

June 2017



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Jewell Botanical Garden  
in Skagway Alaska

*The Deadline for August Newsletter Articles is Friday August 5, 2017*

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## A Message from the Co-President Carolyn Peterson

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners;

"Earth laughs in Flowers" according to Ralph Waldo Emerson, and if that is the case, the earth had a good laugh this June 3rd, when all the flowers welcomed visitors to our Teaching Gardens for participation in the Safenet Tour. We proudly showed off the gardens that have been planted and received wonderful reviews. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Gardens, you should try to go. It has been a labor of love to get it to this presentation.

The courthouse looks wonderful with the annuals added for color. Drive by and take a look at the wonderful work. Thanks to Grace for chairing that.

Other events coming up will be the Free Fair in September. The committee will need help so be sure and sign up if you have not completed your hours and or if you just want to be there to help.

November brings the nomination of officers, so please keep in mind someone who will help make our organization run smoothly. We will be electing a secretary and a treasurer since their terms are up.

Enjoy your summer!

## Master Gardener Association of Rogers County General Membership Meeting on April 17, 2017

Master Gardener's met in the temporary location, the Will Rogers Room in the Expo Center. JoAnn Lynch called the meeting to order.

### I. Secretary's Report – Judy Baker

- a. Minutes for March were printed in the Newsletter. There were no additions or correction so Cheri Murray moved they be accepted. Dolores Wall Seconded. The motion carried.

### II. Treasurer's Report – Dora Johnson

- a. General Account Balance: \$8,053.48
  - b. TGA Account Balance: \$4,500.00
- Renata Sears moved the report be accepted. Carrie Mayfield seconded. Motion carried.

## III. Committee Reports

### a. Events

- i. **Home and Garden Show** Comments Kathy Klawitter and Pam Larkin thanked everyone for all the help during the sale. We had very good traffic, good attendance and we will receive a check for \$2,500. We had some trees to offer and FFA and others had plants to sale. The only little critical thing was we were handing out the plant sale flyers out of our area. Next time we can only pass them out in our area. Wrapping the trees was a large undertaking so we applaud everyone.
- ii. **Safenet Tour.** Trudy Hedgpath. I need to thank Jennifer Podowski, Grace Aquino and Sue Birkhotz who are our house captains. The sign-up sheets are here tonight. I will contact you. There will be two shifts, 8:00 am to 12:00pm or 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Remember our Teaching Garden will be highlighted on the home tour. We can hand out fact sheets and sell our hoes. Mary is the committee chair for that. We will be coordinate that part of the tour. I will get all the addresses confirmed this week.
- iii. **Earth Day.** Jennifer Podowski. They will put up the tent and have our fact sheets available. Master Gardeners will be there to answer questions. We will have hoes and gift bags available to sell.

### b. Education – Carol Chuck and Phyllis Stearnes

- i. Master Gardener in Classroom. Coming down to final. We visited 8 schools, 73 classrooms, 1480 students. Actual will be 1500 plus. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help. There were at least 23 people who shared their time to make this program a success. It was really appreciated.

## Master Gardeners Association of Rogers County

- c. **Communications and Public Relations** – Jim Stone
- i. Publicity – Since next month is the Fellowship Picnic, there will be no formal meeting so he is working on future events to publicize.
- d. **Volunteer Development** – Janice Hensley.
- i. Next month is the annual Spring Fellowship Picnic on May 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held here at the County Building at 6:00pm. I will ask for volunteers to help decorate. Bring your Spouse or significant other and join us. It will be potluck and we encourage you to bring your favorite dish you take to this type of event. It you would like to participate in the plant swap, just bring a plant (or two) from your yard and we will issue tickets and draw for your opportunity to select a plant from those that available. It is a good time for fellowship and getting to know your fellow gardeners.
- e. **Garden Development** – Merry Steinley
- i. Teaching Garden update. The irrigation has been fixed! Thursday will be a work day from 9:00am – 11:00am. We will be working on the Oklahoma Proven bed with plants donated from Green Leaf. We are also happy to announce we were able to dig up 30 plants from the garden to put in the sale. The Hoop House supplied 10 – 12 flats for the sale.  
The steering committee is looking at some type of shade structure and are investigating our options. We found last year that 2:00 pm the sun gets so hot it is difficult to work in the garden.
- f. **Fundraising and Promotion - Spring Plant Sale Recap** – Grace Aquino
- So many Master Gardeners helped to make this a resounding success! **We brought in \$3,400.00!** Thank you to all who participated in making all this possible. Our various teams worked hard together to make everything run smoothly. **Together We Can and Together We Did!** Kudo's to Grace for donating the Wheeler Cart. The winner was very happy. Great job Grace! A record year for us.

#### IV. 2017 Master Gardener Class – Graduation – John Haase

Eleven really great students. I'm on page three of grading your papers. But you have already passed. I'm definitely going to do this again, possibly starting in December. These Master Gardeners have already volunteered a lot of hours and our other Gardeners have gotten to get to know them. This is the Certificate for Graduation.

#### **Congratulations!!**

Lila Martini moved that we adjourn and Joan Sherwood seconded. Adjourned.

### Free Fair information

**Kathy Klawitter**

The next event for the MG Assoc. will be the free fair. This year we will be highlighting the bumble bee. Also, there will be a kids activity and of course it will be all about the bumble bee. Will have more info next month. If you still need hours, this is about the last activity.

