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

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Wreaths for Residents
By Becky Thorpe and Anita Boyett-Voke

Who: Residents at the Vintage Park in Osawatomie Assisted Living Facility.
What: Create simple Wreaths for the doors of the residents.
When: December 8th starting at 9:30 am.
Where: The Paola Extension Office.
Why: Giving opportunity and outreach to the community!

We will be meeting at the Paola Extension office to craft and create wreaths for the residents at Vintage Park. The facility will supply all wreath hangers for the residents doors.

The MdC EMGs will get together and create 35 wreaths at the extension office.

Master Gardeners are supplying the hoops (8 inches in diameter), greenery, string and/or wire for the wreaths. We will even have a few glue guns on site!

We are requesting the EMGs pilfer through their decorations or craft stashes. We will be gathering supplies at the extension office from now until Wednesday November 23rd. (Just prior to Thanksgiving.) There will be a designated tote in the Hot Line Room for you to drop off any items you would like to donate. This is an opportunity to do some housekeeping and help others! Please donate any item(s) you think would be good for creating a wreath for the residents at Vintage Park. This can include, but not limited to: bells, bows, ribbon, pine cones, holly, various decorative fruits, ornaments, anything “holidayish” or what ever your imagination calls to you. (Even if you have any greenery!) We are hoping the residents will enjoy these through the winter.

We will be providing sandwiches and drinks for everyone in attendance. (RSVP is helpful!) We are expecting to make 35 wreaths and have this project completed prior to the class room zoom meeting scheduled for at 1:00 for our new members.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 2nd to: Becky Thorpe at: vinceandbecky71@gmail.com OR Anita Boyett-Voke at: abvoke@yahoo.com

What a great time for fun, fellowship and giving!! Hope to see you there!!
If you haven’t already, please update your volunteer hours online. (See page 8 for refresher instructions.) Katelyn will be reviewing in the next several weeks and we’re hopeful that everyone is close to having their hours recorded. Our new 2023 class is not required to enter hours for this year, but any volunteer hours from 2022 can be counted for their next year’s 40-hour requirement.

Work has begun in preparing our new Trial Garden location for Spring planting!! Chet, Dennise and Carol could use the help in preparing the Paola Community Garden site located at 1201 Industrial Park (Hospital Drive & Industrial Road). They will meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. until the site is prepared.

Our first Short Term Community/Educational Project is scheduled for December 8th, 9:30 a.m. at the Extension office to assemble Holiday door swags for 33 residents of the Vintage Park, Osawatomie. All EMGs are invited to participate with the new class and their mentors. Lunch will be provided. A “Wreaths for Residents” bin is in the EMG Volunteer Room for any of your extra holiday items you want to donate.

The Board approved our 3rd Annual Holiday Happiness donation of $1,000 for the three local food pantries – LaCygne, Osawatomie and Spring Hill. EMG members can graciously make their matching donation for the 3 food pantries with all donations due at the Paola Extension Office by Friday, December 9th.

Helen and the garden tour committee toured the six gardens that will be featured at our 2023 Garden Tour. Committee members are in the process of obtaining vendors, patrons and sponsors for the tour.

Barb S. is working on our 2023 Advanced Training classes. If you are interested in joining Barb to help with ideas, plan to be at the Extension Office on October 18th at 5:00 prior to the Prairie Burn AT at 6:30.

The EMG Advisory Board recently voted on and approved Emeritus status for Michael Poss. Thank you Michael for all your contributions to the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners organization!

If you have pictures of your 2022 garden that you would like to share with everyone, please send to Anita for featuring as our “Spotlight”. Thank you, Michael Poss, for this month’s “Spotlight”. We look forward to seeing pictures of your gardens during those dreary winter months!

### October 18 – 2023 Advanced Training Ideas Discussion. 5:00 at Extension Office.

### October 18 – Prairie Burn AT

### October 27 – 2023 Zoom Class at Extension Office

### October 28 – Voting Closes for 2023 Board Members

### October 29 – Prairie Burn at Lenora’s (Rain date: October 30)

The 2022 Advanced Training schedule is on page 8. Please see the schedule for details on each opportunity. Watch for new programs as they are added.
Fall Decor at the Courthouse

The courthouse gardens are ready for fall!! On October 5th, a group of four EMGs set up some really cute fall displays in four areas of the gardens. Also on display were several monarch butterflies flying around and some caterpillars in addition to some white hycanth blossoms! What a great addition, the displays will remain in the garden through November for people to enjoy.

Pictured are: Helen K., Carol W., Phyllis B., and Carol V.

Photos by Helen K.
The MdC EMGs recently experienced getting out in nature and gaining a better appreciation of trees. Our 3 At tours were enjoyed by several members with each session falling on pleasant late summer and autumn mornings.

All the sessions were uniquely informative and helped increase our tree ID skills.

