

# Miami County Courthouse Gardens

Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners—Paola  
*"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun,  
heart with nature" -Alfred Austin*

Built in 1898, the magnificent courthouse was designed by George Washburn in the Romanesque style with a foundation of Carthage Limestone. The walls are made of fireproof pressed bricks and the roof is black with red slate on the tower and gables. The whole interior is quarter sawn oak with a natural finish. The clocks in the clocktower were donated by Paola Middle School students and installed in 1980. The building is still in use as the Paola Municipal Court as part of the City's judicial branch. Establishment of the gardens was a joint venture between the Paola Lions club and the Miami County Kansas State Extension (now Marais des Cygnes District) Master Gardeners, who designed and have maintained the surrounding gardens in a period-appropriate style for 15 years



## A September to Remember

Marais des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardeners Garden Tour

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