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## What's Growing On...

The latest news from the  
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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**SPECIAL EDITION**

### Advisory Board

**Chairman** – Betsy Hasselquist  
**Vice Chairman** – Debbie Kitchell  
**Secretary** – Becky Thorpe  
**Treasurer** – Laraine Crawford

#### Members at Large

Phyllis Benedict  
Sondra Dela Cruz  
Judy Moser

### 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

#### MiCo Fair Superintendents

Chet McLaughlin & Michael Poss

Pat Trachsel & Sue Burns

#### New Recruits/Mentors

Jan Thompson & Betsy Hasselquist

#### Garden Tour

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#### Newspaper Articles

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## It's Time to Elect Four New Advisory Board Members

There are 4 positions open on the board for the term starting in January.

**Watch for an e-mail ballot on November 1 and vote by 5 pm November 12.**

All members with active and emeritus membership status are eligible to vote.

Thank you for the contributions of our exiting board members Mike Brown, Laraine Crawford and Becky Thorpe. Also, thank you to Debbie Kitchell, class of 2015, whose 2 year term is up. She has agreed to run for a second term.

Carmen Anthony, class of 2017, Sue Burns, class of 2015, and Cathy Stainbrook, class of 2018 are also running for the board. **Read their bios (below) to learn more.**

Judy Moser agreed to serve on the board for the remainder of this year to fill Mike Brown's term.

The EMG board consists of 7 members. The term of office is 2 years. No one will serve more than 2 consecutive terms, but members can be eligible to serve again after a 1 year absence from the board. Active EMG members are eligible to serve on the board 1 year after graduation.

Board officers for the next term will be elected by the board at the December meeting.

### The Candidates Are:

#### CARMEN ANTHONY

My name is Carmen Anthony. I was born and raised in Overland Park and always had a garden. I learned to can and freeze at a young age and am starting to learn about dehydrating for food storage. I have no children, 2 dogs and garden every year starting most plants from seeds. I have lived in Paola for 10 years. At my house, I have started taking out front yard grass and added in native, pollination and perennial plants. I've added fruit trees, native berries, raised beds, water collection, and a small fish pond in the back, all organic. I was a 15-year Dispatcher for 2 Law Agencies, 1 year at Lake Mary working in the

houses with the kids and on the "Green" team with Andre Dight to reduce the greenhouse effect from the complex. I did a season this spring with Rhodes Greenhouse in Spring Hill before I had to quit to be a full time caregiver for my Grandparents. I am now a caregiver for only my Grandma who has dementia, their large house, 8 year neglected flower beds and almost 3 acres. I have put in fruit trees and native berries and am adding beneficial plants to a perfect yard. I am blessed with a large greenhouse so this winter I'm trying inside gardens, a small aquaponics and a Tower Garden. As a newer Master Gardener, it is my  
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quiet, stress-reducing time and I am thankful for the new friends and information I have learned. When I get back to my

single life, I am going to finish college in a related field. I am also helping my new neighbors with garden issues and have been asked to design a new garden area for one. I plan on giving back to my friends, community and those in need.

### SUE BURNS

I love being a Master Gardener! My Dad always told us to learn something new each day, and that is 100% possible as an EMG. The amount of knowledge available with this group is amazing! I've been a MG for 3 years now. Mainly have been working on the committee responsible for the Extension Office gardens. Wonderful group! We've got a goal to make these gardens 1) friendly for anyone walking past and 2) interesting in the variety of plantings.

I've lived in Linn and Miami County for the past 10 years. Now live on a farm south of Paola with my husband Bob, 4 horses, 7 chickens, 17 cats and 3 dogs. And many gardens, but never enough!!



### DEBBIE KITCHELL

I have served as vice chairman of the EMG board the past 2 years and co-chair of the Extension Office Garden. While working nearly 10 years as

the retail manager at the Louisburg Cider Mill, I started my gardening "career" working on my days off first as a hobby at Weavers Green Thumb in Paola, then Edgerton Nursery, Plant World I & II. I attended the Bill Nye Floral Design and Business Management course in Lawrence while working at Louisburg Floral and then worked for Donna Cook as manager at Rabbit Creek where I met Cindy Dover. Cindy was a Miami County EMG and taught me about native plants. We later started our own business, Gardeners Helpers. I have thankfully been able to continue to do



the work I love after Cindy's and my husband's passings. As Gardeners Helper, I currently maintain 12 gardens. I am also restoring a meadow at Rockwood Falls Estates near Stillwell and develop their common areas. My passion is planting spring bulbs and I will be adding another 500 this fall along their 2+ mile pathway. For fun I took a photography class and work at Paola floral for Valentines Day. I took a beekeeping class at JCCC and take care of one of my garden customer's bees. I love, love chickens, everyone should have them and my new dog Mace.

I would like to thank Ken O'Dell who stopped while I was out on my golf cart collecting honey milkweed seeds and said "You need to be a master gardener," Lenora Larson who also encouraged me to join saying "You are very knowledgeable," and d Brown, who graciously made me feel welcome into the EMG program.

Being outdoors in all my gardens is my sanctuary. When you are a

gardener, you never stop learning and I enjoy sharing my knowledge. The beauty of watching a blue swallowtail emerging into this world is glorious.

### CATHY STAINBROOK

Hello, my name is Cathy Stainbrook. I was raised in the Kansas City area. After graduating from high school I started working and shortly after, met and married my husband. We moved to LaCygnes in 1980 with our 6-month-old son. I was a stay at home mom while my boys were small. Steve and his family had been a farming family all his life, so that became our life too. We both had jobs outside the home after my boys were in school while farming part time with my in-laws. I have worked part time and full time off and on until 2 years ago. I guess you could say I'm "retired" although I am still trying to find what I want to do when I grow up.

I have many hobbies, things I love and things I love to do. My family is at the very top of the list of things I love. Then there is flower gardening, landscape design, mowing... pretty much everything pertaining to the out-of-doors. I enjoy making things with vinyl, permanent and iron on, dabbling in a little woodworking, photography and photoshopping. Painting and repurposing furniture is another hobby I have that has actually turned into a small money maker. I also love to knit, crochet and read as relaxing activities. I have enjoyed my first official year as a Master Gardener learning new things and getting to know some fellow Master Gardeners along the way.

