



# What's Growing On....

in the world of the Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

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From the Editor...  
Rena Tedrow

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## ADVISORY BOARD

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- Vice Chair - Audrey Gabel
- Secretary - Natalie Hartig
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- Members at Large:
  - Krystal Barr
  - Susan Rodgers
  - Rena Tedrow

By the time you read this Happy Valentine's Day will have come and gone. Hope you had a nice one, if you are in the camp that celebrates it. (We do not.)

I was sitting at my kitchen table at the laptop on our soggy Valentine's Day afternoon...watching the continued rain. A 7:00a rain gauge check found 1.3" overnight. There was 1.4" when I checked around 5:30pm.

Last week was a very busy week. It started with the board meeting on Monday morning. Tuesday (and Wednesday) Natalie H., Moncia C-P and I attended the 'Plan it Native' conference put on by Deep Roots at the Kauffman Conf. Center/Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center in KCMO. Very educational. Tuesday evening was the awards banquet/Q1 meeting; Natalie and I made a beeline for Paola right after the last session. At the conference on Wed. it was announced that the 2027 conference will be February 9th-11<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for topic suggestions, so submit something if you have some great ideas. ([PlanItNative](#)).

My unfortunate news... Any photos I took at the banquet did NOT turn out. I knew better but thought the lighting was 'okay.' (It was not unless you were next to the west wall.) So, I'm resorting to Plan B. See page 3 for my note under the 'Calendar' regarding a lunch in March.

Admittedly, I was a little...brusque at the banquet regarding this. I sat wondering how I'd broach what I'd say--it was going to go one of two ways 😊 I'll be nice this time, so here's a gentle reminder... If you are a committee chair for any of the gardens or the standing committees... If/when you have upcoming events/projects that you need promoted in the newsletter, please be sure to send something to me. If when your event/project has passed, you should submit an article related to the function/event outlining how things went. Keep in mind the timing... I need submissions by noon on the Thursday following board meetings. Board meetings are on the *second Tuesday of each month*. Your second resort will be an email sent to Katelyn for distribution to the entire group. I do try to get the newsletters formatted prior to the board meetings, but there are occasions when I am busy during the week. A good example is this past week, or other times when my personal calendar flies out of control. Whenever you receive a newsletter late, this is the reason the newsletter comes the week following the board meeting.

Also, as mentioned during the Q1 meeting... I'm asking for volunteers to pen articles for the newsletter. Articles can highlight our EMGs, their gardens, a garden you visited, or any topic that might be of interest to us all--gardening related. Contact me or Katelyn if you have suggestions or if you'd like to volunteer to write an article. See page(s) 11-12 in this month's issue for a very nice article submitted by Natalie H. Thank you so much for being the first, Natalie.

Why am I doing this? This was previously done and it made the newsletters interesting. Besides, I am "only" the editor after all. Our members should be writing the articles for the newsletters - not me 😊

**Committees****Courthouse Garden**

Phyllis Benedict

**Kitchen (Trial) Garden**Dennise Fink-Morse,  
Chet McLaughlin, Shirley New,**KSU Extension Office Garden**

Deb Kitchell

**Linn County Courthouse Garden**

Monica Chapman-Pickett

**Advanced Training**

Audrey Gabel, Stephanie Myers

**Awards Banquet**Donna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist  
Susan Thompson**Symposium - 2026**

Janette Everhart, Matt Fineout

**Plant Sale, 2026**Lenora Larson, Lynn Campbell,  
Audrey Gabel, Krystal Barr, Terri  
Seyl**Garden Tour (2027)**

TBD

**Seeds for Kids**Betsy Hasselquist, Natalie Hartig  
Helen Klopper**Miami County Fair**Dennise Fink-Morse, Hort. Supt.  
Betsy Hasselquist, Seeds4Kids  
Supt.  
Bill Vandenberg, Flori. Supt.**Recruitment/Mentors**

Rena Tedrow

**Other****Publicity**Lenora Larson  
Scott Schappell**Newspaper Articles**

Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agt.

