

The Banner



April 2023

Annual Spring Fling brings back Books, Plants and Auction

Our April meeting is an opportunity for everyone to participate in a big way. What can you do?

Books — Check your shelves for those you have read or just no longer want collecting dust. Have you got books packed away in boxes? Get them out and bring them. What you no longer want may be someone else's happy discovery. A wide variety of books will be available for \$.25 to \$5.00.

Plants — We can use newly bloomers, outside, inside, kinds! Just be sure to bring don't leak. Label the name of needs sun or shade.

Auction — Think Spring! Gar-wildflower seeds, a new pot, jewelry, grilling and BBQ ideas. You may have some would be perfect. Some of eager buyers for tempting The event will start promptly at tributions will need to arrive at for buying and auction. Plan to shop, but don't plan to leave empty-handed. Bring extra money!



rooted, divided from faithful hanging, and potted plants. All them in sturdy containers that each plant and indicate if it

den gloves and implements, wreath, floral napkins, flower items — these are just a few *gently-used* items at home that you who like to cook will find baked goods.

10:00, so those of you with con-9:30 in order to ticket the items

April speaker Sharon Atcheson, TMREA Vice President and chairman for Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful, will present the city's vision for The Garden at Central Park. This project will help to not only protect wildlife, but will also create wildlife habitats.



Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful is passionate about creating healthy habitat in Broken Arrow.

Our Projects:



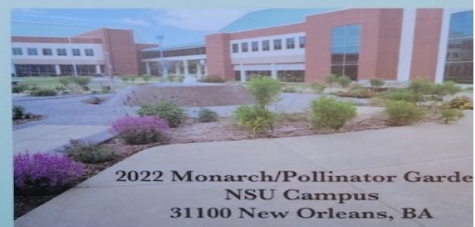
2020 Monarch/Pollinator Garden
By Children's Playground
Central Park 1500 S Main, BA

Milkweed: Only Home & Food For Monarch Caterpillars



Monarch Life Cycle

Rue: Food for Swallowtail Butterfly Caterpillar



2022 Monarch/Pollinator Garden
NSU Campus
31100 New Orleans, BA

Two Opportunities to Help

Thursday, April 20th 10:30am—1:30pm
Thursday, May 4th 10:30am—1:30 pm



Volunteers will be inside, seated, and processing donations, so wear comfy clothes & close-toed shoes. Water and snacks will be provided.

Feel free to come late or leave early if you cannot do all three hours! This is a great time to bring your donations. Call or text Susanna if you want to work or take donations at a different time.

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Retirees from all the State Retirement Systems Rally at State Capitol

TMREA was well represented at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, for Retiree Day. Janet Brewster, Sheila Hayden, Don Hertzler, Nancy Remus, Sharon Patch, and Ken Yates were met by OREA representatives with coffee and donuts and talking points to be made, particularly to senators, regarding the following bills:

HB 2020—increases certain retirement benefits adjustment for 2024 tax year

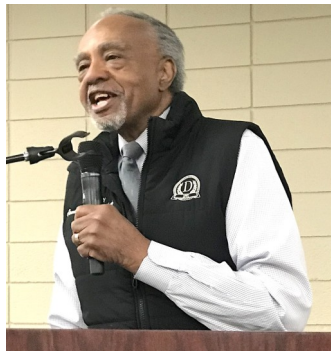
HB 2171—provides a “13th paycheck” for state retirement beneficiaries of at least two years

HB2854—Terminates the state defined contribution plan, transferring Public Employees into defined benefits plan.

Teachers already participate in the defined benefits plan, but with passage of this bill all of the state employees would be on the same plan.

Several senators vowed to give consideration to the targeted bills.

March speaker Clifton Taulbert thanked teachers for their investment in the lives of students and encouraged attendees to inspire new and experienced teachers in the classroom not to be discouraged because the work they do changes lives. Copies of his books will be available at the book table during April's Spring Fling.



Sharon Patch, Sheila Hayden, Nancy Remus, and Sabra Tucker pose on the fourth floor of the Capitol Rotunda during Retiree Day. Note the beautiful results of the extensive Capitol restoration that began in 2015 and a total expenditure of over \$200,000,000.

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*delegates still needed
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