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## What's Growing On.....

### The latest news from the Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

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#### ADVISORY BOARD

- Chairman-Janette Everhart
- Vice Chair - Carol Vandenberg
- Secretary - Susan Rogers
- Treasurer - Lynn Campbell
- Members at Large:
  - Helen Kloepper
  - Stephanie Myers
  - Rena Tedrow

#### MdC Vision Statement

We are recognized as a welcoming, knowledgeable, focused gardening volunteer team. We grow, communicate with, and educate our community and ourselves. We build lasting connections and friendships.

#### WORK DAYS

**MiCo Courthouse Garden**  
Wednesday's, 8a - 10a

**Trial Garden/Cut flower Garden**  
Tuesday's, 8a

**LaCygne Community Garden**  
Wed and/or Fri 8a - 11a

#### Lots going on...lots of information...

This month's newsletter is going to be few in photos and all about information--what is coming up--because there is a LOT coming up. Please take a few minutes and read through.

Although the holidays are coming up on us very quickly, we also have some deadlines - clothing order, hours, etc. As a group, we have some fun activities planned during the first week of December...see the 'Notes' or find it on the AT calendar. Be sure to add these to your calendars and reply with your RSVPs if asked. Without further ado, let's get you 'in the know' with what is coming up...

**Clothing order...** Katelyn sent an email on Nov. 1st that included a photo description of the clothing items along with an order form. She sent another email on the 14th which included the order form. The form is also included on page 9. **Your order and payment are due in the office on Wednesday, Nov. 20th.** *If you need a description of the clothing, please contact Katelyn asap!*

**Vinland Valley Nursery (Baldwin City)...** On Dec. 3rd at 10:00a, a tour has been scheduled of their greenhouses along with a mini workshop, 'How to shop at a Nursery...How to buy more plants for less money.' One hour AT training will be credited. Please contact Stephanie M by Wednesday, Nov 20th ([stephmyers328@gmail.com](mailto:stephmyers328@gmail.com)).

**Wreaths for Residents...** Dec. 4th from 10a-1p-ish, the EMGs will be assembling wreaths for the senior residents of a facility in Louisburg. Adding to this, there is an 'Ugly Sweater' contest AND a cookie exchange. Please see page 2 for additional information.

**Holiday Happiness project...** Once again, the MdC EMGs will be donating to local food pantries. The EMGs will be donating \$1,000 and ask the members to also donate what you can. Please bring your donation--cash or check, payable to MdC EMG to the extension office by Friday, Dec 13th (before 4:30p). When you come to pay, if you speak with Julie or Tracy, let them know you are paying for 'Holiday Happiness'--so they know what you are paying for. After the deadline has passed, the total amount collected will be divided equally between three food pantries in Osawatomie, LaCygne, and either Springhill or Paola (TBD).

Committees

**Courthouse Garden**  
Phyllis Benedict

**Trial Garden**  
Dennise Fink-Morse,  
Chet McLaughlin, Shirley New,

**KSU Extension Office Garden**  
2024 Class (monument sign)  
Deb Kitchell (planters by door)

**Linn County Courthouse Garden**  
Lorraine Crawford

**Advanced Training**  
Barbara Shropshire

**Awards Banquet**  
Donna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist,  
Susan Thompson

**Symposium - 2024**  
Janette Everhart

**Plant Sale**  
Sue Burns, LynnCampbell,  
Lenora Larson

**Garden Tour (2025)**  
Susan Rodgers

**Seeds for Kids**  
Betsy Hasselquist

**Miami County Fair**  
Dennise Fink-Morse, Hort. Supt.  
Betsy Hasselquist, Seeds4Kids  
Supt.  
Bill Vandeberg, Flori. Supt.

**New Recruits/Mentors**  
Stephanie Myers/  
Rena Tedrow

Other

**Publicity**  
Lenora Larson

**Newspaper Articles**  
Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agt.

**Social Media/newsletters**  
Rena Tedrow, Editor

Articles, photos, etc. to be included in the monthly EMG Newsletter should be sent to Rena at [wordet01@gmail.com](mailto:wordet01@gmail.com) by the second Thurs. of each month.

\* **3rd annual wreath-making day...**

This has become a FUN activity. On Dec. 4th from 10-1:00-ish in the large meeting room, we will be making wreaths to donate to the residents of the Louisburg Healthcare & Rehab Center.

We will be making approximately 36 wreaths using 10" wire frames. If you have any small holiday-type decorations you'd like to donate, please bring them to the extension office by Dec. 3rd. A blue Rubbermaid tote is in the volunteer room if you'd like to drop things off. Becky T. and Rena will be setting up at 8:30a on the 4th. If you'd like to help set up, please let Rena know.