**Social Media/newsletters**

Rena Tedrow, Editor

**Additional:****Bylaws** - A copy of the bylaws can  
be found online.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 noon on the second Thurs. of each  
month.**The 2026 Garden Symposium is SOLD OUT!**If you did not get a ticket, please contact Katelyn to see if there has been a  
cancellation. See page 6 for follow-up information and upcoming meetings  
scheduled.**We need your enthusiasm and leadership skills!!!**Remember you could tap your buddy and be co-chairs. Contact Janette E.  
or the current leaders for details on what the role requires. Open  
committee leader positions needed for the Fall 2027 Garden Tour. Current  
leaders Susan Rodgers & Audrey Gabel are happy to help the next leaders.**Seeds for Kids...**There will be a meeting in March followed by a 'seed packaging party.' See the  
calendar on the next page.**Advanced Training...**So much to learn! Please see the AT calendar on page 4 and take advantage of  
these learning events.**Newsletter Articles wanted...**Please write a short article with picture about your own gardening experience or a  
special topic. We want to know about your garden! Contact Rena or Katelyn.**Awards Banquet...**Thank you, Betsy H. and the team for an elegant evening at the Paola Country Club,  
which was enjoyed by all. Please see page 3 for the list of Honorees.**Ag Agent Report**Katelyn reported at the board meeting that she is hoping that the logo will be  
ready soon so she can get information to the group for clothing sizes and get  
name tags taken care of.Also, our hours reported for 2025 were as follows: Volunteer hours-4,758 (most so  
far), Adv. Training hours-424 (down) and Contacts- 2,014 (most).**Retirement party...**Katelyn also reported at the board meeting  
that Julie Ramsey will be retiring soon and  
that a retirement party is planned. More  
information to come.Also there is a vacant position open in the  
office as Tracy (Lindsey) will be moving to the  
Mound City Extension office. If you know of  
anyone who might fill an OP1 position (at the  
Paola office), please let them know to apply.  
Forward them this link:<https://www.maraisdescygnés.k-state.edu/>**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.

**2026 Awards Banquet - Q1 Meeting and Honorees**

Rena Tedrow

*Marais des Cygnes District Extension Master Gardener  
Recognition 2025*

*Welcome to the training class of 2026:*

*Jeanne Bryant, Michael Bryant, Lisa Leikam-Jones, Tina Leshner,  
Kim Lewis, Mindy McGinnis, Jennifer Morgan, Christine Perkins*

*❧ Rookie Year - Accomplishment ❧  
(The Graduating Class of 2025)*

*Krystal Barr, Matt Fineout, Laura Hull, Molly Mead, Diane Michuda,  
Audrey Gabel, Shelly Pappan, Terri Seyl, & Scott Shappell*

*❧ 5 Year Service Award ❧*

*Stacie Campbell, Helen Kloeppe, Stephanie Myers*

*❧ 10 Year Service Award ❧*

*Harley Davidson, Sondra de La Cruz, Dennise Fink-Morse,  
Betsy Hasselquist, Jan Thompson*

*❧ 15 Year Service Award ❧*

*Phyllis Benedict, Lenora Larson*

*❧ 25 Year Service Award ❧*

*Nancy Kalman*

*❧ Emeritus Award ❧*

*Sue Burns*

*❧ Seeds of Knowledge Award (26.50), ❧  
Work Glove Award (993.50) and Rookie of the Year*

