



# K-STATE

Research and Extension  
Master Gardener

## What's Growing On...

The latest news from the  
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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### Advisory Board

**Chairman** — Betsy Hasselquist  
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#### 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

#### 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

#### Newspaper Articles

Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agent

#### Send news and photos to:

Judy Moser, Newsletter Editor  
[judy@springvalleynursery.com](mailto:judy@springvalleynursery.com)

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 13

**Christmas Cookie Exchange**, 9:30-11:00 am, Jackson Hotel, Paola  
RSVP (see page 2). Katelyn will be emailing details soon!

## 2019

### JANUARY 22

Annual Master Gardener Awards Dinner, Town Square Event Center in Paola.  
Further details to be announced. Mark your 2019 calendar!

### MARCH 2

Annual Symposium, Town Square Event Center, Paola  
Details are being planned now and will be announced soon.

### Contact garden chairs for time and date if you can help with fall cleanup.

Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 am, Paola office.  
Newsletter deadline is noon on the following Friday.

## NEWS & NOTES

- Four new board members were elected by an online vote. They were: **Carmen Anthony, Sue Burns, Debbie Kitchell, and Cathy Stainbrook**. Officers for 2019 will be elected at the December Board meeting and installed at the Awards Dinner on January 22.
- **Sue Burns** is going to plant a **pollinator garden** in the children's area at the Cider Mill next spring. She welcomes any plant donations and assistance.
- A private MdC EMG event is being planned for June 1, 2019, at the **Gardens of Wendwood**, a fabulous private garden 40 years in the making that **Debbie Kitchell** has managed for 18 years. Put this on your calendar now, as it is going to be an unforgettable experience!



- The 2019 **Plant Sale** will have a focus on bees, with **Vicki Vetter-Scruggs** as our bee expert. As always, **Lenora Larson** will be at the butterfly host plant table. As part of our mission we want to educate the public about environmental issues confronting insect pollinators.
- Don't forget to be **recording** your volunteer and advanced training **hours**. Instructions on page 5.

# Meet the New Class

By Jan Thompson and Betsy Hasselquist

We are thrilled to welcome three more new people, including **Kathleen Brady-Francis**, to the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener Program.

Kathleen has experienced gardening around the world, ranging from tropical climates, desert, and mild climates to Kansas. Kathleen and her husband, Paul, have a home south of Paola. They have four children, all living away from Paola. Paul is currently in Hawaii living on a sailboat, so when Kathleen is not in Kansas you will find her in Hawaii!

Kathleen recently retired from Lakemary. She is looking forward to broadening her knowledge of plants and gardening. She enjoys volunteering and is interested in helping with the master gardening volunteer activities.

While working, Kathleen was involved in music therapy/special education, Veteran's Affairs and Catholic Charities Hospice, as well as various garden projects.

Kathleen is excited to become a Master Gardener—to share her knowledge, to sharpen her gardening expertise, to be involved in our activities in Miami County (she volunteered at the trial gardens) and to make new friends.



Welcome **Brandon Johnson** as a valuable new EMG class member. He and his new wife, Rebecca, recently moved to their own little piece of country paradise with great dreams. Congratulations!

Brandon is a dedicated dad, has served in the army, enjoys family, preserving nature, camping, hiking, fishing, and canoeing.

He is invested in responsible and sustainable gardening and has started lots of nut and fruit trees (definitely stories there) and is into growing herbs and vegetables. He “admits” moving around vegetables on his plate as a kid to pretend that he had eaten them, but actually likes them now. LOL

Brandon enjoys working at the Lakemary Ranch and is eager to advance his knowledge. (He's a smart guy.) He has been working hard to restore and develop the gardens there, manage the green house, expand the hydroponic systems, butterfly gardens and perpetuate heirlooms. A great venue to educate, inspire and spread the word of the benefits of gardening!

Please welcome **Barb Shropshire!** Barb and her husband Clay live in northern Miami County. Her interest in gardening began when she was



young and was positively influenced by her mother, a Johnson County Master Gardener. It all began at a young age starting with houseplants, and grew to flower beds and vegetable gardens surrounding her home.

Barb is looking forward to getting to know other members in our group, to share the joy of gardening, and to gain more comprehensive knowledge. With the new training and opportunities, she is looking forward to helping educate others about the beauty and benefits of gardening. We are so looking forward to having her expertise to help



us with our mission.

Barb has been an active volunteer with the Bloch Foundation Cancer Hotline, P.E.O., and sorority alumnae organization, as well as volunteering for gardening activities with her church and for church members.

