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## What's Growing On.....

in the world of the Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

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### A Whole Lotta Busy-ness is Goin' On

**Rena Tedrow**

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#### ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman-Janette Everhart  
Vice Chair - Carol Vandenberg  
Secretary - Helen Kloepper  
Treasurer - Lynn Campbell  
Members at Large:  
Stephanie Myers  
Susan Rodgers  
Rena Tedrow

#### WORK DAYS

**MiCo Courthouse Garden**  
Wednesday's, 8a - 10a

**Trial Garden/Cut flower Garden**  
Tuesday's, 8a

**LaCygne Community Garden**  
Wed and/or Fri 9a - noon

**Linn Co. Courthouse Garden**  
Tuesday's, 8-10a. Contact  
Monica Chapman-Pickett or  
Theresa Barr to be added to  
their distribution list.

**DAYS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE**

The Miami County Fair concluded with great results. Horticulture, Floriculture and Seeds for Kids may have had record entries this year. Five of our EMGs had entries this year. See page 7 for additional information.

Recruitment for the fall classes ended at the end of July. Carol V. and Rena will have completed the interviews and will have assigned mentors by the time you read this. It is looking to be another great group of participants! The September newsletter will include the names, photos and bios for our newest members.

Plans for the fall Garden Tour are in full swing... The tour is September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The ad has been in the *Kansas City Gardener Magazine (KCG)*, along with a description of a few of the gardens. The remaining garden articles appear in this month's issue of *KCG*. Facebook (FB) posts are done to provide some brief information regarding each garden. Lenora's garden was featured earlier, and Mrs. O's Farm was featured on Aug. 15th.

Please 'like and follow' the [EMG FB page](#) and share the posts on your own page.

The remaining gardens will be featured every five days until the week of the garden tour.

***A quick FYI...*** In an effort to simplify 'space' when it comes to links to websites... When you see something in italicized blue... that is your link to the webpage. This saves space in showing the entire address to the site.

**Committees****Courthouse Garden**

Phyllis Benedict

**Trial Garden**Dennise Fink-Morse,  
Chet McLaughlin, Shirley New,  
Diane Michuda**KSU Extension Office Garden**

Deb Kitchell

**Linn County Courthouse Garden**Theresa Barr,  
Monica Chapman-Pickett**Advanced Training**

Stephanie Myers

**Awards Banquet**Donna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist,  
Susan Thompson**Symposium - 2024**

Janette Everhart

**Plant Sale**Sue Burns, Lynn Campbell,  
Lenora Larson**Garden Tour (2025)**

Audrey Gabel, Susan Rodgers

**Seeds for Kids**Betsy Hasselquist &  
Helen Kloepper**Miami County Fair**Dennise Fink-Morse, Hort. Supt.  
Betsy Hasselquist, Seeds4Kids  
Supt.  
Bill Vandeberg, Flori. Supt.**Recruitment/Mentors**

Rena Tedrow

**Other  
Publicity**Lenora Larson  
Scott Schappell**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 [mire1108@yahoo.com](mailto:mire1108@yahoo.com) by the second Thurs. of each month.

**Fall Garden Tour...**

It will be here before you know it! If you have not signed up to help at one of the gardens, we need help in the afternoons. Please sign-up [online](#) via the sign-up genius OR call Susan R. As mentioned on page 1, FB posts are out there for you to share. Please share the posts to extend our social media reach and attendance!

**Kitchen Garden, 2025...**

Last month the Kitchen Garden was in great shape. This month, it suffered from the 4 inches of rain received. Many of the tomato and pepper plants were destroyed. This will significantly reduce the amount of food we can provide to the food pantry. If you have a produce garden and have extra produce you would like to donate, please contact Chet. They still need help on Tuesdays!

**Storage Room has been cleaned up!**

Lynn, Denise, and Janette spent a couple of hours tidying up the areas at the Paola Extension office. Some items were trashed, some re-cycled, some reorganized. It is far easier to get maneuver and find things you might need.

**New EMG members...**

Nine applicants! Interviews have been (and are) underway...seven of the nine have been completed and the last two will be on the 18th. A 'meet and greet' for the new recruits, mentors, and board members will be Aug 26<sup>th</sup> at 11a at Lenora's Farm. Bring a sack lunch and a chair. Water and teas will be provided. Training is scheduled on Thursdays from September 4<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**So many fair entries....**

This year's categories had a good number of participants - Agriculture: 5; Floriculture 149; Horticulture 131; and Seed 4 Kids a whopping 123! Patty Trull won Grand Champion in Floriculture for her fabulous flowering plant. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so well together!

**Spring Garden Symposium**

February 28<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the Symposium. It will be located at Town Square in downtown Paola. The theme is "*Water, Earth, Wind, and Fire: How the Elements Impact your Garden.*" The committee is working on topics, speakers, menu, etc. The next meeting is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2p at the Paola Extension office. Come and join the fun!

