What's Growing On...

The latest news from the Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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Advanced Training Opportunities

November 18, 9 to 11 am – 150 Ways to Create a Fantastic Yard Totally Tailored to You, by Amanda Thomsen, author and blogger known as Kiss My Aster. This quirky presentation is sure to give an idea or 15 to every gardener in the audience. From things you never thought of to things you didn’t think you were brave enough to try, you will leave this presentation INSPIRED! A JoCo EMG Zoom AT. Katelyn emailed the link. (Apologies for listing this on November 4 by mistake in the last newsletter.)

K-State Garden Hour Webinar Series

Join K-State Research and Extension horticulture agents from across the state as they discuss timely topics in horticulture. Free and open to all from Noon to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Pre-registration required to participate in the on-line sessions. You may view past recordings of K-State Webinars as well. Here is the link:

http://ksre-learn.com/KStateGardenHour

Holiday Happiness

Once again we’re calling this philanthropic opportunity “Holiday Happiness” because it is our chance to help spread holiday cheer to others in these difficult times.

The MdC EMG program will match up to $750 in donations to three food pantries in Miami and Linn Counties. Info from Chet McLaughlin about the three food pantries is on page 3.

You’re invited to donate toward our goal by sending a check between now and December 4th made out to MdC EMG, including “Holiday Happiness” in the memo line.

Mail or drop off your donation to the Marais des Cygnes Extension Office, 913 N. Pearl, Paola, KS 66071. DO IT SOON!

Follow the Marais des Cygnes EMGs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg

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Calendar

• The last Advanced Training opportunities for 2021
• December 13, 10 am, Muffin Exchange. More info on page 2.

Courthouse Work Days:
 Finished for the season. See page 5.
Phyllis Benedict 913-294-4751
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Extension Office:
Sue Burns 816-510-5291
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Trial Garden Work Days:
 Finished for the season.
Call Chet McLaughlin for info
913-963-7187 or email:
mclaughlin1944@gmail.com

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

Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, 9:30 am, Paola Extension Office. All EMGs are welcome to attend.

Newsletter deadline is noon on Thursday following the Board meeting.
Advisory Board

Chairman — Betsy Hasselquist
Vice Chairman — Sue Burns
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Janette Bennett
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Courthouse Garden
Phyllis Benedict

Trial Garden
Shirley New & Chet McLaughlin

KSU Extension Office Garden
Sue Burns

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Becky Thorpe

Advanced Training
Barbara Shropshire

Awards Banquet
Donna Cook & Susan Thompson

Symposium 2022
Stacie Campbell

Plant Sale 2022
Sue Burns & Lenora Larson

Garden Tour 2021
Jan Thompson & Betsy Hasselquist

Publicity
Judy Moser & Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids
Kathleen Brady-Francis
& Janette Bennett

Social Media
Anita Boyett-Voke

Miami County Fair
Chet McLaughlin, Michael Poss
& Sue Burns

Linn County Fair
Mike Brown

New Recruits/Mentors
Becky Thorpe

Newspaper Articles
Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agent

Send news and photos to:
Judy Moser, Newsletter Editor
judy@springvalleynursery.com

Muffin Exchange

What a perfect way for members to meet our new recruits! There will be a reception on December 13 at 10 am at the Miami County Historical Society Museum (on the northeast side of the Paola square.)

Please bring 1 dozen muffins to share on a to-go individual Christmas plate. Hot cider will be served. All EMGs invited. Each Christmas plate will contain assorted muffins, tea and honey butter. Welcome the new class, enjoy good fellowship and the immersive museum atmosphere.—Becky Thorpe

NEWS & NOTES

• The Board is looking for a committee to build and paint a new “Lucy Booth.” Want to put your skills to good use? Call Betsy.

• Voting for Board positions ended on November 12. Results will be emailed by Katelyn and will also be in the December newsletter.

• Angela officially retired at the end of October. She will work part time through the end of the year in order to train our new office professional, Tracy Lindsey, who started on November 8th. Give Tracy time to settle in by contacting Katelyn or Julie if you need something from the office.

• The 2022 Symposium has been canceled due to Covid uncertainties.

• Plant Sale Chair Sue Burns has scheduled a Plant Sale meeting for January 25th at 9:00 am in Osawatomie at the Bore Da Market, 573 Main Street. Anyone interesting in helping plan the 2022 Plant Sale, please be there, especially you younger folks!

• It’s early, but be thinking about chairing or co-chairing the 2023 Garden Tour! Betsy and Jan have written extensive plans to help the new chair(s). No need to re-invent!

• Revisions are currently being made to our Bylaws.

• Remember to turn in your 2021 AT and volunteer hours. Instructions are on page 6.
...About the Food Pantries

By Chet McLaughlin

Spring Hill Food Pantry

Kim Sterrett of the Life Springs Church in Spring Hill is the contact for the Spring Hill Pantry. The Life Springs Church operates the Food Pantry for northern Miami County (north of Hwy. 68) which serves an average of 120 families a week. The Pantry receives donations of food and funds from Harvesters, local producers and businesses. The Church members receive the donations and distribute them to drive-up customers on Thursdays, with two shifts each day. The telephone number is 913-592-5433. The mailing address is Life Springs Church, P.O. Box 554, Spring Hill, KS 66083. Church staff and volunteers participate and volunteers are always welcome.

