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ADVISORY BOARD

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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**

What's Growing On....

in the world of the Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

Paola Office: 913 N Pearl (Old KC Road), Paola, KS 66071 ~ 913-294-4306

Mound City Office: 115 S 6th St., Mound City, KS 66056 ~ 913-795-2829

A New Look for the K-St. Website, Recruitment, Garden Tour and MiCo Fair Rena Tedrow

Perhaps by now you have had the opportunity to take a look at the Kansas State webpage. Just a quick reminder that if you have saved bookmarks, be sure to test them. These are the new links specific to our group: [Lawn & Garden](#) and [EMGs](#).

Recruitment is underway for fall classes... If you know of someone interested in becoming a master gardener, please ask any of the board members for the PDF to share, refer the individual to the extension office to pick up a copy or refer them to the online [application](#) they can download. (Click on the word - application.)

Applications are due to the extension offices - in both Linn and Miam County - by July 31st. Applicants will be contacted to arrange interviews during August. Mentors will be paired with the new members. There is still availability if you are interested in being a mentor. Please let me know asap.

Plans for the fall Garden Tour continue - the tour is September 5th and 6th. The ad was in the July issue of the *Kansas City Gardener Magazine (KCG)*, along with a description of a few of the gardens. The remaining garden articles will appear in the August issue of KCG. See page 8 for an update.

Plans are also underway for the Miami County Fair. Katelyn sent an email on July 7th outlining everything regarding the fair - dates, sign-up, etc. The link to sign up to volunteer is for the fair is via the SignUpGenius. (Click here [MiCo Fair SignUp](#).) A lot of help is needed, so go pick a spot.

Committees**Courthouse Garden**

Phyllis Benedict

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

Deb Kitchell

Linn County Courthouse GardenTheresa Barr,
Monica Chapman-Pickett**Advanced Training**Stacey Campbell &
Stephanie Myers**Awards Banquet**Donna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist,
Susan Thompson**Symposium - 2024**

Janette Everhart

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

Audrey Gabel, Susan Rodgers

Seeds for KidsBetsy 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
**by the second Thurs. of each
month.**

Kitchen Garden, 2025

It was reported at the 3Q meeting that the Kitchen Garden is looking great! It is weeded and has cardboard down. The group is looking for additional 'clean' cardboard. Contact Diane M or Chet for information. And... come and help on Tuesday's at 8 a.m.

Picnic table?

The Kitchen Garden has an extra picnic table. If you have an idea for a worthy place, Chet will deliver. Contact Chet.

Computer/Printer and Digitizing software

During the 3Q meeting, Natalie H. gave a presentation related to the procedure for scanning documents to be saved. There are easy-to-follow instructions in a notebook next to the printer/scanner. Scanning documents is a use of your time if there are no questions to answer during your Hot-line scheduled time.

By-Laws proposal approved!

The proposed changes were approved unanimously at our Q3 meeting. The updated version will be posted soon.

Hot Line - Sign up now! Hotline Questions...

Katelyn has sent emails with the link to schedule your time!
Rookies...please reach out to your mentor or sign up for your first hotline day or check the schedule and sign up with another established EMG that you'd like to meet. Here is the link to check available dates and sign up: [SignupGenius](#).

Also...If you are unable to answer a question, do some web-based research or phone someone who might be more knowledgeable. There will soon be a designated area for 'OPEN Hotline calls' (ones that were not responded to). This will help ensure that all questions get resolved so callers/emails are not left unanswered.

Please help recruit new members now! Also need mentors....

So far two applications have been received at the Extension office. As mentioned on page 1, there are multiple options to obtain an application. Deadline is July 31st. Classes begin Sept. 4th and run through Dec. 4th.

Also, 5 have volunteered to be mentors. Additional would be appreciated in the event someone cannot attend the in-person lunch/classes there is a back-up for the trainee, so they are not left without member rep. Please let Rena know asap if you are interested.

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.

Miami County Fair...

