

# Garden Club Gab

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Good afternoon,

I wanted to share some updates from our Garden Club of Rogers year so far. We started the year in August and here we are in December like a flash! I have been very busy along with several members of our club, extremely busy! We couldn't do any of this without our board and our very active Chairmen behind the scenes. You have no idea how much they do and how wonderful it has been to work with every one of these amazing ladies.

First of all I also want to let you all know how wonderful Grace Baptist Church has been. It's at an amazing location with a brand new kitchen and the people that work there have been so cooperative and helpful.

In September we had a wonderful speaker, Kitty Sanders, who zoomed in for the meeting and was very informative. People who could not make it were so happy to have the zoom option and we will continue to offer zoom for our future meetings. We also had several people in September who won awards at the Benton County fair.. We have such an active group that represents the Garden Club of Rogers!

In the October meeting we had Ron Bird as our speaker, a local landscape photographer. He showed us some of the most beautiful slides of his photography and even brought some examples of his work. If you don't follow him on Facebook please look him up.. "Ron Bird Photography"! Ways & Means did an amazing job with our first silent auction in October. We made some profit and I was so impressed with our large group participation. I also started my President Project and it's located at The Center for Non-Profit at St. Mary's. Please drive in the parking lot and take a look!

In November our speaker was Laura Claggett and all about the Blue Birds!!! We also had another fall Ways & Means silent auction success with lots of organization and participation from our club!

Now here we are in December!!! On December 7th we are so blessed to have our Christmas party!! Doors open at 10:00 am, silent auction begins, Christmas music, Christmas tree, a special place to take photos, beautiful tables all decorated for our lunch. Plenty of time to visit with all & our speaker Roslyn Imrie with the program "Putting Your Garden to Bed for The Winter"!

I have enjoyed being your President and I'm looking forward to 2022 & all the many activities that are planned ahead, so I want you all to stay healthy and well and I will see you for the December 7th Christmas party!!

**Laynette Riley, President**  
**Garden Club of Rogers**





# RECENT CLUB ACTIVITES



Progressive Garden Tour @ Gail Wright's



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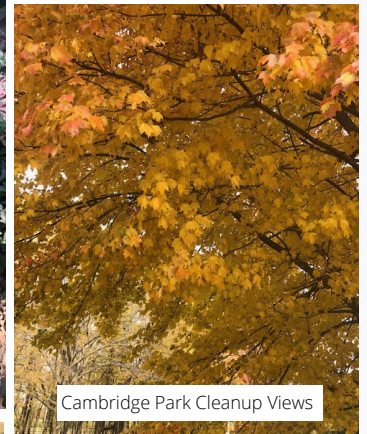
Progressive Garden Tour @ Carol McCutchen's



Progressive Garden Tour @ Debi Chapman's



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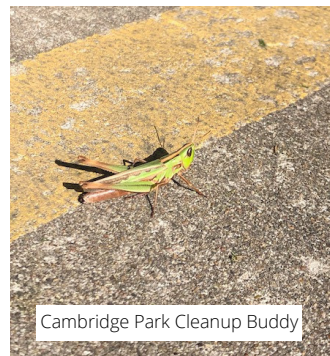
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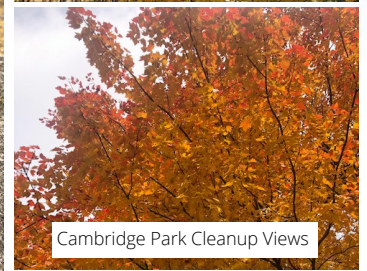
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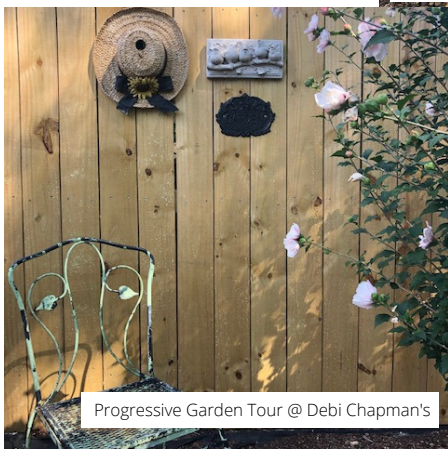
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Cambridge Park Cleanup Buddy