Don't forget to **wear your favorite 'Ugly Christmas Sweater.'** An "award" will be presented to the top 3 'ugliest' sweaters. Also, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies/treats that you would like to share for a cookie exchange before we get started on the wreaths.

**If you will be attending, please RSVP by Nov. 27th to Rena at [wordet01@gmail.com](mailto:wordet01@gmail.com).** Sandwiches & drinks will be provided--so please let Rena know if you have dietary restrictions. There are GF options so it is important that you RSVP.

\* **Volunteer hours...**

To the new class in-training...if you are attempting to add your hours, please discontinue. Katelyn will provide you with log-in information. During the final in-house training on Nov. 21st, Katelyn will be conducting a training for entering your information.

To active members, this is a reminder to add your hours. Although we have until Dec. 31st to log our hours, if you can get this done by mid-December it would be greatly appreciated. Katelyn reviews everyone's entries to ensure the correct category has been used. **Be sure to add a description of the activity** so she can correct if necessary. If you have questions about what category to use for specific activities, please call or email Katelyn.

While entering your hours, you've seen a 'Sub Categories List' option when you open the 'Report New Hours' tab. If you select this option, you can sort the list by category or sub-cat. name. (Disregard the last two columns.) You can also export this to download--as a PDF or Excel sheet.

On page 8, you will see this document (Excel)--it has been reduced to fit on one page with the columns hidden and has been sorted by category. If you would like a download but are unfamiliar with formatting Excel, contact Rena you will be emailed a PDF to save for use.

\* **Roster update...** During the October General meeting the current roster was distributed for updates. If you have changed your phone number, mailing address, email address, please contact Katelyn so she can update your information. The new roster will be distributed after the beginning of the year with the new class added to the roster.

\* **Office closure dates...** The extension office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday (Nov. 28th and 29th). The office will also be closed in December - from December 24th through January 1st.

\* **Annual Awards Banquet...** The committee has been busy with plans for the 2025 banquet. It is slated for Tuesday, January 14th at Legacy Homestead (the former location of The Paola Eatery) across from Cafe Latte/Jackson Hotel. Additional information--time, cost, etc.--will be distributed over the next several weeks.

\* **Expenditure reimbursements...** While it is nice that we feel we can donate items, just about everything the EMGs do has a budget for expenses. If you have been given the 'green light' to spend you own funds, you need to be reimbursed.

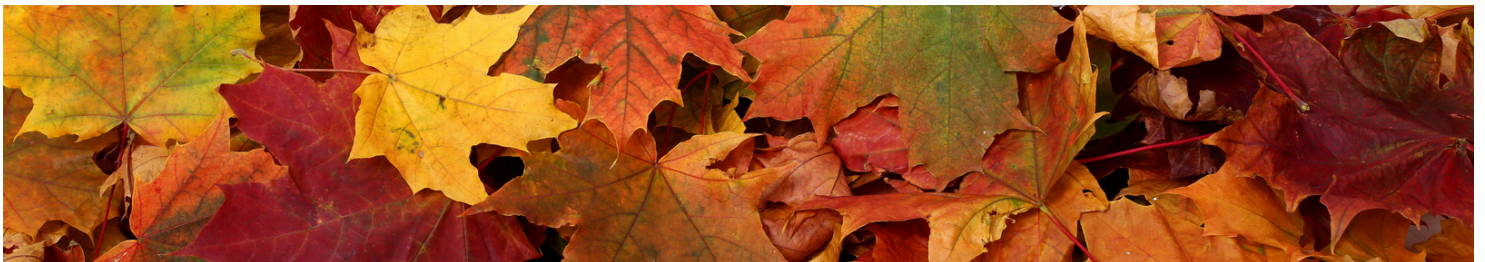
You will need to:

- Take a copy of your receipt with you to the extension office and complete a green color reimbursement form. The forms are located in the volunteer office in the '2024 Financial notebook'...or you can ask Tracy or Julie for one. Attach your receipt to the form.
- Note on the form what the expense was for, and which committee budget the expense will need to come from.
- Email Lynn Campbell stating you have left a form for her...or just wait until the next time she can get into the office to write a check. If not noted on the form, include a note that you will pick up the check or if you would like the check mailed.

\* **New class in training...** The new class has one more in-house training this Thursday, and two more Zoom classes to go!!! Another 8 weeks and we can welcome them as fully fledged EMGs!

\* **2025 Plant sale...** The committee has plans underway for the plant sale!!! Mark your calendar for April 23rd-26th--this includes the set-up day, the plant sale and clean-up. Sign-up genius will be used. We will be located in bldg 2 at the MiCo fairgrounds. Over the next five months, you will see articles related to selections for the plant sale - the 'Hotties.' See page \_\_\_ for this month's article regarding information the 'Plant Sale Hotties.'