LaCygne Food Pantry

Doris McElreath, a MdC Master Gardener, is the contact for the LaCygne Food Pantry. She can be reached at 924-259-2560. The Pantry is a community project located behind the Methodist Church at 402 Chest Street along with the community garden, which provides some of the food. The Pantry is sponsored by the Healthy Congregations group. They receive donations from the Kansas Food Bank, 4-H groups, churches, farmers, and Hunters of America, who pays for processing of deer meat in season. Donations go to the LaCygne Library, which provides a meal for children each day and to approximately 40 client families twice a month on Tuesday and Friday. Before the frost on Friday, November 12, they harvested beets, turnips, carrots and brussel sprouts. The community garden uses raised beds and has Tuesday and Friday morning work days. Master Gardeners participate actively and volunteers are always welcome.

Osawatomie Food Pantry

Mark Marquez is the contact and can be reached at 913-980-6284. The Pantry serves approximately 200 families a month and is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 to deliver food as a drive-up (or walk-up) service. They serve southern Miami County (south of Hwy. 68). They receive food from Harvesters, Master Gardeners, farmers, the local community garden, Walmart and numerous other groups. Vegetables are always welcome. The Pantry is located at 811 6th Street next to the Senior Center. Volunteers on Wednesday morning are always welcome.
Glorious Fall Color in the Garden

Photos taken October 23rd by Lenora Larson

Vertigo Grass and Marigolds

Plectranthus ‘Mona Lavender’

Mum and Lantana ‘Rosy Dawn’

Mexican Bush Sage (Salvia leucantha)

Zinnia angustifolia

Salvia coccinia

Golden Pineapple Sage

Celosia

Beautyberry (Callacarpa)
The Courthouse Garden’s Fall Cleanup

By Phyllis Benedict

Final Cleanup at the Courthouse gardens. Trimming the
ninebark are Carol Williams and newbie (still in training) is
Carol Vandenberg. Amid the straw bales and pumpkins are
Debbie Kitchell and Barb Shropshire.

Stephanie Myers and Susan Hain show off their New Class
Project on the West side of the Courthouse. This summer,
county workers removed several overgrown trees and shrubs
that were posing a safety hazard. Stephanie and Susan
planted a Beauty Berry Bush, Golden Rod, Catmint, and Iris for
year round interest. Good job ladies!

Thanks to all those who have helped make this year’s
Courthouse Garden the best ever. It is so gratifying to have
members of the community stop by and thank us for the
wonderful job we are doing. If you would like to be involved,
please sign up. We will be doing all this again come Spring.
As we move toward the end of the reporting year I want to pass along a few helpful reminders about reporting your hours and to help everyone remember how to do it.

1) We offer several Advanced Training opportunities each year. However, there are many other opportunities available in surrounding counties. Nearly any program provided by K-State Research and Extension, regardless of location, will count for Advanced Training hours. If you have questions about whether workshops or programs offered by other organizations will count, just email me and check.

2) Volunteer hours should only be reported for time spent working on approved Master Gardener projects and events (Garden Tour, Courthouse Gardens, Extension Office Gardens, Trial Gardens, etc.).

3) Make sure to report all your hours, even if you have put in more than 40 hours of volunteer time or 10 hours of Advanced Training. I know you all put in a lot of hard work throughout the year. It’s ok to brag on yourself and it makes our organization look better in the statewide reports!

—Katelyn Barthol

Online Hour Reporting Refresher Guide
Reporting Site: ksuemg.org

Entering Volunteer Hours
• Log on to the system using your own username and password
  • If you have forgotten your password, click on the “Forgot Username or Password” link and it will email the information to you.
• Click on “Access the Reporting System”
• Click on “Report New Hours”
• Select a project category and subcategory
  • All EMG projects are sorted under different categories. You pick the category, then choose the subcategory where our EMG projects are listed.
  • Administration – Please list anything you do to support the EMG program’s business, like board meetings, general meetings, committee meetings, prep time, etc. under this category
  • Outreach – Anything that you do to educate the community including the Courthouse Gardens, Trial Gardens, Extension Office Gardens, Seeds for Kids, Hotline, Garden Symposium, Garden Tour, etc.
  • Fundraising - Plant Sale
  • Advanced Training – All trainings, field trips, etc. go here.
    • Subcategories
      • Marais des Cygnes – Any trainings offered by the MdC District
      • K-State – Any trainings offered by other EMG groups or K-State
      • Other – Any APPROVED trainings that are provided by non-EMG groups or non K-State EMG groups.
• Click on the calendar box and select a date.
  • We like for them to be as accurate as possible, but these dates do not have to be exact.
• Enter the number of hours you wish to report.
• Please enter something descriptive in the Location and Description boxes so it is clear what you did.
• Please enter the estimated number of people you came in contact with as an EMG at that event.
• Click on “Save.” To enter more hours, you will need to click on “Add New.”
• Repeat these steps as needed until you have entered all your volunteer projects and advanced training hours.

If possible, please begin entering an estimated number of people that you had contact with as an EMG. This is very helpful when we are doing reports.