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Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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CALENDAR

APRIL

21 9:00 am Work day at d Brown's (more information on page 2)
24 6:30 pm *Growing, Harvesting and Using Culinary Herbs*, Paola Office
26, 27, 28 Marais des Cygnes EMG Spring Plant Sale

MAY

4 1:00 pm *Nut Tree Grafting Workshop* (more information on page 2)
12 & 13 Miami County Farm Tour
18 & 19 JoCo EMG Garden Tour

Extension Office Garden workdays are Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 am
Courthouse Garden workdays are Wednesdays, 9 am
Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9:30 am, Paola office

Growing and Using Culinary Herbs

**April 24, 6:30 pm at the Paola Office | 1 hour Advanced Training
Presented by Brenda Wrischnik, MdC EMG**

Culinary herbs are to the cook what a paint palette is to the artist. We'll discuss how to drill down your choices: the sun, soil and water needs of those herbs you choose to grow, and then what to do with them. Harvesting, preserving and novel uses for various herbs will be covered. Recipes will be provided. Brenda has been cultivating, crafting and cooking with herbs for more than 35 years. Her glorious gardens have been on our garden tour twice. Brenda and her husband Steve own and operate Hoot Owl Hill Gardens and Glamping ("glamorous camping").



The Plant Sale Is Upon Us!

The Spring Plant Sale is right around the corner—**April 26, 27 and 28**—in the Family Center Farm & Home parking lot (808 Baptiste Drive, Paola).

The Plant Sale is a fund raiser, but its true benefit is public education. EMGs also earn volunteer hours and socialize with each other (and shop!).

As always, the sale will feature butterfly plants and native Midwest plants, but also offer tons of colorful annuals, perennials, tropicals, succulents, small trees, shrubs and berries, and vegetable transplants.

Three local vendors (see page 3) will supply plants. Our vendors confirm that all the plants have been grown without harmful pesticides.

Please make sure to wear your EMG shirt and name tag during your shift. Helpers are needed for set-up Thursday morning (thanks in advance to those who can help move tables at 7 am), staffing all three days, and clean up Saturday, beginning at noon. Contact Mary Miller 913-963-4083 or Lenora Larson 913-284-3360 if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Notes

- **Betsy Hasselquist is looking for co-chairs and a committee to begin planning the 2019 Garden Tour.** If you want to help, contact Betsy at bjbniangua@yahoo.com.
- The **Hotline** is now available for calls on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 am to noon. Volunteers may sign up for two-hour shifts at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC22A6F58-20181. If your shift is slow, consider checking with front desk staff to notify you or any calls and help our in the Extension gardens. Watering and weeding help are always welcome.
- Watch *KC Gardener* magazine for Johnson County EMG Advanced Training classes that may be of particular interest to you. All are **approved credit hours** for Marais des Cygnes EMGs. Other garden-related events and classes require Katelyn's approval for credit.
- The **Johnson County EMG Garden Tour** will be held May 18 and 19. Tickets are \$12 before May 1 (available online after April 1) and \$15 thereafter. Tickets are also available at Henhouse and at each of the gardens. A virtual tour is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu
- Phyllis Benedict says a picnic table is going to be built on a concrete slab on the southwest corner of the **Courthouse**. Nice!
- **Save the dates!**
The July 10 general meeting will be a cookout and plant swap at Lakemary. A game night and potluck are being planned for the October 9 meeting. (See article on page 5.)

You Can Help Make a Difference

The EMG board discussed planning new, short term projects for folks in our community who could use a helping hand and decided to start by helping one of our own.

Join us April 21, 9 am-noon for a work project at d Brown's, 34848 Woodland Rd. Come out and help a long time EMG and earn volunteer hours. Afterwards, enjoy the camaraderie and partake in a scrumptious lunch provided by Michael Poss.

Bring landscaping ideas, gloves, tools and your own drinks. Please notify Betsy at bjbniangua@yahoo.com or 913-244-2265 asap if you plan to attend to help with planning, but come anyway if you can. Hope to see you there!

Nut Tree Grafting Workshop

Dr. Bill Reid, K-State Extension Horticulturist, Nut Crops, will present a Nut Tree Grafting Workshop on Friday, May 4, at 1:00 pm., at Leland Prothe Farm, 33850 Victory Road, Paola, KS 66071 (913-449-1719).