\* **2025 Fall Garden Tour...** Would anyone like to step up and help Susan Rodgers to co- chair the committee? Plans are underway... Letters and questionnaires have been sent to the participating gardens.



## ADVANCED TRAINING SCHEDULE

### 2024 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training Calendar

**Note: Additional trainings will be added throughout the year as they are scheduled**

MO	DATE	TIME	# HRS	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
Nov	19	12:00	1	Champion Tree Program	Rick Spurgeon, City of Olathe Arborist	Leawood Garden Club, Cure of Ars Catholic Church, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood KS
Dec	3	10:00a	1	How to shop at a Nursery...How to buy more plants for less money	Vinland Valley Nursery	1606 N 600 Rd., Baldwin City, KS  Please contact Stephanie Myers if you will be attending)
Dec	5	11:30a	1	Gardening As We Age	Kevin Nelson, DO Co. EMG	WY Co. Extension Office, 1208 N. 79th St. KcK; \$10 class fee

<b>MdC Training Hours</b>	Other Training Hours	<b>Red text denotes new training or updated information</b>
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# K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Join K-State Research and Extension every first Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm CST

The **K-State Garden Hour**, is at 12:00 PM on the 1st Wed. of each month. Register online at <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>. Past recordings are available on the website.

Dec 4 - Home Hydroponics

**Lunch and Learn**, 12:00p - every 1st Thursday of the month. **Native Plants at Noon**, 12:00p - every 3rd Thursday.

Register for both webinars at [deeproofs.org](https://www.deeproofs.org) (past recordings available on website)

**IF YOU HAVE THOUGHTS, OR IDEAS FOR TRAINING FOR 2025 CONTACT BARB SHROPSHIRE**

## 2025 Plant Sale - Mark your calendars!!

**Lenora Larson, Co-chair**

The annual spring Plant Sale has been a great success since 2007 as our chief revenue source and closely aligns with our mission: to provide research-based horticultural information to the public. The 3 co-chairs, Sue Burns, Lynn Campbell and Lenora Larson, have begun the planning process by meeting with our plant vendor VVN, Vinland Valley Nursery. Other than special requests by the Plant Sale Committee, VVN will choose the plants to be grown and sold. Owner Amy and Manager Celie will consider our plants' sales performance in 2023 and 2024, plus customer preferences at their retail store, and industry trends.

### **WHEN: April 23, 24, 25, 26, 2025**

**Set-up Wednesday** April 23, 9a - 3p. We'll set up the tables and signage and VVN will deliver twice-- 10:00a and 2:00p--with plants organized on the truck by "Group", which will match the plant list PDF, downloaded on each EMG's smart phone.

**Thursday**, April 24, 9a to 5p. No advance sales! If there is an early sell-out, we'll restock from VVN Thursday afternoon.

**Friday**, April 25, 9a to 6p - Sell, Sell, Sell.

**Saturday**, April 26, 9a to 3p. EMGs will receive a 10% discount on Saturday purchases after 11:00a. No sales after 3p. After 3p, we'll start the break down and assist VVN with loading the unsold plants for return.

### **LOCATION— INDOORS--MiCo Fairgrounds, 401 Wallace Park Drive, Paola, KS**

We will no longer be at Mother Nature's mercy! The plants and shoppers will be happier without wind and rain; buyers will appreciate having bathrooms. This is our 5th Plant Sale move!!!, but customers have always found us. We'll have banners up by April 1st in two locations--the Extension Office and the Fairgrounds. We will also increase the size of our *Kansas City Gardener* ad to ½ page, running in March, April and May.

### **PROMOTION**

*Kansas City Gardener* is our best tool for attracting gardeners. We hope to develop additional promotion routes and increase our presence on Social Media. We'll also promote internally in this Newsletter, starting with this monthly report and a monthly "Plant Sale Hotties" to highlight the Committee's favorite plants. YOU are our best customers!

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Most of our EMGs LOVE, **LOVE** staffing the Plant Sale as an opportunity to talk about plants, assist customers and buy lots of plants for themselves. In December, we'll begin recruiting "Plant Ambassadors" (PA's) to specialize in specific plant types, our 14 "Groups". Sign-up Genius will be opened in March with specific hours and tasks (like Cashier, etc.). Please plan to join us!



2023 Plant Sale at the Extension parking lot

## Plant Sale Hotties.....

### Lenora Larson

Our Plant Sale will offer about 600 different plant species, YIKES! Who could possibly know all these plants and their special charms? Especially since many will be unassuming 6" seedlings in April, offering no clue to their glorious transformation in just a few months. Members of the Plant Sale Committee and staff from Vinland Valley Nursery will introduce you to some of our favorites over the next few months so you can add these proven superstars to your garden and suggest them to customers. And of course we are our own best customers!

