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Dear Master Gardener Applicant Prospect,

I am excited that you are interested in being a Marais des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardener. The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program through K-State Research and Extension. This educational program has been in place in other counties of Kansas for many years and was adopted in Miami County in 1996. However, in 2014 we joined with Linn County to form the Marais des Cygnes Extension District and became the Marais des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardeners.

The Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program was created to train community members about horticulture so that in turn they may assist the District Extension Agent responsible for horticulture programming. The Extension program can be expanded with the help of EMG's.

Training will be take place every Tuesday from September 18 through November 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension Office. Class will not be held on October 16.

Requirements for training:

1. You must be available to attend the Basic Training courses held in Johnson County.
2. Within the year following your training, you will be required to volunteer 40 hours with the Marais des Cygnes Extension District providing research-based horticulture information to the public.
3. You are required to complete your 40 volunteer hours by participating in and assisting with approved Marais des Cygnes Extension District projects and activities held throughout Miami and Linn Counties.
4. If selected, there is a registration fee of \$100 which covers the 40 hours of training, an extensive reference manual and 4 meals during the training. Fee is to be paid AFTER you have been accepted to program.

All applications will be reviewed July 9, 2018. Those selected will be personally interviewed by a committee on July 18th. Qualifications will be reviewed & up to ten people will be chosen as the Training Class of 2018.

Please complete the attached application and return it to one of the Marais des Cygnes Extension District Offices in Paola or Mound City no later than July 6, 2018, so we can begin the selection process. We hope to send acceptance letters out by the first week of August so you can make any needed arrangements.

Thank you for your interest in this important K-State Research and Extension educational program. If you have questions about the application or the EMG program, please feel free to call me at 913-294-4306.

Sincerely,



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Agent

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