"What an amazing group of Master Gardeners! Thank you so so so much to everyone who came out and worked really hard to make this year’s plant sale a success!

Monetarily we did fantastic but more important is all of the interaction with the people who came to us. Not only did they get beautiful plants but education too. Thanks!!!"

–Sue Burns, Plant Sale Co-Chair

FROM THE CHAIR

Jan Thompson MdC EMG Board Chair

We Are So Appreciative!!

What a talented lady! Judy Moser was creating the EMG Newsletter long before she was even a Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener. She became a Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener in 2017 and continued to lend her expertise to create and write articles for our monthly newsletter. Judy is taking a much-deserved step back on being our “graphics expert” beginning this May. We would be remiss if we didn’t recognize all she has done to help us “shine”!

Judy’s talents didn’t end with our monthly newsletter. She created our beautiful garden tour brochures for the past few garden tours. These brochures were customized for each garden on our tour, and we received so many compliments on their design and content. The extent of her work didn’t end here, we’ve listed below other items Judy created:

- Hotline Cards
- EMG General Informational Brochures
- KC Gardener ads
- Flyers for our Events
- EMG Picture Roster

Judy was our 2020 EMG Rookie of the Year, served on our Board and in addition her garden was featured on the 2017 EMG Garden Tour. Another talent Judy has is that she not only knows the botanical names of plants – she pronounces them correctly! Judy and her husband Ken grow many of the plants for Vinland Valley Nursery which her daughter, Amy and son-in-law own. We are so amazed at all her talents!

Thankfully, we have another talented lady in our EMG group. Anita Boyett-Voke volunteered to be our new “graphics expert” and takeover the creation of our EMG Newsletter beginning with the May issue. Anita’s span of 45 years in the graphics art field as a manager, a self-employed freelance artist, etc. makes her so qualified to take over the duties. Anita felt so fortunate and blessed to be in a field she loved and now to be back in that field and helping her EMG friends, she is thrilled!

Anita became a Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener with the class of 2019. She also handles our Facebook page and holds the Secretary position on the EMG Board.

Anita has stepped right into the task and creating the May EMG Newsletter without a problem! She is looking forward to working with all of you submitting articles for the newsletter as well as sending her photographs from our EMG events. **We are so lucky to have Judy Moser and Anita Boyett-Voke as Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners! THANK YOU LADIES!!**
May 17 – Butterflies in Your Vegetable Garden: Friend or Foe?
May 19 – (12pm) Native Plants at Noon.
May 19 – (1pm) What’s New and Other Tidbits for Success.
May 21 – Designing Outdoor Spaces.
June 2 – The Unintended Consequences of Mosquito Lawn Treatments on Pollinators and Critical Insects.

Please, Please make time to sign up for HOTLINE HOURS! Hours began in April and continues each Thursday until October. The hours to work are 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and shifts are 2-hour shifts. Link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC222A6F58-202221 (link also in the March 22nd email from Katelyn).

A Linn County Garden Tour for the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th (this is a change in date reported earlier) with a rain date of June 14th. Plans are to carpool from the Paola Extension office to Linn County. Tour will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Quarter Award and Recognition Dinner scheduled for June 21st at 6:00 p.m. Donna, Susan T. and Betsy H. are working on finalizing the details.

Seeds for Kids committee members have been busy distributing over 300 seed packages to Miami and Linn County kids. They are trying hard to increase the number of entries for Seeds for Kids in the Miami County Fair in July.

Background Checks are required for the EMG volunteers who plan to work with children, in particular the Seeds for Kids program. Betsy Hasselquist and Carol Vandenburg are now approved. If you are interested, please contact Katelyn to begin the process. The EMG budget will pay the cost to obtain approval.

Becky Thorpe is thrilled to work with our new EMG Class. They have several projects in the works and we are so proud. One of the projects includes the Vintage Park Assisted Living facility in Osawatomie and planting tomatoes and peppers in raised beds. The facility was happy to build beautiful, raised beds and for the class to plant vegetables. Their plan for the southwest corner of the Courthouse Garden has been approved and will be in the works in the next several weeks!

The EMG Plant Sale was a huge success! Kudos to Sue B., Lenora L., Judy M. and all our volunteers to make this one of our best plant sales! Despite some heavy rain and wind our customers were determined to persevere and purchase from our outstanding collection of beautiful plants.

EMG Applications are updated and available for those interested in becoming a Master Gardener. They are available on our website and at the Paola Extension office. Applications are due by July 31st. If you know of anyone interested, please let them know the applications are available.