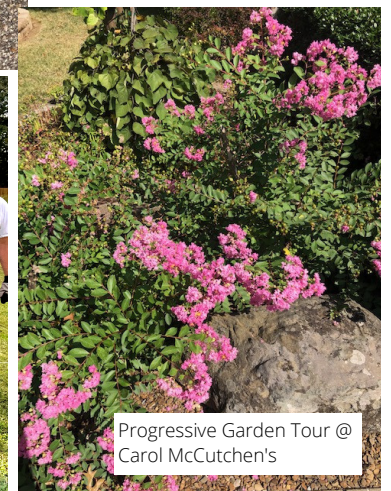
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Progressive Garden Tour @ Debi Chapman's



Tower Park Cleanup



Progressive Garden Tour @ Carol McCutchen's



# REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE JUNIOR, SENIOR OR GRAD STUDENT MAJORING IN HORTICULTURE?



Don't forget that The Garden Club of Rogers sponsors the Keeta Arnold Memorial Horticulture Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial aid to students majoring in Horticulture related subjects. This scholarship honors the memory of long time garden club member, mentor, high school counselor, teacher and gardener, Keeta Arnold. The scholarship is awarded yearly in the amount of \$1500 and is available to college junior, seniors, and graduate students pursuing a Master's Degree. Student must be attending an accredited college or university, be a legal resident of Arkansas, be attending school full-time, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25. Deadline for application is Jan. 1, 2022. For complete rules and application please check out our website [ilovegcr.com](http://ilovegcr.com). for all the information and application forms or contact Scholarship Chairman, Sherrie Eoff, at 479-903-5389 or [skeoff@hotmail.com](mailto:skeoff@hotmail.com).

## December Christmas Party Details:



### December 6th: Setup / Auction Item Drop Off Grace Baptist Church - 2409 New Hope Road

- Please bring auction items between 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- If you plan to bring Dec 7th, bring by 9:30 am.
- The church gym door on the West will be open if the front is locked.
- Please call/text Marj Nelson (479-640-3032) with donation questions.
- Please include a description of the donated item.

### December 7th: Club Holiday Meeting Grace Baptist Church - 2409 New Hope Road

- 10:00 am - 11:15 am: Holiday Silent Auction
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Lunch will be served.
- 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm: Guest Speaker
- 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm: Auction item pickup

*Note: Some auction items will have a minimum bid amount; please bid in whole dollar amounts.*

## Christmas Lights Tour.. A Guide to Local Light Exploration

In lieu of December Garden Tour, Carol McCutcheon has compiled a list of festive holiday hot-spots in our area!

### Bentonville, AR

Downtown Square

Bentonville Heart Lites  
5:30-10:30, 3505 NW  
Edgewood Drive

### Muskogee, OK

Honor Heights Park

### Rogers, AR

Downtown corner of Walnut  
& 1st Street

Dye Family Christmas-Cloverdale  
Lights, 10537 Oak Tree Circle

### Eureka Springs

Great Passion Play Drive Thru,  
Thurs-Sunday

### Springdale, AR

-Christmas @ the Creek  
-McKim Family Lights  
3506 Hamm Lane

### Hot Springs, AR

Garvan Gardens  
Festival of Lights Walking  
Tour, 2330 Central Ave.

### Fayetteville, AR

-Stewart Family  
Christmas, 4279 E.  
Wyman Road  
-Downtown Square

### Farmington, AR

Lights on Driftwood  
326 Driftwood Dr.

