What’s Growing On...
The latest news from the Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

MARCH 2022
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Advanced Training Opportunities

The complete AT schedule (as of now) is on page 6. K-State and Johnson County Zooms are approved for AT credit.

Here Comes the Plant Sale!

You know it’s Spring when the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners have their Plant Sale!! April 28th, 29th and 30th this year. Right in the parking lot in front and to the north of the Extension office again. Twice as many vendors. Annuals, perennials, herbs, trees, potted planters, bales of straw, gazillions of native/pollinators plants. Not to mention education opportunities for everyone---customers and Master Gardeners!!

We need folks to sign up on SignUp Genius for our set up day on Wednesday the 27th. And, of course, we need helpers for all three days. Don’t think you’re too new at this to help. We’ll help you help. And if someone dares to ask you a plant question you don’t know the answer to, just look around. You’ll find about 20 other MGs willing to answer.

And there are always spots for cashiers. Four checkout lines this year---two regular, one express and one for (YEA!!!) credit cards!!

Remember….there’s always shopping, too. Not that anyone of us loves to shop for plants!!

Our vendors have gone all out to provide us with not only quality and quantity but great varieties.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out there at some time over the four days!!!!!! Lunch provided!

Thanks to everyone!!!  --Sue Burns

COURTHOUSE CLEAN-UP

Wednesday, March 30th at 9:00 am. Alternate date is Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 am. Time to get out and get some fresh air and exercise and for Master Gardeners to get their hands dirty.

We will be cutting back roses, trimming bushes, raking leaves, and removing leaf debris from lilies. Please bring Gloves, Pruners, Loppers, Rakes, and something to carry debris. I will have my truck to take debris to the city barn but another truck would be helpful. The dumpster at the courthouse will not hold it all.

After a long snowy winter it will be good to see old friends in the garden.

-- Phyllis Benedict, Chairman-Courthouse Gardens Project.
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Becky Thorpe
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Barbara Shropshire
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Donna Cook & Susan Thompson
Symposium 2022
Postponed
Plant Sale 2022
Sue Burns & Lenora Larson
Garden Tour 2023
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Publicity
Judy Moser & Lenora Larson
Seeds for Kids
Janette Bennett & Betsy Hasselquist
Social Media / Facebook
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

FROM THE CHAIR

It's time for us to get together and brainstorm!! Looking for some awesome ideas for the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners to showcase our talents to the Miami County and/or Linn County communities!

Please plan to attend our Brainstorming Session on Tuesday, March 29th at the Paola Extension office 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served but bring your own coffee!

We will also take time to get ideas on some fun, social events that we can plan!

Looking forward to hearing your ideas! If you can't make it at that time, please email jkg.thompson@gmail.com any ideas you would like to share! ✽

Spring Is On The Way, Really It Is!

Forsythia. Forced, of course.

Be sure to follow the Marais des Cygnes EMGs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg
On March 4th Katelyn sent out an email with the sign-up link for the EMG Plant Sale. We need volunteers to help make our plant sale a success!! Set up is Wednesday, April 27th with the plant sale on April 28th through April 30th. Great way to earn your volunteer hours!!

Nancy Kalman, Shirley New and Connie Murphy have been working on constructing and painting our “Lucy Booth” which will be completed for use at our plant sale. Thank you, ladies!!

The Hotline starts Thursday, April 7th and continues each Thursday until October. Katelyn will be sending out the sign-up information shortly. The hours to work are 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and shifts are 2-hour shifts. Everyone is asked to sign-up for at least 4 hours and encouraged to sign up for more. We encourage mentors to sign up with their Rookie to help with any “jitters” there might be on answering questions. Please remember you can always refer to the “Consultant List” and contact the “expert” for help in answering questions.

A Linn County Garden Tour just for the MdC EMGs is scheduled for June, 2022. More information to come.

Linn County Court House project will be starting soon. We will need volunteers to help with the supervising of this project. Laraine, Phyllis and Janette B will be letting us know the dates scheduled for this project.

The 2nd Quarter Award and Recognition Dinner is scheduled for June 2022. Donna, Susan T and Betsy H are working on securing the venue, catering, and will let us know the pertinent information as soon as available.

Brainstorming session for the Short Term Educational and Community Service Projects is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th at 10:00 am. Breakfast will be served! Bring your ideas to help showcase the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners in Linn and/or Miami Counties. We have a $500 budget. We will also come up with some social event ideas for us to have fun and socialize.

