CALANDER

• April 20, 6:30 pm on Zoom, Gardening for Pollinators
  • The 2021 Plant Sale will be held on May 6-7-8 (note: the dates have been changed) in the parking lot at the new office, with set-up on May 5. (Flyer on page 7.)
  • The 2021 Garden Tour is on the calendar for September 10-11.
• 2021 Advanced Training schedule on page 5.

GARDEN WORK DAYS (always weather permitting, and all K-State Covid protocols observed)

Courthouse:
Workdays: Wednesdays at 10 am, earlier after it warms up.
Phyllis Benedict 913-294-4751
pabenedict51@gmail.com

Extension Office:
Sue is working on plans for the garden at the new office.
Sue Burns 816-510-5291
smbohmker@hotmail.com

Trial Garden:
Work days will be announced.
Call Chet McLaughlin for info 913-963-7187
mclaughlin1944@gmail.com

LaCygne Garden:
Approved for volunteer hours.
Rena Tedrow 913-757-2551
snoski58@yahoo.com

Regularly scheduled Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, 9:30 am, Paola Extension Office, and open to all EMGs.

April Advanced Training

The Love Connection: Pollinators and Flowering Plants

Most flowers require an animal mediator to carry the male pollen from one flower to the female ovary of another flower. Insects, especially bees, serve as the primary pollinators in the temperate zone. Pollinators don’t know that they are the love connection for plants, so the flower must first attract them with color, fragrance and/or shape. They then bribe the pollinators to return by repeatedly dispensing small doses of delectable nectar.

This presentation introduces participants to the pollinators in our area, the threats that they face, and how we can help them. Humans have a vested interest in protecting pollinators since at least 70% of our foods depend on the services of these hard-working insects. It is also our moral duty as stewards of this beautiful planet to preserve the pollinators, and we need to do better.

Presenter Lenora Larson is a Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener and member of local chapters of both the Idalia Butterfly Society and Kansas Native Plant Society. Lenora is a proud “science geek” with a degree in microbiology from Michigan State University, a career in molecular biology and a life-long interest in wildlife, especially the creepy and crawly. She writes about butterfly gardening for numerous publications and is a frequent presenter to gardeners throughout the Midwest.

Katelyn has received permission from Dennis Patton for us to attend the Johnson County EMG Advanced Training sessions, which are being held by Zoom. Only EMGs are given access to the Zoom link, which Katelyn sent to the membership by email on February 18. The link is the same for each training.

Call Katelyn if you have lost link information, or need other help accessing Zoom. Please do not share the Johnson County link with anyone outside of our program! It is only for the use of EMGs in the Johnson County program, and they are graciously allowing us to join them. Note that participants need to mute mics and turn off cameras.
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Stacie Campbell
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Judy Moser & Lenora Larson
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Social Media
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Chet McLaughlin & Michael Poss
Pat Trachsel & Sue Burns
Linn County Fair
Mike Brown
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Becky Thorpe
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judy@springvalleynursery.com

Hearts and Souls and Flora Are Looking Up

By Betsy Hasselquist, MdC EMG Chair

Happy Spring! We’re together and “On The Road Again.”
So great to see everyone in person at the 2nd Quarterly General Meeting. A tremendous turnout. So fun. The new class members were recognized and are already important assets to our group.
Thanks Chet for providing valuable information on recycling and the Miami County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program.

There’s lots in the works and much going on!

How Does Your Garden Grow?
What’s happening in your gardens? (See Lenora Larson’s pictures on pages 3 and 4. She was happy to send photos of what’s in bloom in hers.) Enjoyable seeing all the beautiful flowers and blooming trees this year, plants popping their heads up and flourishing. My herbs survived. Many transplants from the previous Extension Gardens are liking their new homes.
Have enjoyed starting seeds indoors, eating tender greens and have begun hardening off plants.

’Tis morel mushroom season. And… I feel privileged, thankful to have discovered a rookery of great blue herons nearby comprised of over 20 nests in 3 large trees. Wow. I’ve never seen this before. They are soon to be hidden by the leaves.(Shh.)

“More-vid” of Co-vid
Although things are much more hopeful and people are branching out, “loosening up,” unfortunately, it’s not over. Not sure it’ll ever truly be over with ongoing variants.

What is normal anyway? Seems like us “seniors” who want to receive the vaccines have been able to get them in our area (?) and younger folks have become eligible. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk of spread and the seriousness of the illness which will then aid in invigorating our economy.

I was able to visit my mom in her senior living apartment for the first time in over a year. Wonderful. Actually hugged her.

Thinking about venturing out for a weekend trip. I haven’t traveled since the pandemic and I love to travel. Still more comfortable meeting with folks in the out-of-doors myself, making spring especially welcome this year.

K-State continues to require 6’ social distancing and mask wearing, although may start loosen up some soon. (The new class training for 2021 will again be held online.) We no longer need to seek permission from K-State to meet in person in groups of less than 50. (That’s us!) This, also, means two people can work the hotline together.
Together is often better.

Looking forward to the plant sale. Hope to see you there. Be kind. Be safe. Be healthy. Have fun. 🌸
It’s April! We Have Flowers Again!