So many online fair entries! Agriculture: 11; Floriculture 182; Horticulture 208; and Seed 4 Kids...a whopping 239! It will be such a busy and FUN fair! Here is the link to sign up [MiCo Fair SignUp](#).

EMG On-line Reporting (Hours)

Have you entered your hours? During the Q3 meeting, recognition will be given to EMGs with the most hours to date. Be sure to enter your hours asap!! [EMG hour entry](#)

As a reminder, the board will be looking at entered hours quarterly. We will recognize the top hours contributors. We want to

encourage you to get in the habit of entering hours more frequently! Please take a bit of time now to record the valuable time you spend supporting the MdC EMG Program. This also helps Katelyn balance her time in reviewing our hours at year's end/beginning of the new year.

Did you have your volunteer hours up to date?

Four members received colorful bananas for making sure their hours were up to date. Hours will again be verified for recognition at the next Quarterly Meeting. The link is above for online reporting. Git 'er done!

The new K-State webpage is up...

Our [MdC page](#) received a lively facelift. If you haven't checked your bookmarks to see if they work, they likely will not. The following are the primary links you will be using:

- [On-line reporting](#)
- [Monthly newsletters](#)
- [Hotline](#) (public referral information)

If you think something is missing or isn't correct, contact Katelyn.

Kindness is contagious

The Board wants to encourage kind behavior... If you catch a member being particularly kind, please let one of the board members know. We will be recognizing one or more members at the next Quarterly Meeting.

K-State Extension Services.

The rebranding transition to drop the word 'Research' from the website to all printed materials will take place over time.

Photo Roster

Ever have difficulty with putting a face with a name? Well, it's time to update the photo roster for our members. Please email a clear head shot of yourself to Rena by October 31st.

- ▶ **July 17th, 6:00p** - Fair training
- ▶ **July 22nd and 23rd. July 26th** - Fair set-up and entry submissions. July 26th is clean-up
- ▶ **July 28th, 2:00p** - Symposium Committee meeting followed by a visit to the venue (Town Square) at 4:15.
- ▶ **July 31st - EMG applications due**
- ▶ **August 26th and 27th** - Pre-Garden tour for volunteers
- ▶ **Sept. 5th - 6th** - Fall Garden Tour

Class description for September 23rd - The Artistic Garden Presentation by Lenora Larson

Whether you lack a budget or courage, mixing art objects among your plants can be daunting. However, garden art can bring both form and function to your landscape while creating beauty and disguising eyesores. This presentation assists gardeners in answering the question, “What is art?” and defining their own artistic style. Photographs and recommendations for “safe” usage as well as horrible examples of “art gone wrong” will empower participants to fearlessly purchase or create man-made objects to place among their beloved plants. Handouts will provide guidelines and inspirations.



Garden art is subjective in the eye of the beholder.

Lenora's Bio

Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener, Lenora Larson, maintains a two-acre garden in the English Estate style on her 27-acre property, Long Lips Farm, in rural Paola, Kansas. After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in microbiology, she attended the prestigious Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield, Michigan. Her garden functions as an outdoor sculpture gallery as well as a certified butterfly garden. Lenora is a frequent enthusiastic presenter to gardening groups on a broad range of horticultural topics.

ADVANCED TRAINING SCHEDULE

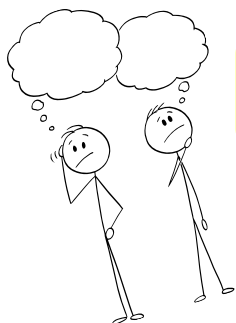
2025 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training Calendar

