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What's Growing On...

The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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2016 Trial Garden Summary

By Shirley New

2016 was not a normal year for our garden. We received 60 tomato plants and 144 pepper plants from K-State and quickly transplanted and mulched with wheat straw.

Much to our dismay, there was an abundance of wheat seed in the straw resulting in many man-hours to eliminate the sprouts.

Tomato plants were very late producing, which prevented doing a scheduled tasting/evaluation at the farmers market.

After a few years of extreme disappointment with the peppers, this was an outstanding year—for the plants that were not eaten shortly after planting. Next year we plan to make additional pepper cages and add two more loads of manure to the garden.



*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
from all of the Marais des Cygnes
Extension District Staff!*

EMG Board

Congrats to Laraine Crawford, Debbie Kitchell, Jan Putzier, and Becky Thorpe on being elected to the EMG Advisory Board! They will be installed at the December board meeting on December 13th. Officers will also be elected at the December meeting. If you see any of them please congratulate them and thank them for being willing to serve on the board.

Also, thank you to Eleanor Head and Marty Sundquist for completing their terms and serving on the board for the past two years.

Save the Date

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Paola Country Club on February 4th with appetizers being served at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! More details will be provided in the near future.

Reporting Hours

Don't forget to report your 2016 volunteer and advanced training hours. All hours need to be entered by December 30, 2016. The online reporting system can be found at www.ksuemg.org. Please remember that only hours spent working on approved Master Gardener projects/events can be counted as volunteer time.

2016 Officers

President – Michael Poss

Vice-President – Martha Sundquist

Secretary – Pat Trachsel

Treasurer – Laraine Crawford

**Members at Large – Eleanor Head, Shirley New,
and Jan Putzier**

*The newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month
preceding publication. Please send news and
photos to mwesterhold@ksu.edu.*

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