Lenora Larson took these photos (pages 3 and 4) in her gardens on April 14

See how many you can name. Plant identifications are on page 5.
### 2021 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training Calendar

Please note: More training sessions will be added throughout the year as they are scheduled.

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<td>Ten Steps to Transform Your Yard into an Earth-Friendly Garden</td>
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<td>Visit Everharts—Tree Tour and compost info, bring lunch, chair and drink</td>
<td>Janette Everhart, MdC EMG</td>
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<td>150 Ways to Create a Fantastic Yard Totally Tailored to You</td>
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**MdC Training Hours**

**Other Training Hours**—check with Katelyn to see if other Zoom training is AT eligible.

### NEWS & NOTES

- Sign up **NOW** at signupgenius.com to help with the plant sale!
- The Hotline resumed on April 1. New EMGs can sign up with their mentor or any EMG if you want to work with an experienced Hotliner. Covid protocols are still required. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC22A6F58-2021](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC22A6F58-2021)
- There will be tours of the new Extension Office in conjunction with the Farm Tour on May 8 and 9.
  - Katelyn will be on vacation the week of April 19.
  - The theme of the 2022 Symposium will be “How to Design a Garden without Breaking Your Back.”
  - The May 11 Board meeting will be held at the office, 9:30 am. Yea!

Lenora’s plants pictured on pages 3 & 4:
Page 3, top to bottom, left to right: Bugelweed, (Ajuga reptans), Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis), Tulip ‘Watermelon Pink,’ Sand Cherry (Prunus cistena), Carolina Allspice (Calycanthus floridus), Celandine Poppy (Stylophorum diphyllum), Double white daffodil. Page 4: Grape Hyacinth (Muscari armeniacum), Golden Ragwort (Senecio aurea), Wild Blue Phlox (Phlox divaricata), Crab Apple ‘Sugar and Spice,’ Toadshade (Trillium undulatum), Lenten Rose (Helleborus orientalis), Pawpaw (Asimina triloba), Japanese Quince (Chaenomeles japonica).

Follow the Marais des Cygnes EMGs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg
Vinland Valley Nursery, Our Plant Sale Vendor

Vinland Valley Nursery, Baldwin, KS, will supply the plants for our 2021 plant sale on May 6-7-8.

Proprietors Doug Davison and Amy Albright are gearing up to bring
annuals, herbs, veggies, tropicals, combination planters, small trees, succulents, hanging baskets,
and shrubs, in addition to the
wide variety of native plants and
perennials they’ve supplied us with
for several years. As always there
will be an emphasis on butterfly host
plants and pollinator plants.

Established in 1998, the family
owned and operated business
also does year round commercial
and residential landscaping and
maintenance.

With three small children running
around when they opened the
nursery, they immediately decided
to use only organic fertilizers and
natural pest controls. Of course they
never use neonicotinoids, which
would be harmful to pollinators.

These days they have just one
more daughter to finish putting
through college. She is working
part-time at the nursery.

Visit vinlandvalleynursery.com or call
785-594-2966.

Cleaning Up the Courthouse Garden

Progress is being made on spring
cleaning at the Courthouse Garden.
This is our flagship ornamental
garden and how we put our best foot
forward in the Paola community.

Stephanie Myers and Susan Hain
are cochairs for the new class project
there.

S E A S O N A L

Garden Labels

A local company is custom
making brick-like garden labels.
Samples were passed around at
the Q2 general meeting and were
viewed with approval.

Contact information:

Earn your volunteer hours by
helping out as much as you can
throughout the season. Contact
Phyllis Benedict at 913-294-4751 or
by email: pabenedict51@gmail.com

P-ARTE-0006 Artemisia stelleriana (old woman, hardy dusty miller) 5.50
P-ARTE-0005 Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound' 9
P-ARTE-0003 Artemisia ludoviciana 'Valerie Finnis' (wormwood) 5.50

P-ASCL-0006 Asclepias incarnata 'Milkmaid' (white swamp milkweed) 5.50
P-ASCL-0007 Asclepias sullivantii (Sullivant’s milkweed) 5.50
P-ASCL-0008 Asclepias syriaca (native milkweed) 5.50
P-ANTE-0001 Antennaria parvifolia (pussy toes) 5.50
P-AMSO-0002 Amsonia hubrichti (Ozark bluestar) 5.50
P-AMOR-0002 Amorpha nana (fragrant flase indigo) 5.50
P-AMOR-0001 Amorpha canescens (lead plant) 5.50
P-ALLI-0001 Allium tuberosum (Garlic chives, white flowering) 5.50
P-ALLI-0001 Allium caeruleum (blue flowering Persian onion) 5.50
P-ALCH-0001 Alchemilla mollis (lady’s mantle) 5.50
P-ALCE-0002 Alcea rosea (old-fashioned hollyhock) 5.50
Paola Plant Sale

NEW LOCATION!
Covid Protocols Observed

9 am to 5 pm
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
May 6-7-8, 2021

Native Plants/Trees • Butterfly Host Plants
Pollinator Plants • Annuals • Perennials
Tropicals • Succulents • Veggies
Hanging Baskets • Combination Planters

913 N. Pearl, Paola, KS 66071
The sale will be held in the parking lot of the new Extension Offices at 913 N. Pearl (Old KC Road)

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