### Carthage, MO

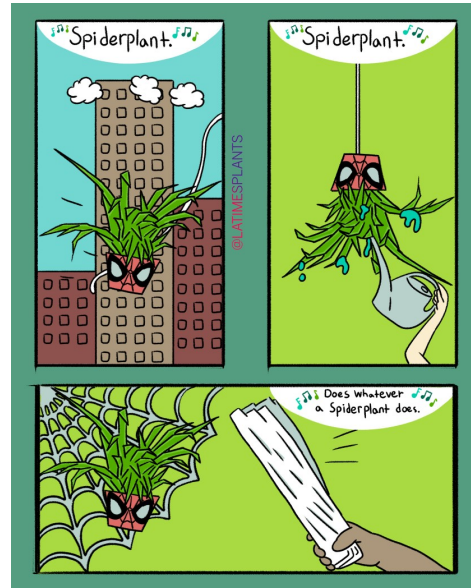
Precious Moments  
4321 S Chapel Rd

Our Lady of the  
Ozarks College, 1900  
Grand Ave

### Broken Arrow, OK

[www.rhemalights.org](http://www.rhemalights.org)  
1025 W Kenosha St

# HORTICULTURE HUMOR



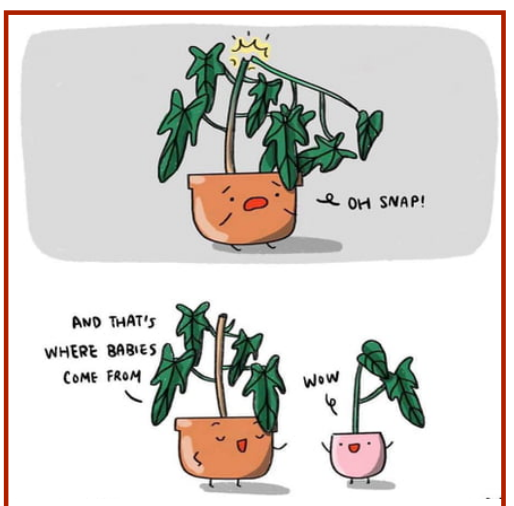
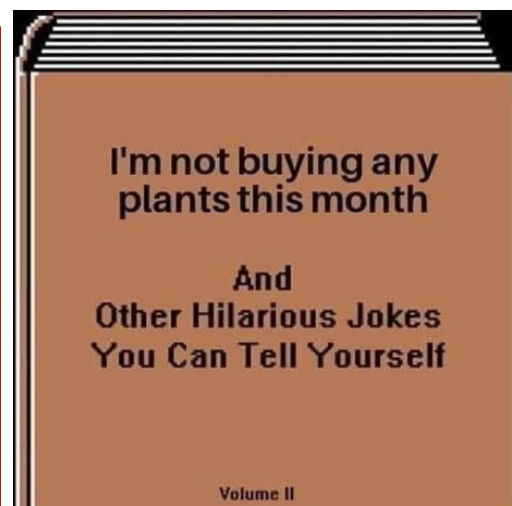
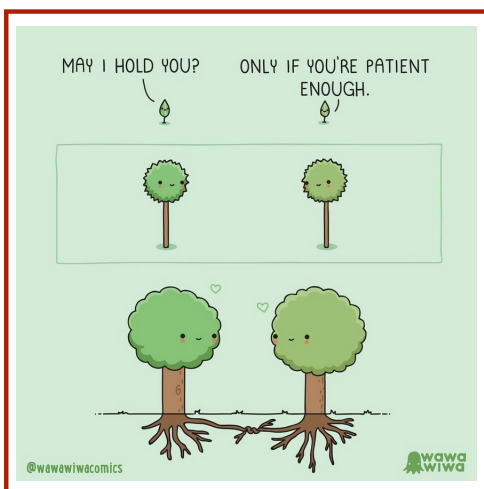
When a gardener tries to tell spooky campfire stories:



If you're going to talk about me behind my back, at least check out my new leaves