Directions to the farm: Take Highway 169 to the 343rd St. exit. Go east 6 miles to Victory Road, then north 1/2 mile to the third house on the left side of the road.

This will be Dr. Reid's last workshop for the Marais des Cygnes District. He will retire in July.

By-Laws Survey

The By-Laws Survey was recently sent to members for a vote. A committee headed by Laraine Crawford highlighted suggested changes to various sections and then clearly spelled out the reasons for the changes—updates and clarifications. They could not have made it easier for members to understand.

Please do your part and vote on each section. You may also leave comments.

Farm Tour

Fifteen working farms are on this year's free, self-guided Miami County Farm Tour on May 12 and 13, 10 am to 4 pm.

A wide variety of working farms will be open for visitors, including those that produce meat, cheese, wine, fruits, nuts, fibers and more.

More information at MICOFarmTour.com.

Boston Berry Farms

Located in Louisburg, KS, Boston Berry Farms is focused on growing edible berries and fruit trees as well as native perennials.

Owner-operators John and Denise Johnson moved to Kansas from Michigan 19 years ago and initially were planting just for themselves. They experienced the same shock as most transplanted gardeners:

Kansas plants have to be tough! They began experimenting with natives and heirloom plants to determine the best varieties



Denise and John

for our Kansas climate and soil.

Over the years, their research and experience resulted in such outstanding plants that friends began begging for cuttings and seeds. Thus, a business was born!

By continually proving plant tolerances in their own test garden, Boston Berry Farms offers only Kansas-hardy plants and trees that customers can buy with confidence. They also specialize in "edible landscape" selections such as Hardy Figs, Currants, Goose Berries and Goji Berries.

Denise does stem cutting, seed propagation and purchasing from wholesalers all over the US to create Boston Berry's unique collection of plants to sell at the Louisburg Farmer's Market and to customers during their plant sales. They are also available by appointment on evenings and weekends.

The name? John and Denise have Boston Terriers as well as various berry plants, so they connected the two passions. They also own a landscape service, BushWackers of Louisburg, LLC. You can reach them at 913-406-8593 or bushwackers@mokancomm.net

Louisburg Nursery

This will be the third year that Louisburg Nursery has supplied plants for our Master Gardener Plant Sale, and we are delighted to again have them as partners. Last year buyers went crazy over Myron's succulents and mixed flowers in containers. He promises to again have these favorites available as well as a full selection of bedding plants and even more vegetable seedlings.

Louisburg Nursery and Greenhouse offers a great selection of plants for the discriminating gardener. They grow their own annuals and perennials in 14 heated greenhouses located just west of Louisburg, Kansas.

The Nursery was started in 2001 by Myron and Vicki Schluter as a retail and wholesale operation



selling annuals, perennials, tropicals and succulents. The seasonal retail business is open to the public during the spring months of April, May and early June. In fall, the season runs from early September to late October. Myron and Vicki also own and operate Creekside Market located in Raymore Missouri. Creekside Market is a full line garden center selling everything from live plants, seed, garden maintenance products, tools, statuary, and water plants. This business is open from March 15 through October 31.

Louisburg Nursery & Greenhouse is located at 10860 W 271st St., Louisburg. Myron can be contacted at 913-206-1034 or myron@louisburgnursery.com.



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Vinland Valley Nursery

Vinland Valley Nursery, Baldwin, Kansas, will be one of three vendors supplying plants for our 2018 plant sale on April 26-28.

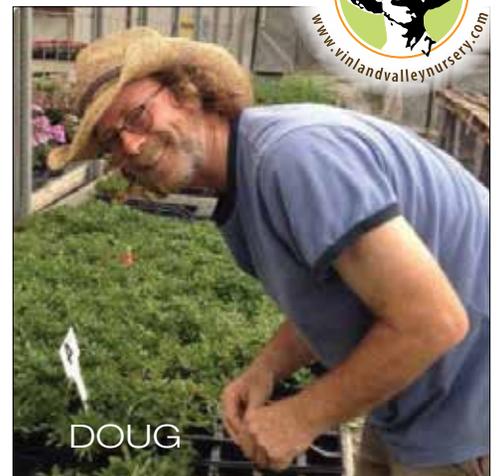
Proprietors Doug Davison and Amy Albright are planning to bring a wide variety of native plants, perennials and herbs, with an emphasis on butterfly host plants and pollinator plants.

