



## Christian County Master Gardeners

### 2024 Annual Report

2024 was another growth year for Christian County Master Gardeners. We are proud of the achievements of our members in 2024. This year, We added 7 new members, 2 Emeritus members, and CCMG received the MOMGA award for medium chapter of the year. CCMG had 10 members that logged over 100 hours of volunteer time each.

The MG plant sale in May was a huge success. A wide variety of plants grown by the members from vegetables and herbs to house plants to shrubs and trees.

#### Community Outreach

- The MG seminar team held 3 public seminars in 2024. Well attended by the public and received great feedback.
- CCMG Craft Fair booth in Ozark was a hit !! We had many questions for our team and gathered over 70 names requesting information on upcoming seminars.
- Walmart Spring Garden Opening – Ozark and Nixa stores. CCMG was invited back to the WalMart garden open house in 2024.
- Christian County Library, Ozark Branch – Our Meet Me in the Garden talk series was a success, holding 2 talks per month. CC Library asked CCMG to create another series for the 2025 season.
- Sparta Community Garden - Became official in 2024 with the city granting use of a plot of land in The Roller Park. The Garden formed a board of directors and filed for nonprofit status.
- The OTC scholarship program - CCMG donated plant sale monies to help 2 students in agriculture studies.

## **Statistics**

- Social Media
  - Reached over 73,000 views up 47.7% from prior year
  - Content Interactions over 9,300 up 3.5% from prior year
  - Gained 405 new followers
- Member Volunteer Hours
  - Total hours 2,413.75
  - Education hours 363.6
  - Advanced education hours 34
- Hotline (open, but working remotely)
- Least of These Produce Donations
  - Donated over 500 pounds of produce
- Annual May Plant Sale
  - Over 500 attendees and approximately 2,000 plants donated

## **Existing Community Projects**

- Gardens at Woodfield in Nixa
- Nixa X Center
- Christian County Library, Ozark Branch
- Ozark Daffodil Boxes
- Nixa Rotary Garden
- Sparta Community Garden

## **Board Members**

Ed Kucab – President

Linda Smith – Vice President

Patty Baker – Secretary

Sue Helms – Treasurer

13 Project Chairs

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Kucab

President Christian County Master Gardeners