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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## **Garden Club of Rogers Board Meeting: 718 N 2nd St (Java Dudes), Rogers, AR, October 26th, 2021**

- Meeting was called to order by Laynette Riley, President, at 9:15a.m. In attendance were Laynette Riley, Gail Wright, Sharon Brinley, Kathy Spann, Ginger Fisher, Kelly English, Sherrie Eoff, Anita Gordon, Marge Leonard, Sheree Maldonado, Marj Nelson, Robin Catagnus, Sue Mank, Debbie Main and Elizabeth Pier Smith.
- Marj Nelson, Ways and Means Chair, shared that October was a big success. Total was \$545. November will be baked goods, food or anything considered to be Thanksgiving. Cash only in November but in December we will be able to use square reader for credit cards. Sharon would like a helper to take money. It was brought to our attention that some members would like to see the Board Meeting minutes and Budget Report so, there will be a few copies on some of the tables at each meeting. They will also be included in the Newsletter.
- Laynette expressed that we have been asked to host the District Meeting next October, 2022. It would require us starting work now in order to get everything done. We will need workers, door prizes, decorations, Ways and Means table, program and really good food. After much discussion Sherrie Eoff moved that we host the 2022 NW Arkansas District Meeting. Sue Mank seconded the motion, we voted and the motion passed. It will have to be approved by the state.
- Robin Catagnus, Youth Contest Chairman, shared that she is making presentations at Home-school group, and Haas Hall Academy. Robin will also send out an email to members, along with forms required. Contestants do not have to live in Arkansas so, grandchildren, etc. are eligible. Sharon shared that the budget is used up and that we will have to vote (at a later date) on more money being added to the budget.
- We discussed that the email regarding meeting and lunch needs to be sent out earlier and as much as two (2) times in order to give our members time to get their reservation in. Also, it was recommended that we only have one menu item to make it easier. The lunch will be chili and cornbread, etc. for the November meal. The Speaker for the November meeting will be Laura Claggett, Bella Vista Bluebird Society. We discussed plans for December meeting. The tables will be set up on Sunday night. The church has agreed to let us in on Monday from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 pm. and early on Tuesday, to set up. We will begin @ 10a.m. We will have time to shop the Silent Auction, lunch from 11a.m. to 12a.m., and then the Speaker, which will be Roslyn Imrie, with a program on "Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter", and no business meeting. Numbers will be on tags for members to make it easier when time for silent auction winners. The meal for December will be Turkey and all the trimmings. We will try to keep the cost around \$15. Laynette is working on getting some volunteers to help serve the meal. We were encouraged to invite guests and Marg will invite other clubs.
- Carol McCutcheon, Garden Tour Chairman, was absent from the meeting but, a sign-up sheet was circulated for the Branson Butterfly Garden Tour on November 9. If we do not have at least twenty(20) going, we will have to cancel. We will be dedicating the tree in Sherrie Eoff's honor directly following the November meeting at the SE corner of Olrich and 71B. Garden of the Month chairman, Debi Chapman, shared that the big sign that we put in the yard of winners was stolen. We may purchase another big one.
- Gail Wright, Plant Sale Chairman, announced that the Annual Plant Sale will be held on April 30, 2022. Marge Leonard, Publicity/Photography Chairman, was asked to bring the History Book to the next meeting. It was shared that the article about the LPGA had appeared in the paper. She has submitted an article about the progressive Garden Tour in Chateau Terrace but, it has not appeared.
- Sue Mank, Recycling Chairman, stressed saving tabs during the holidays. Ginger Fisher, Corresponding Secretary, gave a report on cards that were sent out. She will be sending a "Thinking of You" card to Dora Nichols. Debbie Main still needs an assistant to help with Projection/technical. Liz Smith, Civic Beautification Chairman, gave a report on signage for Butterfly Park, etc. Marge Leonard, Fire Station Planters Chairman, said planters have been planted with Fall plants and look very attractive. Sharon Brinley, Treasurer, gave the Budget report and passed out copies.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:44a.m.