The first session, (photos in last months newsletter) was at Wallace Park. Katy Dhungel, District Forester for the Kansas Forest Service, lead the members. We saw mostly native trees including Shagbark, Burr Oak, Ash and Sweet Gum. Most of the group was surprised to learn that Pecan trees fall into the Hickory category.

The second session, at the Overland Park Arboretum, was directed by horticulturist Anne Wildeboor. Several of the trees we saw were more ornamental such as the Ginko, Bald Cypress, Zelkova and Fringe tree. There was also a white flowering Seven Sons tree, a great tree for pollinators!

We learned about the National Phenology Network Trail at the arboretum comprising of 10 different trees. Phenology is the study of plant and animal life cycle events. The NPN encourages observers to register and share data about the trees during the various seasons and the effects of climate and environment.

The arboretum was looking especially beautiful and we took time to walk through the Monet Garden (which was a real treat) and walked on the trail of the International Sculpture Garden.

Our third session was at John Brown Memorial Park in Osawatomie led by Kim Bomberger, Community Forester with the Kansas Forest Service. Some unique native trees we saw were Eastern Cottonwood, Chinkopin Oak and Post Oak. Kim explained how the Emerald Ash Borer is affecting our ash trees and how to treat them. She also discussed Dutch Elm disease and Oak Wilt that are present in some areas of the state.

Kim also recommended the book, "Kansas Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines" by Michael Haddock to help in our tree identification.

We all felt our tree id skills improved after the three tours. There was also discussion about future tree exploration walks in places a bit further away. Kim recommended checking out the K-state Arboretum as well as the KS Forest Service location in Manhattan.

No doubt our tree studies will help us to identify trees and in diagnosing diseases for trees in our community. The importance of trees can’t be underestimated. They are extremely valuable for our environment as well as benefitting our health and well-being. The opportunity to learn about trees with the expert’s knowledge made all of these outings very educational and delightful.
Meet the rest of the 2022 Class Members

Donna Mckee
I grew up with a love for animals and nature. I taught school as my last career. (I’ve had more than one.) I’ve been retired since 2010.
I continue to enjoy working with our cows, horses and nature. Being a life long learner, I continue to learn and grow. I have a daughter that lives in Tennessee with her family.

Susan Rodgers
I was born and raised in Kansas.
I am a graduate of KU nursing school. I have worked at Shawnee Mission Hospital for 40 years. My plan was to retire this year, however, with the nursing shortage and continuance of the Covid I’ve decided to work part-time for now.
I am married to Tim. We have three sons and three dogs (one dog is paralyzed). We moved to Louisburg in 2014 from Overland Park. We have remodeled our home and enjoy country living. I’m learning to garden by trial and error. (No farmers in the family.)
I’ve put off applying for the master gardener program for years. Decided now is the time while my back and arms still move.

Lynn Stoner
We are fairly new to the area and are living in the country near Fontana.
I am a newly retired Radiology Ethnologist, so I have been enjoying my grandsons and working in our vegetable garden.
I am looking forward to improving my gardening skills and meeting folks with similar interests.

Patty Turll
I am a Missouri girl, raised on a farm in the northwest part of the state.
I attended Benedictine College in Atchison and, with a two year exception, have lived in Kansas since that time.
I am a retired Art teacher, spending most of my career at the Osawatomie High School.
I have three grown sons. I live on eight acres near Hillsdale with many flower gardens and walking trails.

Bill Vandenberg
I was raised in South Dakota on a farm where we grew wheat, barley, oats and corn. My wife (Carol) and I farmed for several years after we were married and then moved to Arkansas where I apprenticed as a bricklayer under my cousin. Several members of my extend family were bricklayers and other tradesmen in the Kansas, Missouri and New Mexico area. I worked commercial back projects in Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Kansas.
Carol and I moved to Paola in 2004 to be near our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. It has been very enjoyable living in Paola. I retired in 2011 and started working at the Family Center. I enjoy meeting and helping customers. My favorite plants to grow are tomatoes and peppers.
I want to learn more ways to grow healthy plants. I enjoy seeing Carol with her pollinator garden and learning about plants. Recently I visited Lenora Larson’s garden in July and was fascinated at the wonderful plants she has to draw the butterflies. So much to see and do! I am looking forward to taking the Master Gardener Class.

WELCOME all new members!!
Correction, last issue it was stated that we have 9 new members, we have 10!! Apologies!

Mentors and Mentees!
On September 16th Stacie Campbell invited her mentee and a some of the other mentors and mentees to view her gardens. It looks like everyone enjoyed themselves!

Photos by Barb S.
Day Trip to Leavenworth Symposium
By Janette Everhart

If you did not go, you missed a great event and a fun day! On September 17th, an eager contingent of Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners went to enjoy and support our “cousin” EMGs in Leavenworth County as they put on their first Gardening Symposium: “Live Life in Full Bloom”.