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. Nowadays they are working hard to pay all that college tuition!

Visit their website at vinlandvalleynursery.com or call 785-594-2966.

VINLAND VALLEY NURSERY



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Paola Plant Sale

Thursday, April 26 11 am to 5 pm
Friday, April 27 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, April 28 8 am to noon

Annuals • Perennials
Midwest Native Plants
Butterfly Host Plants
Tropicals • Succulents
Vegetable Transplants

**808 Baptiste Drive,
Paola, KS 66071**

Take the Baptiste Drive exit
off Hwy. 169 and turn west.
The sale is in the Family
Center parking lot.

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By Andre Dight

Miami County Farm Tour 2018

For the first time, on the weekend of May 12th and 13th, Lakemary is proud to take part in the annual Miami County Farm Tour program.

Located within Paola City limits, with full wheel and push chair access, weather permitting, we hope to attract a good number of visitors. In addition to the animal and garden therapy center, there will be lawn games, a playground and an opportunity to tour the school.

One area we are particularly looking forward to showing off is our butterfly and hummingbird garden. This was the class of 2017 EMG garden project. We plan to have a stand to publicize the work of the Extension Master Gardeners.

With potentially 2000 visitors during the weekend, there should



be plenty of opportunity to enlist EMG's of the future! All are welcome to attend.

If you could spare a few hours to help with the information stand, and promote the work of Marais des Cygnes EMGs, please contact me and let me know. 913- 912-0793.



A Night Blooming Cereus in flower

General Meeting and Cookout Tuesday, July 10th 6.30 pm

Lakemary is delighted to host this year's EMG Summer Meeting and Cookout. Held down at the Ranch, Lakemary will be providing grilled meats and buns. Members are invited to bring along pot luck and salads to accompany. Light refreshments will be provided, but if you would like to enjoy a more adult beverage, you are more than welcome to bring your own!

Please come and enjoy our growing gardens and the animals we keep that provide therapy for our children and adults served.

Plant Swap

This year, in addition to the cookout we are encouraging a plant swap. Do you have plants special to you? Maybe they are unusual or exotic? Maybe they

have a special meaning to you, or have been passed down through the generations in your family? You are invited to bring as many plants as you would like, to swap or share. This is a great way to get to know your fellow EMG's a little more, and a fantastic way to grow your own plant collection. Get thinking about this now—maybe you need to divide plants, take cuttings or plant seeds in advance? We all know that plants

shared between friends are much more successful than any you can purchase at the garden center, or home improvement store!!



Night Blooming Cereus taking root and getting ready for the July 10th Plant Swap at Lakemary

2018 Calendar

Please visit the website for changes and updates, as new training may be added throughout the year.

Month	Date	Time	# Hrs	Topic	Speaker	Location
April	24	6:30 PM	1.0	Growing, Harvesting and Using Culinary Herbs	Brenda Wrischnik Mdc EMG	Ext Office
	26, 27, 28	See schedule	Vol Hrs	PLANT SALE	Mdc EMGs	Family Center Parking Lot
May	18 & 19	9 AM to 5 PM	6 Vol Hrs	JOCO Garden Tour (Purchase Tickets online or at the gardens)	JOCO EMGs	Various
	22	6:30 PM	1	Managing Pests and Weeds in the Vegetable Garden	Nancy Kalman, Mdc EMG	Ext Office
June	12	1 to 3 PM	2	Plant Diseases: ID & Treatment	Judy O'Mara, KSU	Ext Office
	26	6:30 PM	1.0	Identifying Common Garden Weeds	Jeff Hansen, KNPS	Ext Office
July	10	6:30 PM	2.0 Vol	General Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner	BBQ at Lakemary	Ext Office
August	7	6:30 PM	1	Fall Vegetable Gardening	Nancy Chapman JOCO EMG	Ext Office
	28	6:30-8:00 PM	2.0	Bartending for Butterflies	Lenora Larson, Mdc EMG	Ext Office
September	25	6:30 PM	1.0	Bugs and Berries: Landscaping for Birds	Nik Hiremath Birds Unlimited	Ext Office
October	9	6:30 PM	2.0 Vol	General Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner	Game Night	Ext Office
	16	1 to 2:30 PM	1.0	Propagating Plants from Cuttings	Cheryl Boyer KSU	Ext Office
November						
December	Enjoy the Holidays!					