### Tropical Sennas: GROUP 3, BUTTERFLY HOST PLANTS

You don't have to be a butterfly gardener to NEED these two tropical Sennas in your garden. My visitors absolutely lose their minds over Popcorn Senna, *Cassia didymobotrya*, which hails from Africa and grows 6 feet tall with 12" racemes of yellow blooms from August through October's freeze. Even more impressive, the Mexican Candlestick Senna, *Cassia alata* soars from 6" to 12 feet in one growing season and boasts yellow flowers arranged in 18" racemes. Yes, they are annuals in Kansas, but it's worth the effort to plant one or two maintenance-free specimens every year for their WOW impact. (Note: they are also host plants for our 6 species of Sulphur Butterflies.)



Scott and Matt (2024 EMG Class) bought this Popcorn Senna at our plant sale this year, because they liked its name. The leaves really do smell like popcorn! Its dramatic beauty was an unexpected bonus.



Tall Verbena (AKA many other common names) has wispy stems so you can use at the front, center or back of the flower bed.

### Verbena-on-a-Stick: GROUP 1, POLLINATOR PLANTS

Unlike the rest of the ground-hugging Verbena family, these beautiful lavender flowers dance in the breeze on 3-foot wiry stems for months and are irresistible to pollinators. Even though this South American native, *Verbena bonariensis* (means "From Buenos Aires") is listed as zone 7, the plants usually survive our zone 6b winters, plus they copiously self-seed, always a virtue in my garden because I'll never need to buy or plant it again. Have you seen the gorgeous display blooming from May to November on the west side of the Courthouse Garden? A recent introduction to the Kansas City area, they always sell out on the first day at our Plant Sale so don't wait for the EMG discount on Saturday; they will be long gone.

Arboretum tour with Anne Wildeboor



AT - Using Dried Botanicals in Medicinal Remedies' with Janet Guittierez



## Online Reporting - Category/Sub-category List

Category	Sub Cat Name	Sub Cat Desc
Administration	Other	
Administration	EMG Board Meetings	
Administration	EMG General Meetings	
Administration	Office Maintenance	organizing, filing, etc.
Advanced Training	Other	
Advanced Training	Marais des Cygnes District	Advanced Trainings offered by the MdC District.
Advanced Training	K-State Related or K-State Garden Hour	Advanced Trainings offered by other EMG groups or by K-State. As well as the K-State Garden Hour webinars.
Advanced Training	Other Training	Approved Advanced Trainings offered by non-EMG groups
Advanced Training	Advanced Training/Community Education Committee	meetings, planning, organizing
Advanced Training	Miami County	Starting Seeds - Tuesday - February 22, 2011 by Bernard Armstrong
Fund Raising	Other	
Fund Raising	Plant Sale	
Outreach	Hotline-Response Line	
Outreach	Speakers Bureau	
Outreach	Other	
Outreach	JBMEGS	John Brown Memorial Education Gardens
Outreach	Great Trees of Miami County	
Outreach	Miami County Courthouse Garden	Any work done in or related to the Miami County Courthouse
Outreach	Demo-Herb Garden	
Outreach	Trial Garden	Any work done in or related to the Trial Garden
Outreach	Veteran's Memorial	
Outreach	Paola Extension Office Garden	Any work done at or to the gardens at the Paola Ext. Office. This includes the sign out front & the flower pots by the door.
Outreach	Other Projects	
Outreach	Short-term Community Projects	Wreaths for Residents, Vintage Park Plantings, etc.
Outreach	Speakers Bureau	This is for any time you were a presenter for an event, conference, symposium, etc. (presenting about EMG or Hort related topics)
Outreach	Mentor Program	Any work or event related to the Mentor Program
Outreach	EMG Newsletter or Newspaper Articles	10 hours per article
Outreach	Newspaper Articles	
Outreach	Shows and Events	Ask a Master Gardener Booth
Outreach	Hotline	
Outreach	Other	
Outreach	Seeds for Kids	Any work or event related to the Seeds for Kids
Outreach	New Class Garden	
Outreach	Plant Sale	
Outreach	Spring Garden Symposium	Any work or event related to the Spring Garden Symposium
Outreach	Fall Garden Tour	Any work or event related to the Fall Garden Tour
Outreach	LaCygne Community Gardens	Any work done in or related to the LaCygne Community Gardens
Outreach	Cut Flower Garden	Any work or event related to the Cut Flower Garden
Public Events	Other	
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*Wishing each of you  
the comfort of family or friends  
and a warm, blessed  
Thanksgiving.*