### MdC EMG 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.

### Sad news...

It is with a heavy heart to report that Emeritus Master Gardener, d. Brown, passed away recently. We are planning a tribute in September to honor her. Please send any thoughts, photos, etc. you would like included to Rena.

### EMG On-line Reporting (Hours)

Have you been working on entering your hours? If not, it's already mid-August and it will be December before you know it. Don't wait. There will be recognition awarded at the next quarterly meeting. Get in the habit of entering your hours more frequently. Take some time to record the valuable time you spend supporting the MdC

EMG Program. This helps Katelyn balance her time when reviewing our hours at year's end/beginning of the new year. Enter your hours using this link: [EMG hour entry](#)

### Photo Roster

Ever have difficulty with putting a face with a name? This will help... It's time to update the photo roster for our group. Please submit a photo of yourself to be added.

***Email a clear head shot of yourself to Rena by October 31<sup>st</sup>.***



**It's not gardening, it's extreme  
outdoor sweating with tools.**



Facebook find 😊

- ▶ **August 26th, 11:00a** - New members 'Meet and Greet' - mentors, board members. Bring a sack lunch and a chair.
- ▶ **August 26th and 27<sup>th</sup>** - Pre-garden tour for the volunteers, garden owners and liasons.
- ▶ **September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 9a-5p** - Fall Garden Tour
- ▶ **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a - EMG Board meeting** - at the Extension office. The board meeting as - Fall Garden Tour
- ▶ **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00p:** Symposium Committee Meeting at the Extension office.
- ▶ **October 14th, Board Meeting & Q4 General Membership meeting:** Mark your calendars to attend. Meeting time and location will be included in the September newsletter.

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## GARDENING WORD FIND

Find and circle all  
of the words  
that are hidden  
in the grid.  
The remaining  
27 letters  
spell out a  
Lady Bird Johnson  
quote.

ANNUALS	GARDEN	ORGANIC	SEEDS
BEANS	GERANIUMS	PEAS	SHOVEL
BEETS	GLOVES	PERENNIAL	SOIL
BIENNIAL	GNOME	PETUNIAS	SPADE
BROCCOLI	GREENHOUSE	PINWHEEL	SUNSHINE
CARROTS	GROW	PITCH FORK	TOMATOES
COMPOST	HOES	PLANTING	TROWEL
CULTIVATE	HORTICULTURE	RAIN	TULIPS
DAISIES	HOSE	RAKE	VEGETABLES
DIGGING	HYDRANGEA	RELAXING	WATER
FERTILIZER	LILACS	ROSES	WEEDS
FLOWERS	LILIES	ROWS	WHEELBARROW
FUCHSIA	MARIGOLDS		

## ADVANCED TRAINING SCHEDULE

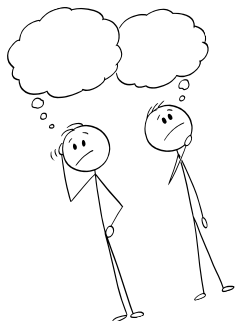
### 2025 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training Calendar

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

MO	DAY	TIME	# HOURS	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
Aug	25-28	See website for schedule	1 hr. per speaker attended	International Master Gardener Conference	<a href="#">Register</a>	Virtual only - see website for details. Online classes - must be registered for full event, not by class Early bird registration - \$185 After June 21 <sup>st</sup> - \$210
Sept	13	9:30a - 3:15p	4	Plant Geek Saturday 1) Grow Something Different 2) Conifers & Other Woody Wonders 3) Clematis Myths & Truths	1) Steve Owens, Bustani Plant Farm (Stillwell OK) 2) Peter Lowe, Dawes Arboret., Columbus OH 3) Deborah Hardwick, Clematis expert	Rockhurst University, St. Ignatius Science Center, Rm 115 (54 <sup>th</sup> St & Troost entrance) Fee \$99 incl. a.m. coffee & lunch <a href="#">Register</a>
Sept	23	6-7:00p	1	The Artistic Garden	Lenora Larson, MdC Extension Master Gardener	Paola Extension Office, 913 N. Pearl, Paola, KS
Oct	28	6-7:00p	1	End-of-Season Panel Discussion with our Expert MdC EMGs	Audrey Gabel, Nancy Kalman, Lenora Larson, Chet McLaughlin	Paola Extension Office 913 N. Pearl, Paola KS
MdC Training Hours			Other training hours		Red text denotes new training added or updated info.	

### *Ideas for AT?*

**Do you have ideas for Advanced Training (AT) classes? Contact Stephanie Myers with your suggestion(s).**



*Share  
your  
Thoughts*





The [K-State Garden Hour](#), is at 12:00 PM on the 1st Wed. of each month. **You must register if this will be your first time joining the webinar.** Past recordings are available on the website.