Besides gardening Barb also enjoys genealogy, scrapbooking, needlework and cooking, especially with herbs from her garden. Barb enjoys yoga and fitness workouts almost daily. She and Clay are active in square dancing and have one son living in Olathe. They are overjoyed being grandparents to two boys, ages 4 and 1 and love the opportunities to babysit.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

**December 13th, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Jackson Hotel**

RSVP to Jan at [jkg.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:jkg.thompson@gmail.com) by Monday, December 3rd. Please indicate type of cooking you're bringing. Email recipe to Jan if you want to share it. Quantity to bring will be emailed as soon as RSVPs are received. Bring your own container for taking cookies home. Everyone welcome!



# A Tribute to Emeritus EMGs

By Betsy Hasselquist

Emeritus status in the EMG program is a well-earned and respected honor to those members who have made countless contributions to the EMG program and our community.

Celebrate and extend gratitude to our Emeritus EMGs:

## Patti Armstrong

Patti and her husband, Bernard (the hotline specialist, Board member), became EMGs in JO CO, moved to MI CO and were founders of the MI CO EMG program



in 1997. Patti is amazingly knowledgeable and was innovative in providing numerous public awareness projects and education forums and in developing the Ursuline gardens.

## d Brown

d is a forever positive spirit. She initiated the mentor program to welcome, orient and motivate new members. She is very knowledgeable of native plants and herbs and honoring American Indian traditions, respect for mother earth and nature. She teaches a native salve class. (I'm a believer, actually helps with chigger bites!) Class of 2002.



## Linda Hoffman

Linda exudes knowledge and is continually learning. She has been involved in numerous projects and can tell you the scientific names of plants you only hope to learn. She has been integral in designing our various gardens and enhancing the Ursuline Gardens. She also has contributed via her photography skills. Class of 2004.



## Jan Putzier

Jan has been a long time consistent, positive presence in our EMG program. She's been

involved in numerous projects and supportive of our programs and members. She stepped up and served on the Board when needed. Class of 1999.

## Larry Sims

Larry was always there to help. He often loaded up his tractor, plowed many gardens and saved the day. Larry was a hard worker and a great team player. He served as treasurer on the Board. He has a wonderful sense of humor.



An EMG with Emeritus status retains recognition as a master gardener with all rights and privileges, including voting, with the exception of holding an office. An emeritus EMG no longer needs to meet the mandatory service and reporting requirements.

To be considered for Emeritus status, you must have been an active EMG for at least five years, completed 500 hours of volunteer service hours and submit a letter to the MdC Extension District Agriculture & Natural Resources agent requesting the change to Emeritus status. The agent, Katelyn, will verify that the eligibility requirements are met and recommend consideration to the Board, which also needs to approve the status change.

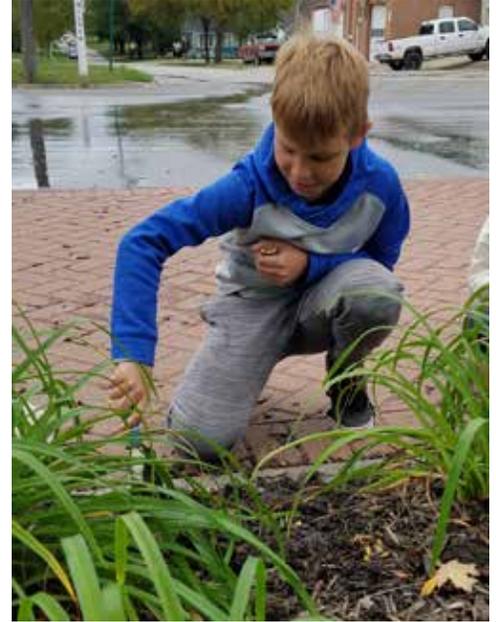
## KEEP IN TOUCH...

Susan Thompson's mother passed away recently. She was 102. Our condolences to Susan and her family.

Brenda Wrischnik and her husband Steve have moved to Florida. Mary Miller and her husband Steve have moved to Arizona. We wish them all the best. We'll miss them—and probably envy them more than a little in January!

*Keep in Touch* is a new feature in our monthly newsletter. If you have any information about new babies, a death, or anything else you think other EMGs would want to know about, please send it to [judy@springvalleynursery.com](mailto:judy@springvalleynursery.com).

# Kids to the Rescue!



A local elementary school class helped Master Gardeners at the Courthouse Garden on Wednesday, October 10. On the agenda for the day were dividing day lilies, planting spring bulbs, and decorating for the season. Kids get up and down so easily! (They don't have as far to "git.")



Master Gardeners who were on hand were Janette Bennett, Betsy Hasselquist, Becky Thorpe, Phyllis Benedict, Kathy Doherty, Cathy Stainbrook, and Sondra and Tom Dela Cruz.

PHOTOS BY JAN THOMPSON

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](http://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.**