

Oklahoma City Council of Garden Clubs Monthly Newsletter

November 2023

2023-2025 Officers

Michael Kowalchyk, President

Phyllis Steinhour, 1st VP Jessica

Nelson, 2nd VP

Ann Waddell, Secretary

Carolyn McCabe, Treasurer

Marilyn Lahr, Historian

Clara Bishop, Finance

Judy Grotts, Parliamentarian

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Ann Waddell: Publicity

Library: Honor System



President's Message by Michael Kowalchyk

Happy Fall!! I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful fall weather.

Remember, we do not have a meeting this month. However, we are meeting at 9am, Thursday, Nov. 16th to set up and decorate the Christmas tree inside the Will Rogers Garden Center lobby. Right after is the Viola Club meeting and potluck luncheon at 11am. Feel free to stay after and join the Viola Club meeting. Bring a side dish or dessert to share to luncheon.

Garden Club Unit Presidents, Annual Garden club reports are past due. Please get this taken care of now, rather than later. The report guideline is in the back of the Council Yearbook. You can email it to me at mikow24@gmail.com or mail if that's easier.

If I don't see you on the 16th, I wish everyone a safe, blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Take time to slow down and remember what is truly important. Time doesn't stop, embrace the moment now and hug your family and friends a lot!

NOTE: NO NOVEMBER MEETING

Committee Chairs

Advisory:

Marilyn Lahr, April Pratt, Tis Bohlman,
Johnita Turner, Carolyn McCabe

Awards, Programs, Floral Design:
Unassigned

Contests: Unassigned

Bylaws: Judy Grotts.

Conservation: Unassigned

Storage, Civic Liaison: Johnita Turner

Email, Scholarship & Sunshine:
Carolyn McCabe

Horticulture: Unassigned

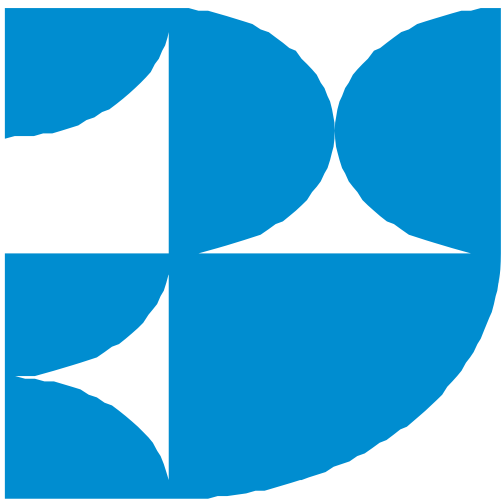
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**From left to right: Brenda Jindra; Terry Lopp, President;
Nancy Kowalchyk; Judith Miracle; and Michael
Kowalchyk**



Judith Miracle demonstrating Halloween Centerpieces
at the October mee





**PLEASE TAKE NOTE
THERE WILL BE NO
NOVEMBER
MEETING DUE TO
VETERANS DAY**

Upcoming events: Mark your calendar

November 16th, Christmas Tree Decorating at Will Rogers

**DECEMBER 8, 2023 COUNCIL
MEETING
9:30 A.M.
HOSTED BY THE VIOLA UNIT**

**PROGRAM: CHRISTMAS
CENTERPIECES demonstrated
by Jim Woolley**



Minutes OKC Garden Council Meeting- October 13, 2023

Attending:

Carolyn McCabe-Treasurer; Johnita Turner-Orchid; Jana Butcher-Orchid; Michael Kowalchyk-President; Phyllis Steinhour-Ist VP; Marylyn Lahr- Viola; Ann Waddell- Viola; Anthony Machado-Orchid; Linda Lood? -Late Bloomers; Jessica Nelson- 2nd VP; Nancy Kowalchk- Viola; Brenda Lindaer- Daylily; Pat Murrell- Garden Party Rose; Allan Storjohann- Horticulture; Judith Miracle-Late Bloomer

(Sorry if I misspelled anyone's name but next time please print your name- signatures are hard to read)

Breakfast was served promptly at 9:30am

President Michael Kowalchyk called the meeting to order at 10am with pledge of allegiance to us flag and reading of gardeners Creed.

Michael thanked the hosts- Daylily Club.

Judith Miracle on "Halloween Center Pieces" showing how decorations can be used twice using Halloween, fall items and flowers. She had some creative ideas using simple/same things to transition from Halloween to thanksgiving.

Secretary Report: Michael reported that the minutes from September meeting were distributed electronically. There were no corrections and accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report: Carolyn McCabe, Treasurer- Balance is 4,057.96. There were two checks written one for \$150.08 for 2023-2024 yearbooks and \$50.00 for president's payment. The CD balance is \$20,247.56 with a return of 4.67% maturing 5/12/24.

A motion was made and seconded to give \$1000 to the State Scholarship Program, Motion Passed.

Sunshine Report: Mary Lahr, Chairman- One care was sent to April Pratt, Amaryllis Club. Council did receive a Thank you card from Cindy Narcomi and Judith Miracle asked for prayers for her sister, Kathi. Please let Marilyn know of anyone who could use a card. We are a community that cares about each other.

No old Business.

Announcements:

All Club reports are due November 1st.

Decorating the tree will be November 16th at 9am and everyone is invited to join the Viola's monthly meeting after the decorating at 11am.

Christmas lighting will be November 26th and is sponsored by FWRG. It will have a horse drawn carriage rides and food trucks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am and door prizes were awarded.