors: Farmers Market, Library seed swap, and Sam Noble Curiousiday.

Rahmona thanked each member and intern who volunteered. That is our service.

New Business (Rahmona Thompson) Lemon balm seeds are available on the table from Serena.

Courtney's Comments – Registration is open for new MG class this fall. Applications are available, and interviews will be scheduled. No Open House this fall.

Alex will send his today's presentation to Courtney who will make it available to all.

President's Comments – Celeste Stonecipher is buying a new, replacement bubbler for the demo garden. Details are being explored.

Rahmona praised two members for their exemplary service: Sharon Mitchel and Kay Holder. Both received hearty applause from membership.

Meeting Adjourned Respectfully submitted, Jo Ann Dysart, Secretary

See Upcoming Events for Dates to Remember

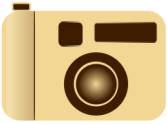


Treasurer's Report

By Nancy Logan

Beginning balance as of March 31, 2024 is \$32,112.35. Income was \$30 2024 Dues Paid; \$30 Gloves Sold; \$ 120 Donations and \$ 26,227.77 Plant Sale for Total Income of \$26,407.77. Expenses were \$30 Speaker Honorarium; \$ 259.95 Directories; \$ 339.17 Demo Garden Expenses; \$ 1,669.05 GH Supplies and \$2150.61 Sales Tax on Plant Sale for Total Expenses of \$ 4,448.78. Balance at April 30, 2024 is \$4,071.34, less budget items not yet reimbursed, of \$14,608.27 and less reserve for greenhouse repairs of \$4,606.00, leaving funds in excess of budget at \$34,857.07

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Logan*



My mother gave me a start of this yellow flower many years ago. It's *Linaria vulgaris* and she called it butter and eggs. It will spread but is easy to pull up if needed. The red Cardinal Weigela is beautiful this spring and the Minnie Pearl Phlox puts on a show in spring and is a green ground cover in summer. A great ground cover in shade is the *Iris tectorum* or Japanese Roof Iris. My Iris are putting on a show early this year.



Museum Tour May 29th, 10 am

by *Cathe Rose*



Magnificent Beauty: Georgia O'Keeffe and the Art of the Flower

OKC Museum of Art 10am May 29

\$15.15 admission for non-members

Field Trip Lead by Museum Doeunts

Money due at May Meeting. Arrange your own transportation. Limited to 40 people. CCMGA members only

Contact Cathie Rose for more information

Field Trip for MG Members at the OKC Museum of Art, 415 Couch Dr., OKC

We have arranged for a docent led tour of the new exhibit Magnificent Beauty: Georgia O'Keeffe and the Art of the Flower. We will meet in the lobby a bit before 10 and be led in groups of about 10-15 for an hour. Cost for the tour is \$15.15 (free for Museum members). Last day to sign up is May 15th. Please pay by check (CCMGA) at the May 15th meeting. Debbie Wood will collect the payments. Museum requests that one check be given at time of tour. Carpooling is encouraged, but everyone is on their own to make contacts for a carpool. After the tour, be sure to visit the gift shop, tour other exhibits at the museum and enjoy a lunch in town. If you want to be put on the list before the May 15th meeting, contact either Debbie Wood or Cathie Rose.





Chicken Pot Pie

Submitted by Gerry Miller

Ingredients

1/3 cup butter
1/3 cup onion, chopped
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup celery, diced
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
1 3/4 cups chicken broth
2/3 cup milk
2 cups chicken, cooked and coarsely chopped
1 14.5 oz. peas and carrots, canned, drained
1 15 oz. whole new potatoes, canned, drained and cut in half
1 15 oz. packaged prepared double-crust pie pastry

Pre-heat oven to 425 degrees F.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir onion, flour celery, celery seed, salt and pepper in the melted butter until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes (Also make sure the celery is tender)

Remove skillet from heat and pour chicken broth and milk into the skillet. Return the skillet to the heat and bring the mixture to a boil and cook until thickened, about 3-5 minutes.

(It will not thicken much while cooking in the oven so it needs to be fairly thick here, thicken with more flour if necessary)

Remove skillet from heat and stir chicken, peas and carrots, and potatoes into the broth mixture.

Press one pie pastry into the bottom of a deep-dish pie pan. Pour the broth mixture into the pie pastry. Top with remaining pastry and press edges together to form a seal. Cut several slits into the top pastry. Place pie plate on a baking sheet.