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

MO	DAY	TIME	# HOURS	TOPIC	SPEAKER	LOCATION
Jul	15	9:00a	1		Laura Dickinson, KC Rose Society President	Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Garden - Loose Park, KCMS
Jul	22	4-5:00p	1	What Does a Hungry Caterpillar Really Eat?	Courtney Masterson, Ecologist	Osawatomie Public Library, 527 Brown Ave., Osawatomie, KS
Aug	25-28	See website for schedule	1 hr. per speaker attended	International Master Gardener Conference	Register	Virtual only - see website for details. Online classes - must be registered for full event, not by class Early bird registration - \$185 After June 21 st - \$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 th St & Troost entrance) Fee \$99 incl. a.m. coffee & lunch Register
Sept	23	6-7:00p	1	The Artistic Garden	Lenora Larson, MdC Extension Master Gardener (See Bio on prev. page)	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 or Stacie Campbell 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.**

Aug 6 - Innovations in Horticulture Research at K-State ~ Sept 3 - Shrubs That Thrive in Kansas

Past recordings are available on the website.

Deep Roots Native Plant Webinars - Lunch and Learn, 12p - every 1st Thursday of the month.

Aug 7 - Blue River Valley--Part 2 w/JoCo Parks and Rec District

Native Plants at Noon, 12:00p - every 3rd Thursday.

Aug 21 - Hiking the Ozarks. More info coming soon with MO Dept. of Conservation

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



Kauffman Memorial Garden Tour

Janette Everhart

What a beautiful classical garden!

We were fortunate to have Duane Hoover, the Lead Horticulturist, tell us everything about the Garden. He started with the history of the garden. It opened in 2000 and is still free to the public.

Muriel Kauffman wanted Kansas City to have a garden such as the gardens in many cities in Europe. The result is a breathtaking classical garden with striking water features, lush perennial plants, and long-lived trees and shrubs. Perhaps, one of the highlights was the amazing magnolia tree.



Duane shared with us that the many annuals are changed four times each year. This means you can enjoy the garden in each season. During the winter, they fill the Orangerie with many varieties of poinsettias. There's an idea for a fun winter activity!



Garden Tour Update

Audrey Gable

The 2025 Garden Tour is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 5th and 6th, and will feature five beautiful private gardens: three in Paola and two in southeast Louisburg. This highly anticipated event offers attendees the opportunity to explore a diverse range of landscapes and horticultural styles across Miami County.

To promote the tour, detailed write-ups of each featured garden are included in both the July and August issues of KC Gardener. These articles, as well as advertisements for the tour, were written by local garden columnist Lenora Larson, providing readers with a preview of what they can expect to see.

Volunteers play a key role in making the tour a success. After the Miami County Fair, Katelyn will post a SignUpGenius link where master gardeners can sign up. Volunteers are able to sign up for 4 hour increments for each day. Volunteer roles will include selling tickets, directing parking, answering questions from visitors, and assisting garden owners as needed throughout the event.

To prepare for the weekend, there will be a special pre-tour of the gardens for all participating garden owners and master gardener volunteers. This preview will take place over two evenings—August 26th and 27th—to give everyone a chance to become familiar with each site.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 and will be valid for both days. They will go on sale at the Miami County Extension Office starting August 1st. Beginning the same day, volunteers will also begin distributing and posting fliers to help spread the word throughout the community.

Finally, a liaison meeting will be held shortly after the fair to go over any last-minute details and ensure everything is ready for a smooth and successful event.



One of the gardens on the tour, Long Lips Farm, hosted by Lenora Larson.

2025 Miami County Fall Garden Tour

A September to Remember

Presented by the Marais des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardeners

Friday and Saturday, September 5th & 6th, 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



SCAN FOR



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 or call the Paola Extension Office at 913-294-4306.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING

AN EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER?

LINN AND MIAMI COUNTY RESIDENTS... THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION. LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION IS JULY 31ST.

CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER.

CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN PAOLA AT 913-294-4306, OR DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://WWW.MARAISDESCYGNES.K-STATE.EDU/PROGRAM-AREAS/LAWN-AND-GARDEN/EXTENSION-MASTER-GARDENERS/BECOME-AN-MDC-EXTENSION-MASTER-GARDENER](https://www.maraisdescygn.es.k-state.edu/program-areas/lawn-and-garden/extension-master-gardeners/become-an-mdc-extension-master-gardener)



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