***Kathy Spann, Recording Secretary***



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## **Garden Club of Rogers Board Meeting: 1200 W. Walnut St, Rogers, AR, November 30th, 2021**

- Meeting was called to order by Laynette Riley, President, at 9:04a.m. In attendance were Laynette Riley, Gail Wright, Sharon Brinley, Kathy Spann, Ginger Fisher, Kelly English, Sherrie Eoff, Anita Gordon, Marge Leonard, Sheree Maldonado, Marj Nelson, Sue Mank, and Elizabeth Pier Smith. The Board Meeting minutes and Budget Report will not be provided at the December meeting but will resume at the February meeting. They will also be included in the Newsletter. Laynette expressed that we have been asked to host the District Meeting next October, 2022. It has been approved by the state. The next day (October 4, 2022) would be our regular meeting. Laynette and Kelly are looking into getting a new caterer and have a couple of choices. We will keep Jaclyn's Kitchen for the December meeting.
- Marj Nelson, Ways and Means Chair, shared plans for December (Christmas). Discussed sending two(2) emails for reservations. December we will be able to use square readers for credit cards. Sharon will get \$200 cash from Petty Cash. We have sent invitations to others in District but, as of today, have not gotten any reservations. We will need to have bid items brought to the Grace Baptist Church, 2409 New Hope Road, on the 6th from 9:00a.m. to 12:00a.m., and on the 7th by 9:30a.m. We will need a description of item and if there is a minimum that needs to be charged. If it does not meet the minimum, then item will be returned to the person or business that donated it. Anita will send out email with all instructions on bid items. The church has agreed to let us in on Monday, as early as 8:00a.m. on Tuesday, to set up. We will be bidding from 10:00a.m. to 11:15a.m. Numbers will be on tags for members to make it easier when time for silent auction winners. Lunch will be from 11:15a.m. to 12:00a.m. Speaker at 12:00a.m., which will be Roslyn Imrie, with a program on "Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter", and no business meeting. Gail will contact the speaker today to confirm. We will have some volunteers to help serve the meal. It should be a fun, festive time.
- Kelly English, Newsletter Editor, shared that no newsletter had been sent out this year. She is having trouble getting information.
- Robin Catagnus, Youth Contest Chairman, was absent but sent word that the Poetry contest is a week from now. Anita sent out an email to members. She has received four (4) poems so far.
- Carol McCutcheon, Garden Tour Chairman, shared plans for Garden Tours. Nitron Industries or Crystal Bridges, in January, 2022, Springdale Garden Show in February, Garvin Gardens in March, Muskogee Azalea Festival in April, and maybe Iris or Blueberry Farm in May, 2022.
- Dedicating the tree in Sherrie Eoff's honor directly following the November meeting at the SE corner of Olrich and 71B, went well.
- Garden of the Month chairman, Debi Chapman, had nothing to report.
- Sue Mank, Recycling Chairman, had no report.
- Ginger Fisher, Corresponding Secretary, gave a report on cards that were sent out. Discussed needs for note cards with logo. Will have Jordan's print some.
- Liz Smith, Civic Beautification Chairman, shared that the city will be paying for everything on the signs for the Butterfly Park, which is \$4,000. We still have items that the grant money can be used for, if received.
- We will award the Penny Pines award in February, 2022.
- Sharon Brinley, Treasurer, gave the Budget report and passed out copies.
- Diana Blas, Membership Chairman, was absent but sent a report. GCR has 86 members. The new ones are: Debra Flint, Gayle Ironside, Beth Carnes, Holy Holiman, and Joni Daminquez, and Peggy Bulla. Phyllis Pittman may join in December. Eight yearbooks remain to be handed out and there is a need for at least 10 more.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:31a.m.

***Kathy Spann, Recording Secretary***