Sept 3 - Shrubs That Thrive in Kansas ~ Oct 1 - Keys to Successful Community Garden Spaces

The [Deep Roots Native Plant Webinars](#) (Lunch and Learn) is at 12p - every 1st Thursday of the month.

Sept 4 - Urban Green Rooftop Garden - Growing Season 12p and Sept 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6p

Register for both webinars and tours at [deeproots.org](https://www.deeproots.org) (past recordings available on website)



## 2025 Miami County Fair Results

### MdC EMG Participants

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 PTOG (Photography); Q (Quilting)
Janette Bennett	(H) Vegetables-Winter Squash (B); (H) Vegetables-Garden Exhibit (R); (H) Vegetables-Cucumbers (R); (H) Vegetables-Cucumbers (W)
Matt Fineout	(H) Vegetables-Eggplant (B)
Lori Stottlemire	(F) Arrangements-Wildflowers (B); (F) Arrangements-Miniature Arrangement (R); (F) Flowers-Gladiolus (W); (H) Vegetables-Red Onions (B); PTOG [Color, Nature]-Wildlife (W); PTOG [Color, Other]-MiCo Highlight (R); PTOG [Color, Other]-Historic (W); PTOG [Color, Other]-Architectural (W); Antiques & Collectibles-Other (R)
Patty Trull	(F) Cactus & Succulents-Cactus (B); (F) Cactus & Succulents-Succulent, 1 plant (B); (F) Cactus & Succulents-Succulent, 3-varieties or more (B); (F) Plants-Vine (B) (RC); PTOG B&W [Nature]-Insect/Bug (B); PTOG B&W [Nature]-Animals (Non-domesticated) (R); PTOG B&W [Nature]-Landscape (R); PTOG B&W [Nature]-Flowers (R); PTOG B&W [Other]-Other (R); PTOG Color [Nature]-Insect/bug (W); PTOG Color [Nature]-Flowers (W)
Carol Vandenberg	Food Preservation [Canned Fruits]-Cherries (R); PTOG [Color]-Social-Pets (Domesticated animals) (R);
Katelyn Barthol	PTOG B&W PTOG B&W [Nature]-Farm/Ag (B); PTOG B&W (Nature)-Landscape (W); PTOG B&W [Other]-Other (W); PTOG B&W [Social]-Children (R); PTOG B&W [Social]-Pets (Domesticated animals) (R); PTOG Color [Nature]-Farm/Ag (R); PTOG Color (Nature)-Bodies of Water (R); PTOG Color [Social]-Pets (Domesticated animals) (W)

**Well done to each of you!**



### A Tour of the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden

Stephanie Myers

The 1.5 acre Rose Garden sits in the northern section of Loose Park, a 75-acre park just south of the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO.

EMGs along with their invited personal friends toured the Laura Conyers Rose Garden on a very hot steamy July morning with the President of the Rose Society, Laura Dickinson.



We bombarded her with many questions...learning about the architecture, differences in rose varieties (there are over 130 varieties and over 2,000 rose bushes), and fascinating history dating back to the Civil War. Unfortunately, we saw firsthand what the midge insect can do to strip the majority of the flowers from the bushes. It was quite sad to see but the good news is they will recover.

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## Miami County Fair...



First, to those of you who volunteered your time and assistance at the Miami County Fair - a huge thank you! Your dedication is outstanding and completely appreciated.

And speaking of outstanding, Patty Trull won not only a blue ribbon for her plant, but she also won the Reserve Champion. Well done, Patty!



# Until next year...



## The 'Kitchen' Garden.....

Rena Tedrow

The Kitchen Garden and the Cut Flower Garden have not yet been highlighted this year. Diane M. stepped in to help Chet with communication a couple months ago, and has been a tremendous help with keeping that group of people abreast of what has been going on, when it needs to go on, etc.

I thought I'd share some photos that have been sent to me. These were prior to the heavy rains received - hopefully some of the plants will bounce back.





# 2025 Miami County Fall Garden Tour

## *A September to Remember*

Presented by the Marais des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardeners

**Friday and Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$20** (cash or check only) - valid for both days

### **Enjoy unique gardens located in Miami County!**

This year's Garden Tour will showcase five diverse country gardens near Paola and Louisburg. The tour includes a certified butterfly/pollinator garden, a restored tall grass prairie, a high tunnel and raised herb/vegetable beds, an extensive cutting flower garden, and a garden featuring lush containers and country art.

- Tour will be held rain or shine
- Start your tour at any garden
- No pets or strollers
- Sign up for gift drawings!
- Vendors' products for sale at each garden



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GARDEN LOCATIONS

Tickets are available at each garden during the tour or at the Marais des Cygnes Extension District - Paola Office, 913 N. Pearl, Suite #1, Paola, KS 66071. More information will be available on [www.facebook.com/mdcemg](https://www.facebook.com/mdcemg) or call the Paola Extension Office at 913-294-4306.

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