A BIG thank you to Nancy Kalman, Connie Murphy, and Shirley New for volunteering to construct our new “Lucy Booth”! Many hours went into planning, constructing and painting our new booth. Great job Ladies!!

New Hotline tool! Nancy Kalman and Connie Murphy were busy compiling a new Reference Tool for use at our plant sale, other events and hotline hours. A great, comprehensive tool to use for answering gardener’s questions. Thank you for your hard work in putting this wonderful reference tool together.

CALENDAR

June 7 – Hypertufa Container Making.
June 9 – Linn Co. Garden Tour.
June 21 – Awards and Recognition Dinner.

The 2022 Advanced Training schedule is on page 7. Please see the schedule for details on each opportunity. Watch for new programs as they are added.

NEWS AND NOTES

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abvoke@yahoo.com
Record-Breaking Sales!

By Lenora Larson, Co-chair

Despite Mother Nature’s attempts to derail our sale, loyal customers cheerfully carried umbrellas in one hand and plant baskets in the other as it rained all three days. The wind blew in 25 mph gusts and a microburst early Friday morning destroyed both our tents. But our volunteers prevailed with Gross Sales of $35,043.00 (per the bank deposit and tally sheets), surpassing the previous record of 2019’s $30,982.00. This was our first year offering credit card services, which accounted for 40% of our sales! A special thank you to Stacie Campbell who was the solo staffer for the credit card iPad all three days. And a huge thank you also to Co-chair Sue. Despite the personal tragedy of losing her mare Thursday morning and then straining a rib, she met every challenge with indefatigable good humor and also made sure that we volunteers were well-fed. (Very important!)

We also had a record number of plants for sale, displayed on 65 tables, with Chet again functioning as our table-wrangler. Shoppers enthusiastically remarked on the quality of our plants and our reasonable pricing compared to Kansas City nurseries. Kudos to our two vendors, Vinland Valley Nursery and Louisburg Nursery. Please support them when shopping to complete your planting needs and thank them in person.

The Plant Sale is our best means of fulfilling our mission of providing the public with science-based horticultural information. We again were able to talk one-on-one with customers needing specific plant answers and landscape design assistance. Connie and Nancy staffed the new Gardening Q/A Booth armed with their Gardening Resource Notebook. They also handed out Seeds for Kids to many Moms and their children. Janette Bennet earned her butterfly wings dealing with the hordes of butterfly gardeners who grabbed almost 200 Tropical Milkweeds in the first 15 minutes!

I’m not listing more volunteer names for fear of omitting someone, but a heartfelt THANK YOU, especially to those who worked all three days. We finally had the opportunity to get to know the members of the last two classes! And this was an outstanding example of the joy of teamwork. I’m already looking forward to next year!
Photos on pages 3 & 4 courtesy of: Jan Thompson, Lenora Larson, Debbie Kitchell, Nancy Kalman, Betsy Hasselquist and Katelyn Barthol. (And any one else I may have missed!!)
Lucy Gets a Makeover!!

Submitted by Connie Murphy and Nancy Kalman

The Master Gardener (“Lucy”) Booth made a reappearance for this year’s annual plant sale. Dr. Nancy Kalman, retired professor and our own long-time Master Gardener, recognized the need for and spearheaded the effort to build an entirely new booth. (A Lucy Booth had been used by Master Gardeners to answer gardening questions at the Farm Tour, Fair and other locations.)

The updated logo reflects the combination of Miami and Linn County Extension Districts and the crisp white and K-State purple on the front are easily recognizable.

Shirley New and Connie Murphy, also long-time master gardeners, provided assistance with cutting, clamping and gluing of plywood, the lettering and applying the numerous coats of paint required. A lot of work!! Plus the new booth is fairly light-weight and easily transportable.

The EMG Booth attracted gardeners during the plant sale as it was centrally located and easily seen. We provided many answers for numerous inquiries.

An additional tool was also available this year. For the first time, a reference manual was been compiled by Connie Murphy expressly for providing brief and quick answers to frequently-asked questions. The manual consists of K-State publications including information from various trainings from our local experts on many topics. It is hoped that this manual will be easy to use by volunteers answering the hot line as well as any time the booth goes out into the community.

The contents list information within the manual, most of which are only a page or so in length.

The First Section is asking the correct diagnostic questions for starting the appropriate recommendations.

The Second Section is flowers and grasses such as perennials (Prairie Bloom), annuals (Prairie Star), ornamental grasses, roses, hydrangeas and native plant lists.

The Third Section addresses vegetables and fruits, including brief descriptions for planting, pruning, watering, spraying fruits and side dressing.