### June 19 Meeting County

**County Building, 416 S. Brady**

**6:00 Social**

**6:30 General Meeting**

**7:00 "Using Water to Farm Food"**

**Rachael Pepin,**

**Owner of "Pepin Plants"**

### Request for Master Gardener help in Foyil!

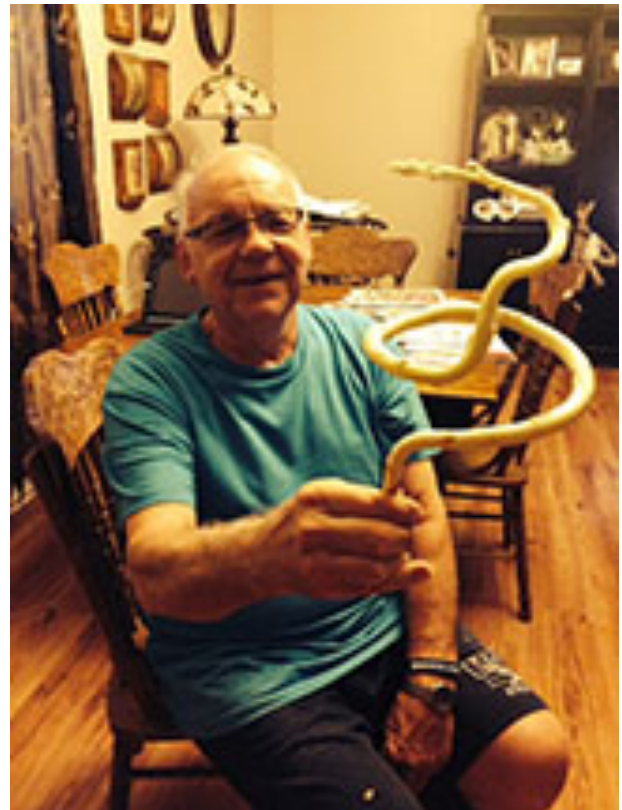
**Kay Waterman**

Friends of Foyil, OK,

I'm looking for volunteers to develop a garden plan for Andy Payne Park and the Foyil Community Center. The town is in the beginning stages of a revitalization project and we need your assistance. Beautification of our green spaces will help us get grants for larger clean-up projects in our community. If you can help with this endeavor, please contact me.

To help contact: Renee Morse-Heenan  
Class of 2016  
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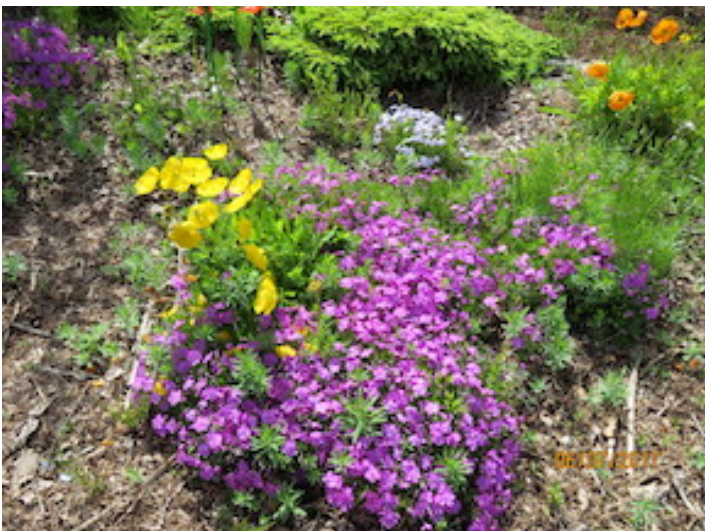
### Strange Vegetable



*Master Gardeners Association of Rogers County*

Jewell Botanical Gardens in Skagway Alaska

Photos by Phyllis Stearnes



**2017 Master Gardener Calendar**

*6pm Fellowship – 6:15pm MG Meeting – 7pm Speaker  
Rogers County Building, 416 S Brady*

<p align="center"><b>January</b></p> <p>10 Board meets 9am</p> <p>17 General Meeting Pizza / Sign up for committees</p>	<p align="center"><b>February</b></p> <p>14 Board meets 9am</p> <p>21 Joe Kays — Director, Claremore Park &amp; Recreation, “City Partners with Teaching Garden”</p>	<p align="center"><b>March</b></p> <p>14 Board meets 9am</p> <p>20 Mikaela Rodriquez 4-H Poultry Club Leader, “Backyard Chickens”</p> <p>24-26 Home &amp; Garden Show</p>
<p align="center"><b>April</b></p> <p>0-8 Spring Garden Sale</p> <p>11 Board meets 9am</p> <p>17 David Hillock, OSU Horticulturist, “Oklahoma Proven Program”</p>	<p align="center"><b>May</b></p> <p>9 Board meets 9am</p> <p>15 Spring Fellowship</p>	<p align="center"><b>June</b></p> <p>3 Safenet Tour</p> <p>13 Board meets 9am</p> <p>19 Rachael Pepin Horticulturist, “Hydroponics (Gardening in Water)”</p>
<p align="center"><b>July</b></p> <p>No Meeting</p> 	<p align="center"><b>August</b></p> <p>8 Board meets 9am</p> <p>21 Tulsa Master Gardeners, “Enduring Roses”</p>	<p align="center"><b>September</b></p> <p>12 Board meets 9am</p> <p>15-16 Free Fair</p> <p>18 Dr Kay Backues “Orchids”</p>
<p align="center"><b>October</b></p> <p>7 Fall Plant Sale</p> <p>10 Board meets 9am</p> <p>16 Mary Lou Hevener “Wild at Art - Creating With you garden materials”</p>	<p align="center"><b>November</b></p> <p>14 Board meets 9am</p> <p>20 Fall Fellowship</p>	<p align="center"><b>December</b></p> <p>No Meeting Merry Christmas!</p> 

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