Bake in a pre-heated oven until the crust is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let pie cool and filling thicken at room temperature for 15-20 minutes before cutting.



Almond Cake

Ingredients

Cake:

4 ounces almond paste
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup unsalted butter softened
3 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

Topping:

1/2 cup sliced almonds
1-2 tablespoons granulated sugar
optional toppings (to serve):
whipped cream, fresh berries

Preheat oven to 350°F with a rack in the middle of the oven. Line the bottom of an 8-inch round cake pan with parchment paper and grease the pan.

Crumble almond paste into food processor bowl. Add granulated sugar and pulse until almond paste is finely ground. Add butter and process until smooth (it will turn into a ball; just keep processing until it smooths out). Add eggs and almond extract and process until combined, occasionally stopping the processor and scraping sides and bottom of bowl. Sprinkle in flour, baking powder, and salt, and process until blended.

Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth the top. Tap the pan on the countertop a few times to remove air bubbles. Top the cake bat-

ter with sliced almonds and 1-2 tablespoons sugar (I like to add half the almonds, sprinkle over half the sugar, then repeat with remaining almonds and sugar).

Bake for 23-26 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Place the pan on a wire rack. Cool for 30 minutes, then carefully remove it from the pan and place the cake back on the rack to cool. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature.

Notes: Optional topping: This cake is absolutely delicious as-is. If you want to add a little something extra it pairs wonderfully with whipped cream and berries.

To serve: Warm berry jam to thin it out. Spoon some jam and whipped cream over the top of each slice of cake and top with fresh berries.

This is the cake for almond lovers! This single-layer almond cake is moist and tender and packed with almond flavor from a combination of almond paste, almond extract, and sliced almonds.

Nutrition: Calories: 331kcal | Carbohydrates: 28g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 21g | Saturated Fat: 8g | Cholesterol: 109mg | Sodium: 106mg | Potassium: 170mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 19g | Vitamin A: 470IU | Calcium: 74mg | Iron: 1.3mg



2024 EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2024 Master Gardener Conference on October 3-4, 2024 in Enid, OK! The conference is hosted by the Garfield County Master Gardeners –Theme – “Gardening: A Way of Life”. More details to come!

OKLAHOMA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the OSU-OKC John E. Kirkpatrick Building, 400 N. Portland, Oklahoma City, OK, Room 196 Meetings Start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

- May 23 - Haldor Howard - "All American Selections at OSU-OKC
- June 27 - Dee Nash - "The Joys and Challenges of Gardening in Oklahoma
- October 24 - Hugh Stout - "Outstanding Iris Selections from Stout Gardens"

OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

NE Chapter Meetings (Tulsa and NE Oklahoma area) 1st Monday in December, March, May, and 2nd Monday in September. 6:30pm Social and 7:00pm Meeting at the Tulsa Garden Center, Ballroom, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa

June 8 - Plant Walk: Learning Plant Families. Meeting at 9am at the front entrance of the Belle Isle Library, 5501 N Villa Ave, OKC. We will traverse to the creek behind the library to look at plants. We will focus on using plant family characteristics to help identify plants.

July 6 - Plant Walk: Botany in the City. We will meet at 9am in front of Shoe Carnival, 1701 Belle Isle Blvd, OKC. We will caravan to the Deep Fork River, which is 0.5 mile from the meeting spot.

Remember to wear hiking clothes and bring water to our outdoor activities.

CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

- May 15 CCMGA Monthly meeting, Adam Sarmiento
- May 18 Square Foot Gardening, Linda Dolezal, 10:00 in Classroom C
- May 29 Georgia O’Keefe exhibit at OKC Museum of Art, 10:00, \$15.15
- Jun 3 Adult Wellness & Ed Ctr., Healing Properties of Nature, Lois Cox-Marshall, 1:00
- Jun 15 Cell Phone Flower Photography by Rahmona Thompson, 10:00 starts in Classroom C and progresses to demo garden
- Jun 18 Jr Master Gardeners’ Day Camp, 9:00-1:00, starting in Classroom C
- Jun 19 CCMGA Monthly meeting, Emma Bower, OKC Zoo, Native Plants
- Jun 20 Sam Noble Museum of Natural History Brown Bag with CCMGA panel



Splendor in the Gardens Thursday, May 16, 6-9pm Myriad Botanical Gardens Park House Events Center and Devon Great Lawn Individual Tickets will go on sale soon Join us for Splendor in the Gardens, a farm-to-table dinner on the Devon Lawn with the beautiful Downtown Oklahoma City skyline as the backdrop. This year we are excited to feature the food, wines, and ambiance of the rainforest. Cocktails will begin at 6pm in the South Plaza at the Inasmuch Foundation Crystal Bridge Conservatory followed by a seated dinner.