The Fourth Section is a very brief listing of shrubs, trees and vines.

The Fifth Section deals with pests and diseases: “Critters — deer to voles”; “Pests — aphids to whiteflies”; and “Diseases — anthracnose to wilt.” These are handy lists and tables for rapid information. This topic may be one of the most challenging aspects of dealing with hotlines or in-person questions.

The Final Section consists of pollinator and host plants for butterflies, birds and bees as well as rain garden plants.

Many master gardeners hesitate to man the hot line because it can be frankly intimidating. It is hoped the reference manual will alleviate fears and provide confidence for all of us to handle the hot line easily.
The Seeds for Kids program is in high gear and off to a great start thanks to all the EMGs involved. We met our goal of substantially expanding the program and distributed more seeds than ever.

Several Master Gardeners provided educational and demonstration events and found kids, schools and libraries enthusiastic and supportive of our mission.

**Louisburg:**

The Seeds for Kids program had a great start in Louisburg. On April 18, Carol Williams and I did a presentation along with the Miami Co. Conservation District, that gave 121 5th graders in Louisburg a chance to learn about seeds and plant their own to take home with them.

The Louisburg Library has been participating by handing out seed packets to interested children. On Earth Day I presented a seed program to each class at Rockville Elementary, and the Third and Fourth Grades at Broadmoor Elementary. Each class got to decide which kind of seeds to grow with their teachers planting the seeds for their classroom.

- *Helen Kloepper*

**Paola:**

194 seed packets and soil filled quick pots were distributed to two area schools and public library in Paola. Prior to the event flyers were posted in public business where there was known to be a lot of foot traffic. Paola Librarian Cari Michael-Assistant Director was quick to call and very excited to be part of this event. She based her April library events around spring, plants and learning. Cari provided several public events and handed out 30 seed packets each with a soiled filled pot to the area children. Holy Trinity was excited to participate. Judy Shahan, science teacher, reviewed the handouts and approved them. Teacher Jennifer Seaman set the time for the presentation. 61 children were given seed packets each with a soiled filled pot.

Donna Cook was instrumental in Sunflower school participation as she lives near Kim Webber, science teacher who was able to get the approval of the principal to present the handouts to the children. Mrs. Webber, along with Mrs. Blackman, arranged for the presentation to six classes of 3rd graders. 103 children were given seed packets each with a soiled filled pot.

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- *Janette Bennett*

LaCygne:

Seeds for Kids in Linn Co. Seeds were distributed to kids during the Easter Egg Hunt in LaCygne at the city park. It was a cool blustery day. We had a decent turn out in spite of the weather. Parents' hands were so cold they had trouble filling out the parental forms.

I am planning on sending out e-mails to the kids who received seeds to encourage better participation. I am also going to have Seeds for Kids programs every Wednesday at the LaCygne library.

The community garden will be opening a plot just for kids to plant their seedlings that have hopefully sprouted.

I believe this a good start and am hoping for more entries at the county fair.

- *Janette Bennett*

Seed packets were distributed at our plant sale and are still available at the LaCygne, Louisburg and Paola libraries and the Paola and Mound City Extension Offices. E-mails of reminders and encouragement to those who completed entry forms and participating teachers are planned.

- *Carol Vandenberg*

**Note:** If you need the above logo, smiling seed or any literature or art created please reach out to Anita Boyett-Voke and she can send you what you need. (They are her creations.)
## 2022 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training

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

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<td>Greg Beverlin</td>
<td>Hillsdale Bank BBQ, (201 Frisco St.), $30 to make 2 containers, BRING 2 OLD TOWELS, bath size for large container, hand size for small, limit 10. Sign-up by emailing <a href="mailto:barbshrops@gmail.com">barbshrops@gmail.com</a>, 2nd session will be added if needed</td>
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<td>Meet 9:00 AM at Ext. Office to car pool from Paola, or, car pool from your area. Sign-up by emailing <a href="mailto:barbshrops@gmail.com">barbshrops@gmail.com</a> and car pool arrangements will be made. Tour 4 gardens: Bring lunch or order from Simple Simons or Re-Ohz. (Rain date June 14)</td>
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### MdC Training Hours

Other Training Hours

To join K-State Garden Hour, use link below: (see Katelyn’s email from Jan. 6 for flyer) 12 PM 1st Wed. of each month

June 1 - Organic Pest Management for Vegetable Gardens

July 1 - Growing Culinary Mushrooms at Home

https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/k-state-garden-hour-webinar-series/k_state_garden_hour.html

Red denotes new training added or new info

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