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K-State Garden Hour preps for winter series

Popular program will offer sessions on backyard birds, winter landscapes

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Organizers of a popular, lunch-hour gardening program say they are gearing up to offer more sessions even as the days turn a bit colder.

The K-State Garden Hour wraps up its fall series in late September, but officials have announced two sessions that will be held the first Wednesday in October and November.

A one-time registration fee gives viewers free access to both sessions, which include:

- Oct. 6 – Embrace your landscape’s wild side: Supporting backyard birds.
- Nov. 3 – Winter interest in the landscape.

More information on both sessions and recordings of past webinars are available online.

The K-State Garden Hour debuted online during the COVID-19 pandemic to accommodate gardeners staying at home more often, as well as those who were looking for an outdoor hobby.

Matthew McKernan, a K-State Research and Extension horticulture agent in Sedgwick County, said nearly 10,000 participants attended at least one session through the first half of 2021. Though statistics aren’t yet available for the fall series, the interest in the program among Kansans seems to have continued the past several weeks.

“Even though people often garden less during the winter months, there are still many things everyone can do to create landscape interest and support garden wildlife in the winter months,” McKernan said. “That’s really what our winter series of the K-State Garden Hour will focus on – getting the most out of your garden even in the winter months.”
In addition to information online, interested persons can also contact their local K-State Research and Extension office for more details on the K-State Garden Hour.

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