Dancing in the Gardens: Salsa Night! Friday, May 17 Hosted by Brenda and Jorge Hernandez with Tango PR 7pm Dance Lesson from instructor Marti Rickman with Hips and Clips 8pm Dance to the tunes by DJ Juan Cordova RedHanded Seasonal Plaza Emceed by Brenda and Jorge Hernandez. Dance the night away to the tunes by DJ Red Handed in this urban outdoor dance space. Beginning at 7pm, dance instructors will give a dance demo followed by a free session for all. At 8pm our DJs will crank up the tunes to get the free dance started. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Workshop: Botanical Candle Pouring Saturday, June 8, 10-11:30AM Terrace Room Member \$35; Nonmember \$40 Jeff Chambless, MoonGlow Maven Register by Thursday, June 6 [HERE](#) Join Jeff Chambless of MoonGlow Maven in embracing intentionality and crafting your own botanically-inspired, hand-poured candle. With all natural ingredients and botanicals, each candle is guaranteed through the expertise and guidance of your instructor. Each participant will leave with one 8oz candle, and guests are welcome to bring their own botanicals or crystals for an extra-personal touch if so desired.

Workshop: Vermicompost Bins Saturday, June 8, 2-4PM Terrace Room Member \$30; NM \$35 Kaitlin Bacon, Director of Education Register by Thursday, June 6 [HERE](#) Vermicompost bins are an energy-efficient, highly sustainable way of disposing of kitchen scraps for the benefit of your gardens as well as our planet. Even better, they are perfect for homes and apartments of all sizes! Learn how to build your 'worm bin,' how to keep your wrigglers healthy and happy, and how to harvest your compost from start to finish. Each guest will leave with a fully-functioning bin (worms and all!) and the knowledge necessary to achieve success.

Growing Your Own Microgreens Thursday, June 13, 6-7PM Terrace Room Member \$12; Nonmember \$15 Dale and Carrie Spoonmore, From Seed to Spoon Register by Monday, June 10 [HERE](#) As summer approaches and our gardens transition to the heat, now is the perfect time to start microgreens. Rich in vitamins and boasting a host of health benefits, microgreens are easy to start and quick to harvest. Join Dale and Carrie Spoonmore as they demonstrate and discuss how to start, care for, harvest, and enjoy your very own microgreens this summer.



Jr. Master Gardener Day Camp

**June 18,
9 am-1 pm
Ages 7-10 years**

Activities include:
painting, garden tours, seed bombs, bug hunt, education!

Registration limited to 20 . Call the Extension Office at 405-321-4774
Registration open until June 10

What to bring: Your lunch. Parents welcome to attend.
Provided: all class supplies, snacks and water.
NO COST but registration required.



OSU EXTENSION
**CLEVELAND COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS**



You Rock!

Directory Update:

Sherry Garner's email has changed to sagarner54@yahoo.com



Above, Norman Earth Day 2024
Left, Kay Holder at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History Spring Time Splendor Curisiday



MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Oklahoma State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State and Local Governments Cooperating. The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, national origin, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. OCES provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

The CCMGA newsletter is published as an educational service by the Cleveland County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, 601 East Robinson, Norman, OK 73071-6616
Office 405-321-4774 Fax 405-360-0319
Email ccmastergardener@yahoo.com
Website
www.clevelandcountymastergardeners.org

Courtney DeKalb-Myers
Extension Educator
Horticulture

Submit suggested articles for the newsletter not later than the **28th of each month** to Editor Judy Kautz at jkautz@cox.net

Newsletter Editor: Judy Kautz



OSU EXTENSION CLEVELAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

For More Information Check out the updated Horticulture and Master Gardener sections on the Cleveland County Extension Office website. The address is www.oces.okstate.edu/cleveland.