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Master Gardener

What's Growing On...

The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 28 *Barkeeping for Butterflies*, Paola Office, 6:30

Lenora Larson, MdC EMG

SEPTEMBER 25 *Bugs and Berries: Landscaping to Attract Birds!*

Nik Hiremath, Wild Birds Unlimited, Leawood, KS

OCTOBER 9 *4th Quarter General Meeting and Horticulture Game Night*

Extension Office Garden workdays are Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 am

Courthouse Garden workdays are Wednesdays, 9 am

(both start earlier on hot days, so check with the committee chair!)

Trial Garden workdays have been changed to Thursdays at 8:00 am. Food is also harvested at that time.

Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 am, Paola office

Newsletter deadline is noon on the Friday after each Board meeting

Barkeeping for Butterflies

August 28 at 6:30 pm | 1 hour Advanced Training

Paola Office | Presented by Lenora Larson

If you offer *only* flowers, you are not a butterfly gardener. You are a bartender, a saloon-keeper, providing adult beverages to lonely spinster and bachelor butterflies. Learn how to be the best bartender possible by providing their favorite blooms. We'll also be voyeurs, watching butterfly courtship behaviors at the "Nectar Bar." Lenora's presentations are always both entertaining and informative.



Bugs & Berries: Landscaping for Birds

September 25 at 6:30 pm | Paola Office | 1 hour Advanced Training

Presented by Nik Hiremath

Birds have the same needs as humans: shelter, water, a place to raise young, and food. A thoughtful approach to creating a bird-friendly habitat can be accomplished in harmony with nature. While many of the birds' needs can be met with ready-made solutions, advanced planning and some effort can significantly increase the probability of attracting birds to our yards. This presentation will include native insect host trees, shrubs and flowers to set a banquet for our common birds. Additional suggestions for water sources, nesting boxes and feeders will equip participants to maximize year-round visits from our avian friends.

Nik and Theresa Hiremath have been enjoying backyard bird feeding for decades and were thrilled to purchase the Leawood Wild Birds Unlimited in August of 2015. Graduates of UMKC, they followed Nik's career in the paper and packaging industry across the USA before returning to Kansas City. Theresa is a retired CPA.

HELP WANTED!

We are fortunate to have some very dedicated gardeners who have stepped forward for a number of years to take leadership responsibility for our community gardens. This is an unusual situation in which we have "chiefs" but not nearly enough "indians."

Please give some thought to the reasons you decided to become an EMG. Sure, we all wanted to learn more about flowers and trees and bugs, but most would agree that community service was part of the appeal: a desire to "give back" to the community.

So, as you juggle working in your own gardens with your other activities and responsibilities, remember that Phyllis Benedict, Kathy Doherty, Shirley New, Sue Burns and Debbie Kitchell could use your help in the Courthouse Garden, the Trial Garden, and the Extension Office Garden.

The **Courthouse Garden** may be **the most visible to the community**, but as springtime gardening enthusiasm wanes, Phyllis is left with little help and lots of work. Please consider spending a couple Wednesday mornings helping Phyllis with this very valuable community project! For info, email Phyllis at pabenedict@classicnet.net—**or just show up, Wednesdays at 9.**

Advisory Board

Chairman — Mike Brown

Vice Chairman — Debbie Kitchell

Secretary – Becky Thorpe

Treasurer – Laraine Crawford

Members at Large

Phyllis Benedict

Sondra Dela Cruz

Betsy Hasselquist

Committees

Courthouse Garden

Phyllis Benedict & Kathy Doherty

Trial Garden

Shirley New

KSU Extension Office Garden

Sue Burns & Debbie Kitchell

Lakemary Liaison

Becky Thorpe

Advanced Training

Lenora Larson

Annual Awards Banquet

Donna Cook & Susan Thompson

Symposium

Susan Thompson

Plant Sale

Sondra Dela Cruz & Lenora Larson

Publicity

Judy Moser & Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids

Jane McLaughlin

New Recruits/Mentors

Jan Thompson & Betsy Hasselquist

2019 Garden Tour

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Newspaper Articles

Katelyn Barthol

Send news and photos to:

Mike Brown, Chairman

mlbcoach@gmail.com

or

Judy Moser, Newsletter Editor

judy@springvalleynursery.com

- Don't forget to be **recording** your volunteer and advanced training **hours**. Instructions are on page 4.
- The fourth quarterly meeting will be a **Horticulture Game Night** on Oct. 9 at 6:30 pm. Put the date on your calendar now and plan to bring finger foods to share—it's going to be a lot of fun!
- **New recruits** will be listed in the September newsletter, along with a series of their biographies and photos in future newsletters. Learn who they are so you can welcome them at upcoming events.
- March 2 is the date that has been chosen for the **2019 Symposium**.
- Various options for a 2019 **Garden Tour** and other garden event ideas were discussed at the August Board meeting.
- Candidates to replace Board members whose terms will be up at the end of the year will be announced in the September newsletter, and members will be asked to **vote online** in October.
- 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 of any calls and help out 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.



Lenora Larson sent this gorgeous photo of a Clearwing Bumblebee Moth resting on a Rue plant. Lenora has an excellent eye for nature's beauty in all its forms.

From Deb Kitchell:
A picture of the sitting area in the Extension Garden, showing Celosia, Hyacinth Bean Vine and Cardinal Vine for Hummingbirds. "Sue [Burns] did a beautiful job of combining these vines. It makes you want to sit and dream!"

Stop by and take a look, or "sit and dream" if you have a few minutes to spare!



Shirley New is in charge of the Trial Gardens, with help from Chet and Jane McLaughlin and many others. The Trial Garden is at Angela Scherman's home on Old KC Road.



Recently, Deb Kitchell mentioned that the Trial Gardens "look the best they have ever looked, and tons of tomatoes and peppers are being harvested and delivered to My Father's House and the Osawatomie Farmers Market." So I stopped by and took some candid pictures of the incredibly robust plants and noted, with a combination of amazement, admiration and envy, that there were NO WEEDS! — Judy Moser

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 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.