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What's Growing On.....

The latest news from the Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

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ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman-Janette Everhart

Vice Chair - Carol Vandenberg

Secretary - Susan Rogers

Treasurer - Lynn Campbell

Members at Large:

Helen Kloepper

Stephanie Myers

Rena Tedrow

MdC Vision Statement

We are recognized as a welcoming, knowledgeable, focused gardening volunteer team. We grow, communicate with, and educate our community and ourselves. We build lasting connections and friendships.

WORK DAYS

MiCo Courthouse Garden

Wednesday's, 8a - 10a

Trial Garden/Cut flower Garden

Tuesday's, 8a

LaCygne Community Garden

Wed and/or Fri 8a - 11a

The 'Country Notebook' and a very nice article....

Submitted by Rena Tedrow

At our general membership meeting held in July in Mound City, some of you met Jeannie McPherson. I actually "met" Jeannie after barely becoming an EMG. Jeannie and I attended a barn quilt painting class in that same 4-H building in 2017. We had nice conversation, and I knew [then] that she had a LOT going on in her life.



The joy of being an Extension Master Gardener

Country NotebookBy Rogene "Jeannie" McPhersonRecently I took a trip down memory lane going back to the fall of 2010. I had retired in the spring of that same year and was looking for ways to remain physically...

Linn County Journal / Aug 8

Many of us never know when things change drastically in one another's life--especially if/when we keep things to ourselves. Me... I always wondered what ever happened to Jeannie--she didn't come to meetings anymore and wasn't working in any of the gardens. That ownness is on me for not doing a better job of staying in touch with her.

I subscribe to the LCJ - 'Linn County Journal' [which is an online newspaper] and know that Jeannie is a contributor to the 'Country Notebook.' I've read many of her articles.

Fast forward seven years, and here was Jeannie at an EMG meeting...it was truly nice to see her. I was pretty sure that she came because of the meeting location. As she mentions in her article, we went to the courthouse for a quick tour and got to see the sweat equity that EMGs are putting in there. Trust me when I say, it's beautiful compared to its previous state. Their effort has not gone unnoticed.

During the meeting, there was discussion of contact with the publishers regarding an article for the LCJ -Jeannie took the ball and ran. Thank you for doing so, Jeannie. I wish that I had seen the article sooner. A link is mentioned in her article for an application, but I contacted Roger Sims and asked that it be removed since the deadline has passed.

I've since shared it on the MdC Extension Master Gardener FB page as well. Click on the link/photo above or go to the FB page to see the article...

<https://www.facebook.com/mdcemg/>

Committees

Courthouse Garden
Phyllis Benedict

Trial Garden
Dennise Fink-Morse,
Chet McLaughlin, Shirley New,

KSU Extension Office Garden
2024 Class (monument sign)
Deb Kitchell (planters by door)

Linn County Courthouse Garden
Larraine Crawford

Advanced Training
Barbara Shropshire

Awards Banquet
Donna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist,
Susan Thompson

Symposium - 2024
Janette Everhart

Plant Sale
Sue Burns, Stacie Campbell,
Lenora Larson

Garden Tour (2025)
TBD

Seeds for Kids
Betsy Hasselquist

Miami County Fair
Dennise Fink-Morse, Hort. Supt.
Betsy Hasselquist, Seeds4Kids
Supt.
Bill Vandeberg, Flori. Supt.

New Recruits/Mentors
Stephanie Myers/
Rena Tedrow

Other

Publicity
Lenora Larson

Newspaper Articles
Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agt.

Social Media/newsletters
Rena Tedrow, Editor

Articles, photos, etc. to be included in
the monthly EMG Newsletter should
be sent to Rena at
wordet01@gmail.com
by the second Thurs. of each month.

Hotline sign-up: There are still openings thru the end of September to sign up for hotline hours. EMGs are required to complete 4 Hotline hours. Hours for hotline are 2-hour sessions on Thursday's at the Paola Extension office from 8a-10a and 10a-noon. You can complete all your hours on one day or select another day. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49ABAC22A6F58-48540259-2024#/>

New trainees... Currently, nine applicants are in the process of being scheduled for interviews. "We continue to grow..." [pun intended by Janette E.] each year. **Additional mentors will be needed...** please email Rena & Stephanie Myers if you'd like to be a mentor.

Emeritus status... Congratulations to Becky Thorpe on her Emeritus status! Her exceptional work as the Mentor Program coordinator hopefully will be continued and we hope to do her justice. We will miss seeing her smiling face and hope to see her at future functions.

MiCo Fair and Seeds for Kids... were both huge success stories this year! Thanks to all who volunteered and to those who entered. Some fair results are on page 3 and Katelyn shared some 'Thank you' notes from those who entered. (See below.)