We had two connections to the event, beyond our organizational connection. They called on our Extension Master Gardener Extraordinaire, Lenora Larson, to consult with them on how to put on a successful symposium. That partnership was very successful, as the event was fantastic. The other connection is familial. The Mother-in-Law of my daughter, Jessica Cordes, is a Leavenworth County Extension Master Gardener. Jane Cordes provided an early invitation and Lenora and I shared with Barb to add the event to our Advanced Training Schedule. Pictured in the photo from left to right are: my daughter, Jessica Cordes; Laura Caruthers, Jessica’s sister-in-law; me, and Jane Cordes, Leavenworth Extension Master Gardener and Jessica’s Mother-in-law.

The Keynote Speaker was Kelly D. Norris, author of The New Naturalism. He is an entertaining speaker and so knowledgeable. He spoke on “Planting a Resilient, Ecologically Vibrant Home Garden”. Excellent. I do recommend his book – informative with beautiful photos. Great for your library and/or for a gift to a fellow Gardner. The other two speakers were Chrystal Miles on “Selecting trees and shrubs for Urban Living” and Jonah Nelson, from Family Tree Nursery, who gave a great demonstration, with plants from the nursery, on “Fall Container Design”.

Our attendees were Stacie Campbell, Monica Chapman (EMG in training), Helen Klopper, Lenora Larson, Barb Shropshire, and myself. We carpooled and also stopped for a delicious dinner at Paulo and Bill’s on our way home. Overall, it was a wonderful event and a great way to spend a beautiful fall day.

Garden Tour Committee
By Betsy Hasselquist

On September 20th the MdC EMG garden tour committee visited several potential gardens for our Garden Tour, September 8 & 9 2023.

Extremely diverse and delightful gardens. We are planning to include our very own Court House Gardens! Ideas are welcome.

Thanks to Helen K., Carol V., and Billie L. for heading this event.
My Fall Garden!!

I planted peas, turnips, red and green cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts, green beans; (bush variety), kol rabi, spinach, salad greens, (mixed), and beets.

Some things to consider:

1. Till early and as needed. With the watering I had a ton of weeds. I planted where tomatoes were, although they did not produce, apparently there were plenty of seeds. Mulching would be helpful but as you can see, that has not been done yet. Have toed garden soil along the plant base to conserve moisture and discourage weeds. (in case you haven’t heard the term: Toed means when I hoed the rows I make sure that the base of the plants are covered with soil. This is important for root crops since the foliage is not always anchored at soil level.)

2. Review planting instructions and note soil temperature tolerance. Poor germination and survival of young plants can be impacted by soil temperature. I saw this dramatically with peas, turnips, and spinach. I have planted turnips since and germination was significantly better. Have shade cloth available to help germination and survival of young plants.

3. Have watering equipment available. Frequent watering is required for long, dry, hot periods.

4. I was watering daily for most of September. Fortunately rural water is available. When buying plants check their vigor and degree of maturation.

5. I did my first planting seeds of beets, turnips, and peas the last week in August. Spinach as well with no germination on the spinach. I replanted it at the end of September, will see what happens. Planting is best guessing date of first hard freeze minus days to maturity. Some as early as 30 days (lettuce, radishes, salad greens) 45-60 days, includes peas, beets, turnips, onions, greater than 60 days includes Cole crops like brussel sprouts, cabbage, and leeks and potatoes.

6. Cole crops are best started under grow lights inside with cooler temps supplied by air conditioning. Most plants need started in mid July. They need to be hardened off and planted outside when weather moderates. I got mine from a commercial nursery primarily because I had not planned to plant a fall garden and you all know how that is. Be sure plants are vigorous and are hardened off as well. Fertilize moderately with compost and liquid plant food.

6. For controlling weeds, and pests, consider floating row center covers if necessary. If you have a high tunnel, cold frame, or greenhouse adapt accordingly.
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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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
Nov. 2 - Wildlife Damage Prevention and Control in the Lawn and Garden by Dr. Drew Ricketts
Dec. 7 - Accessible Gardening for All
https://hrn.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/k-state-garden-hour-webinar-series/k_state_garden_hour.html

On Line Reporting Guide

Go to the on line reporting site at: ksuemg.org
Click on the On Line Reporting at the top. (The site has been updated and looks different.)

Step 1. On Line Reporting will take you to the Login window.
Log on to the system using your own username and password. (If you have forgotten your information see the links at the bottom and follow the prompts.)
Once you have entered your Username and Password, Sign In. (You can also save your user name and password for future recordings.)
Once signed in it will take you to the main menu and will also show you the status of your hours.

Step 2. Once in the main window click on Report New Hours.

Step 3. From this window you can enter your AT and Volunteer hours. Note: areas with a red * are required fields.
Use the Drop Down menus to select the appropriate category, sub categories, dates etc. Enter a description and location.
Be sure to save your work.
Once you have saved your work, select “Add New” and repeat the process.
Click on Exit at the top to end your session.

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