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What's Growing On...

The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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CALENDAR

JUNE

26 *Identifying Common Yard and Garden Weeds*, Paola Office, 6:30
Jeff Hansen, Kansas Native Plant Society (see below)

JULY

10 Quarterly Meeting and Potluck BBQ **More info > RSVP by July 4! >**

AUGUST

7 *Fall Vegetable Gardening*, Paola Office, 6:30
Nancy Chapman, JoCo EMG

28 *Barkeeping for Butterflies*, Paola Office, 6:30
Lenora Larson, MdC EMG

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!)

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

Quarterly Meeting, BBQ Potluck & Plant Swap July 10

The third quarterly meeting will be held on July 10, 6:30 pm, at the Paola Extension Office. Please bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

The plant swap should be loads of fun! Please bring along whatever you would like to contribute to the swap.

RSVP to Katelyn at kbarth25@ksu.edu by July 4 so we can be sure to have plenty of buns.

Identifying Common Yard and Garden Weeds

**June 26 at 6:30 pm | Paola Office | 1 hour Advanced Training
Presented by Jeff Hansen, Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS)**

Some say a weed is “a plant growing where it is not wanted.” Using that definition, every plant could be a weed! Instead we will focus on annual plants that prefer disturbed soil. Some perennial and woody invasive plants will also be covered.

We will work with fresh weed specimens. Attendees are encouraged to bring a few weeds they would like to identify. Be sure to include the roots. Store them in a plastic bag in a refrigerator to preserve them.

Jeff Hansen is a board member of the KNPS and has been a gardener all of his life. He landscapes with native plants, makes paper from them, and leads wildflower walks throughout the state.

His extensive website, www.kansasnativeplants.com, is a great online guide to Kansas plants, both native and introduced, containing more than 800 species and more than 4,000 images. Jeff is an enthusiastic teacher and loves sharing his knowledge.

Come and learn your weeds’ names! It will help you figure out the best way to deal with them.



Thistle



Clover



Chickweed



Japanese knotweed

Be sure to follow the Marais des Cygnes EMGs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg

Advisory Board

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Phyllis Benedict

Sondra Dela Cruz

Betsy Hasselquist

Committees

Courthouse Garden

Phyllis Benedict

Trial Garden

Shirley New

KSU Extension Office Garden

Sue Burns & Debbie Kitchell

Lakemary

Advanced Training

Lenora Larson

Annual Awards Banquet

Donna Cook & Susan Thompson

Symposium

Susan Thompson

Plant Sale

Sondra Dela Cruz & Lenora Larson

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Sondra Dela Cruz

2019 Garden Tour

“Your Name Here”

Send news and photos to:

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Mike Brown Holds Another Salve Class

Recently, I repeated a salve class with Master Gardner Mike Brown. She has been doing this salve class for nine years and many Master Gardeners have attended.



Mike has always had a passion for the native way because it shows respect for all living things. It all started when a Potawatomi friend named Laura who had the salve recipe but not the plants, asked Mike if they could come to her house because she had the plants. These include mullein, plantain, comfrey, and mint.

These herbs are cooked for four

hours in olive oil and bee's wax. The quality of the salve is dependent on the manor in which it is harvested.

Just a few of the benefits of the salve are: inflammation, insect bites, arthritis, burns, dry skin, swelling.

Mike feels there are so many people disconnected from nature and this is an excellent way to connect. It is the native way to respect all living things. Respect plants as sentient beings and approach them with a sense of reciprocity. —*Jamie Albright*



Pictured above, left to right: Jamie Albright, Mike Brown, Kathryn Spragens, Connie Hatfield, and Deb Kitchell.

EMGs Enjoy Working in the Gardens

Regular workdays are underway at the Courthouse Garden, the Extension Office Garden, and the Trial Garden.

Workdays and times are listed under the calendar on page 1, but volunteers are starting earlier on hot days (which has been every day recently). Check with the committee chairs if you want to help.

The Extension Office gardens are looking mighty good! Pictured here



New EMGs are working hard to plant and maintain the west side of the Courthouse.

are volunteers Deb Kitchell, Sue Burns, Betsy Hasselquist, Tom Dela Cruz and Sondra Dela Cruz.

From the Trial Garden, reports are that everything has now been mulched and caged.

Phyllis Benedict would like to have more volunteers to help out at the Courthouse Garden. Come early and pitch in, even for just a few minutes if that's all the time you can spare. Every Wednesday, starting on hot days at 8 am.

Notes

- We are looking for a chair or co-chairs to begin planning the fall **2019 Garden Tour**. If we don't have a chair we won't be able to have a Miami County garden tour in 2019. If you want to help, contact Betsy Hasselquist 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 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.
- In July a committee will nominate new Board members to replace those whose terms will be up.
- The fourth quarterly meeting will be a **Hort Game Night** on Oct. 9 at 6:30 pm. Let the games begin!

It's Recruitment Time Again

July 6 is the deadline for 2019 EMG training applications. Last month Katelyn emailed a memo with the letter outlining the requirements for the new prospects for the fall education and spring work requirements that can be shared with prospects. Contact the office if you didn't receive it (or didn't hang on to it).

Please take a minute to think about your spheres of influence, glean the names (and contact information) of those individuals that that you believe could and should make good,

successful Master Gardeners.

Think about those people you know or have met that have expressed an interest in the program.

KSU Extension–Olathe grants the Marais des Cygnes district 10 chairs but seldom have we filled more than six. You can help build our numbers through successfully recruiting more interested parties.

Contact Sondra Dela Cruz (sondra_brinkman@hotmail.com) or Jamie Albright (jamiea04@gmail.com) with names!

The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is Friday following the Board meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Class on Identifying Plant Problems Very Well Received



Tuesday, June 12, K-State plant disease expert Judy O'Mara brought dozens of samples of plants with various "issues" from the campus in Manhattan. Then she carefully demonstrated the analytical process through which the source of the problem can be determined. Is it insect damage, environmental stress, or a disease caused by a bacteria, virus, fungus or protozoan? Is there a remedy? Is a remedy even necessary, or should we accept the fact that Mother Nature's balance sometimes conflicts with aesthetic perfection? Is the



best solution, sometimes, to just replace the plant?

Judy received her Master's Degree in plant pathology from New Mexico State University and is currently the Director of the KSU Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. She also supports the Extension through outreach and education.

After the class, one EMG was heard to say, "This was the most useful advanced training class I have ever attended!" Thank you, Judy O'Mara.