2025 Fall Garden Tour... is shaping up nicely but we're still looking for gardens--do you have a neighbor or friend who might be interested in having their garden toured? Also, would you be interested in being a vendor at the gardens? To volunteer to help on the committee, if you know of gardens or would like to be a vendor, please contact Susan Rodgers.

The EMG Board Election... is right around the corner. If you have an interest in serving on the board, please contact Katelyn.

Thank you notes...received from fair participants.



We have some very talented EMGs AND Ag Agent in our midst. Well done to the following:

MIAMI COUNTY FAIR RESULTS...

Name	Dept. Noted/listed as H (Hort.) or F (Flori.) - Division/Class Ribbon Placing 1st (B-Blue), 2nd (R-Red), 3rd (W-White), RC-Reserve Champion
Melissa Anderson	H-Veg/Yellow Onions (R); F-Plants/Foliage [Adult]-R; F-Flowers/Zinnias-Lg, R; F-Baskets & Planters/Any potted plants not listed-B; F/Flowers/Zinnias (Sm)-W; F-Cactus & Succulents/Cactus (1 plant)-B; F-Baskets & Planters/Tropicals (non-blooming)-R; F-Arrangements/Miniature Arrangement-R. Total: 2-Blue, 5-Red, 1-White
Phyllis Benedict	F-Cactus & Succulents-1 plant-R; Art/2-Dimensional Fine Art (Watercolor)-B; F-Flowers/Any flower not listed-B; F-Flowers/Dahlia, 1 stem-R; F-Flowers/Roses [Tea]-B. Total: 3-Blue, 2-Red.
Janette Bennett	H-Vegetables/Yellow Onions-W; H-Vegetables/Cucumbers-W; H-Vegetables/Winter Squash-R. Total: 1-Red, 2-White
Bob Burns	Woodworking/Woodwork Article for farm or ship use-B; Food Preservation/Dried Foods Div. (Herbs)-R
Sue Burns	F-Cactus & Succulents/Succulent 1-plant-W; F-Baskets & Planters/Any potted plant not listed-B
Janette Everhart	H-Vegetables/Garlic-R; Photography/Color-Nature (Insect/Bug)-B; Crafts-Natural Materials, Glass, Leather (Native/Natural materials)-B. Total: 2-Blue, 1-Red
Lori Stottlemire	F-Flowers (Bulb Lily)-B; F-Flowers (Marigold-Sm, 3 stems)-R; F-Arrangements/Arrangement for Luncheon Table-W; F-Flowers/Dahlia, 1 stem)-B, RC; F-Arrangements/All Foliage Arrangement-B; F-Baskets & Planters/Tropicals non-blooming-B; H-Vegetables/Head of cabbage-R; H-Vegetables/Gourds-B; H-Vegetables/Other vegetables-R. Total: 1-Res. Champion, 5-Blue, 3-Red, 1-White
Carol Vandenberg	H-Fresh Culinary Herbs/Oregano-B; Food Preservation/Herbs-R; H-Fresh Culinary Herbs/Basil-B. Total: 2-Blue, 1-Red
Katelyn Barthol	Photography-B&W/Nature-Flowers, Animals [Non-domesticated], Farm/Agriculture-All 3-R; Agriculture-Baled Hay/Brome-R; Photography-B&W Nature/Landscape-R; Photography-B&W Social/Pets [Domesticated animals]-R; Photography-Color Social/Pets [Domesticated animals]-R; Photography-Color Nature/Animals [Non-domesticated]-W; Photography-Color Nature/Flowers-W. Total: 7-Red, 2-White.

LINN COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

I only have results for Lori...if anyone else participated, please let me know and I'll add to the Sept. issue. ~Rena

Lori Stottlemire	<p>This is the information provided--no class/category: Flowers/Snapdragons-B, RC; Popcorn (Ornamental Strawberry)-B; Pumpkin-R. Among a few.....</p> <p>Lori also won a Blue & RC in Anderson County for an arrangement (Artistic Design/Designer's Choice)</p>
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UPCOMING:

- **August 28...** Patty Trull's Cyan Art Print Workshop. \$5.00 fee. This is *not* eligible for AT credit. Please contact Patty (moonshdws1@yahoo.com) or Barb Shropshire (barbshrops@gmail.com) if you plan to attend (and have not already signed up).
- **AT... Tick Talk, Aug 20th 6:30p, Bob Burns,** Paola Extension office. See below for description.
- **Sept. 10th, 9:30a... EMG** board meeting. Paola Extension office. All members are welcome to attend.