Meanwhile, Some Pictures of a February Snow at Lenora’s Garden
By Janette Everhart

The “Come Grow With Us” events are scheduled and will be held at the LaCygne Public Library. The dates are listed on flyer in a March 7th email that Katelyn sent to all EMGs. These events do not qualify for advanced training hours.

Seeds for Kids committee members are gearing up to hand out marigold, zinnia, sunflower and zucchini seeds to children for growing and displaying at the Miami County Fair. Our EMG Plant Sale will be one of the sources for handing out seeds.

Becky Thorpe is working with our new Rookie Class to determine their new class project. A budget of $250 was approved for their project. We look forward to hearing about their new project.

Background checks are required and in process for the EMG volunteers who plan to work with children, in particular the Seeds for Kids program. We currently have 5-6 EMGs that have signed up to obtain approval. If you are interested, please contact Katelyn to begin the process. The EMG budget will pay the cost to obtain approval. ✿
Louisburg Nursery and Greenhouse was started by Myron and Vickie Schluter at 10860 W 271st ST, Louisburg in 2001. It is a family-owned operation and Son Matt has now taken over the business. There are 14 greenhouses on 25 acres located in beautiful rural Louisburg. With about 50,000 square feet of heated greenhouse space, all annuals, hanging baskets, patio pots, vegetable starts, herbs, etc. are grown on-site. Louisburg Nursery has provided annuals to the Marais Des Cygnes Plant sale since 2015.

Matt proudly says, “We offer a large variety of annuals for flower beds and containers, perennials of all kinds and one of the largest selections of succulents in the Kansas City area. We also grow a huge selection of vegetables and herbs starter plants. For those who don’t want to plant, we have a large selection of hanging baskets and planters you can just set or hang for season-long color. Looking for something different? Try tropica ls for your beds or containers.”

The retail business operates seasonally and is open to the public during the spring months of April, May and early June. The fall retail season (think mums!) runs from early September to late October. The wholesale business sells to other plant retailers, landscapers, fundraisers and corporate businesses located throughout the Kansas City metro area. They offer custom growing for landscapers and fundraisers, including our Extension Master Gardener plant sale.

Contact Matt at 913-837-2174 or matts@louisburgnursery.com

Some Early “Spring” Flowers at Lenora’s Garden

- Purple Dutch Crocus 3-2-22
- Lord Alfred Daffodil 3-2-22
- Helleborus white 3-3-22
- Crocus tommasinanus 3-2 First to open and rabbits hate them
- Golden Crocus 3-3-22
Our EMG Featured in Garden Gate Magazine!

The esteemed *Garden Gate Magazine* featured Lenora Larson’s gardens in the April 2022 issue. Eight pages of pictures taken last spring, though as we know, Lenora’s gardens are at their peak of beauty in mid-summer and far into autumn. But never mind, the point of the article is “Plant a Garden for All Pollinators,” with butterfly host plants included.

Lenora’s four basic requirements:
1. Full Sun Is A Must.
2. Native Plants and Heirloom Flowers are Safe Choices.
3. Do Not Use Insecticides.
4. Plant For Continuous Bloom.

Lenora has “Hungry pollinators foraging in her gardens from early March to Thanksgiving.”

Brainstorming the Seeds for Kids Program

Plans are progressing to promote our Seeds for Kids Program to educate and experience the joy of gardening for kids.

Goals include expanding our program and participation in the Miami County Fair. The 2022 Miami County Fair is July 23-31. Kids may enter their Seeds for Kids exhibits in Building 3 on Tues., 7/26, 6-8 p.m. and Wed., 7/27, 8-11:30 with Judging Wed. 7/27 at 1 p.m.

Linn County kids may enter Seeds for Kids exhibits at the Miami County Fair.

EMGs will provide free zinnia, marigold, sunflower and zucchini seeds donated by Tri Star Seed Company. Seed packets with instructions will be available at our Plant Sale, some schools and libraries and at the Extension Offices.

Developing plans include seed planting demonstrations at our Plant Sale, some schools and libraries, possibly at the Earth Day events for 5th graders and a plot for kids to plant in at the Paola and LaCygne Community Gardens.

If you have extra 2-3” CLEAN POTS you can spare, please bring them to the Extension Office storage room or the Brainstorming Projects Meeting 3/29, 10 a.m. or the next Seeds for Kids meeting on April 5, 10 a.m. to pass along to kids.

Look for notices to attend seed packaging parties. We plan to package seeds following the Brainstorming meeting 3/29 and at the Seeds for Kids meeting 4/5.

If you interested in completing the background check for working with kids, contact Katelyn.

We’re discovering lots of community interest. Volunteers and ideas welcome! ✿
2022 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardner Advanced Training

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

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