Presentation Description - Tick Talk - Aug 20th, 6:30p, Presented by Bob Burns

Briefly... This presentation will cover what has been learned about the seasonal abundance of ticks in our state, their disease-carrying capabilities, and how we can coexist safely with these little critters. The discussion will help you understand the peak times of tick activity and define some measures to minimize the risks ticks pose. Sue Burns will discuss the medical aspect.

The information for this talk is based on a presentation by Marlon E. Cobos, Phd that he delivered at the Kansas University Field Station on April 12, 2024. Slides used with his permission.

'Homestead Garden,' Aug 27th 6:30p - Tour of Scott & Melissa Catton's property

Scott is the owner of *Bee Wild Seeds*.

"Growing up in Canada, I experienced many aspects of sustainable living from gardening a 40-acre family plot to working in other family agriculture businesses. As an avid outdoorsman I came to respect the diverse ecosystems of Mother Nature which has sparked my interest in conservation of wildlife and wildflowers and applying alternative growing techniques. My goal is to educate future generations sharing what I've learned through the years. My motto is: 'Saving the planet one pollinator at a time.'"



Scott's new trailer!

2024 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training Calendar

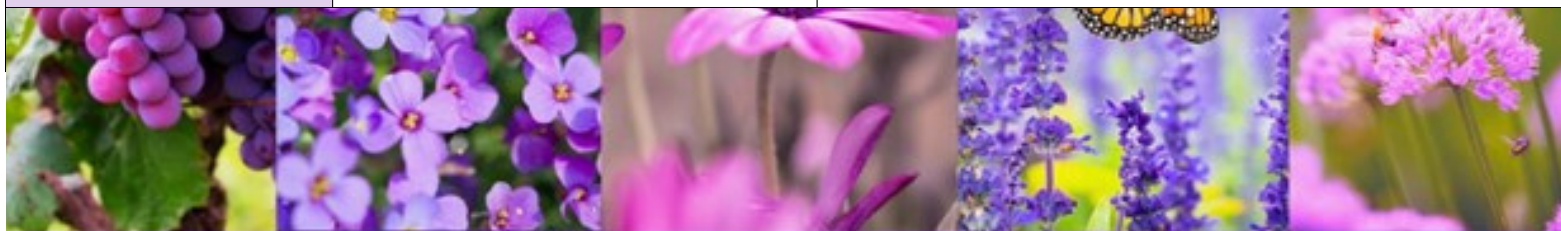
Note: Additional trainings will be added throughout the year as they are scheduled

MO	DATE	TIME	# HRS	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
AUG	20	6:30p	1	Tick Talk See description pg 4	Bob Burns, MdC Extension Master Gardener	MdC Extension Office, 913 N. Silver, Paola KS
Aug.	27	6:30 PM	1	Tour Scott and Melissa Catton's Property - "Homestead Garden" See description pg 4	Scott - MdC EMG JoCo EMN	Scott Catton's, 32875 W. 359th St., Osawatomie Learn about Scott's recent planting additions to attract pollinators and his Bee Wild Seeds business
SEPT	27-29	See website Track each session, workshop & tour you attend	and consult with Katelyn regarding AT hours	"Gardening With a Purpose"	Garden Conference by NW MO Master Gardeners	MOMGA '24 - Registration open - \$135 MO Western State University https://momga.org/momga-conference/ Fri.--St. Joe Garden Tours (addn'l cost) Sat. eve. - Keynote Speaker, Doug Tallamy Choose from 20 speakers on Sat. & Sun.
Oct	22	6:30p	1	Using Dried Botanicals in Medicinal Products	Janet Guittierez, MS	MdC Extension Office, 913 N. Pearl, Paola KS

MdC Training Hours

Other Training Hours

Red text denotes new training or updated information



K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Join K-State Research and Extension every first Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm CST

The **K-State Garden Hour**, is at 12:00 PM on the 1st Wed. of each month. Register online at <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>. Past recordings are available on the website.

Sept 4 - Season Extension in the Vegetable Garden

Oct 2 - Evergreens in Kansas

Lunch and Learn, 12:00 PM, Every 1st Thursday of the month. **Native Plants at Noon**, 12:00 PM, Every 3rd Thursday.

Register for both webinars at deeproots.org (past recordings available on website)

IF YOU HAVE THOUGHTS, OR IDEAS FOR TRAINING, CONTACT BARB SHROPSHIRE



Master Naturalist garden tour-Kristen Dickerson's garden on Aug 13th.



Lori Stottlemire's winning dahlia at the Miami County Fair.

Lori Stottlemire's winning 'Snapdragons in Glass'--RC, at the Linn County Fair.