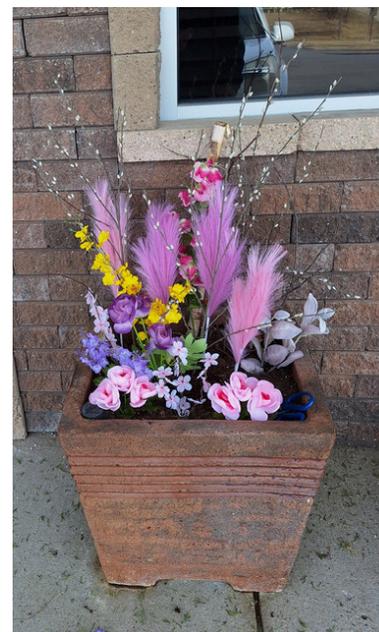
*Audrey Gabel*

*❧ Master Gardener of the Year ❧*

*Janette Everhart*

- ▶ **February 18th, 10am Plant sale training for Plant Ambassadors (for the annual plant sale).** Vinland Valley Nursery. EMGs are also invited to visit VVN. Please RSVP and plan to carpool. See article on page 9.
- ▶ **Feb 24th, 1:00-3:00pm, Symposium table centerpiece arrangement assembly.** Paola Extension office. Additional info in February's newsletter.
- ▶ **February 26th , 9:30am: Field trip to Planters Seed Company.** Volunteer hours-1 approved. Meet at 9:00 at the extension office to carpool.
- ▶ **February 27th, 2:00pm, Symposium set-up day at Town Square Events, Paola.** The venue will be doing most of the set-up prior to our arrival. This should be easier and shorter than is previous years
- ▶ **Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 9-4pm, Garden Symposium:** If you will be helping day of, please arrive at 7:30am. See page 7 for more detailed information.
- ▶ **March 10th, 9:30am, Board Meeting, Paola Extension Office.** All members are welcome to attend. If you are attending as a guest, please let Katelyn know as meetings occasionally are moved to Zoom meetings.
- ▶ **March 18, 9:00am, Seeds for Kids. Paola Extension Office.** There will be a meeting followed by marathon seed packaging starting at 10:30. The more EMGs, the merrier - you do not need to be on the committee! Join the party to help put together 500 seed packets for distribution. Lunch: Potluck. Please bring a dish to share.
- ▶ **March 24th 11:30a, BB's Grill in Springhill. Final Rookie lunch.** Note: To the Rookie class and mentors - hope you can make it. This is Plan B to take photos of our Rookie class so 'kids', please bring your certificate. Also, I'd like to take a photo of each class member with their mentor. All who volunteered to be mentors for the '26 class are also welcome to attend...as well as other EMGs. Please let me know if you plan on being there so I can add you to the distribution list. (Thanks, Rena)

A change in the planters adjacent to the Extension office entry!  
Thank you Debbie K for your efforts in keeping it looking so attractive!



# 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 & NOTES
Feb	21	9:30a-10:30a	1	Gardener's Connect Exceptional Container Gardens	Jennifer Slusher Storr, certified arborist	Merriam Community Center 6040 Slater Merriam, KS 66202 gardeners connect.org
Feb	28	9a-4p	5	<b>SOLD OUT!</b> 2026 Garden Symposium	Lenora Larson-Soil Safari; Dr. Jonathan Aguilar-Water Worry to Water Wise; Kristopher Dabner-Explore the Elements; Anne Wildeboor-Right Plant, Right Place	Town Square Events, 15 W. Wea, Paola KS. Tickets are \$65 each. Register at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/53hk3y7c">https://tinyurl.com/53hk3y7c</a>
Mar	7	9a-3p	3	E. KS Land Management: Woody Enchroacment & Brush Mgmt, Grazing Considerations & Pasture Mgmt; Invasive Species & Land Restoration, plus vendor tradeshow.	Many	Holy Trinity Catholic School, 509 E. Chippewa, Paola KS Earlybird registration fee is \$20 thru Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> - \$30 afterwards. <a href="#">Register here</a>
Mar	7	1p-4p	3	Six demonstration stations on how to build raised beds, creating different types of containers, different types of mulch, native plants and supporting pollinators and soil testing	MGGKC MU Extension	Master Gardeners of Greater KC 501 N. Dodgion St. Independence MO
Mar	14	1p-3p	2	Seed Starting 101 - Seed selection, planting time, soil medium, after care & transplanting	Audrey Gabel, MdC EMG	Mindy McGinnis' farm 36182 W 287th St. Paola KS
Mar	21	9a-3:15p	4.5	Big Ideas-Smaller Spaces: Containers That Create Spaces, Noteworthy Plants from Chanticleer, What's That Doing In a Rose Garden? Elements of Cool & Desirable Gardens	3 speakers	Rockhurst Campus, Science Center 115, 54 <sup>th</sup> & Troost Entrance Kansas City MO Tickets: \$99 thru Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> and \$125 beginning Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> . Lunch & snacks. <a href="#">Register here.</a>
Mar	24th	6:30-7:30p	1	Vermiculture/Vermicomposting - Key aspects	Helen Kloepper, MdC EMG	Paola Extension office, 913 N. Pearl, Paola KS <a href="#">Register here</a> to attend. There is a \$28 fee if you'd like to construct your own worm bed. There is no cost for attending only but registration is still required.

MdC Training Hours

Other training hours

Red text denotes new training added or updated

Ideas for Advanced Training (AT) classes?



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

Once registered you will continue to receive emails regarding the sessions until you unsubscribe.

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Naturalistic Garden Design and Flexible Approaches for Every Garden

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> - April Showers, Rain Garden Flowers



The [Deep Roots Native Plant Webinars](#) (Lunch and Learn) is at 12p - every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. You can register for both the webinars and tours at [deeprroots.org](http://deeprroots.org). As above, once you register, you will receive emails regarding upcoming sessions until you unsubscribe.

Click the following link to view the January session: [Integrated Pest Management in the Garden](#)

Upcoming:

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Prairie Birthday Farm: An Edible Native Landscape

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - The Micro World Living in Your Garden: Why Insects are the Most Interesting Neighbors You Have

Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - Better Together: Mixing Natives into the Vegetable Patch

**Past recordings for both the K-State Gardener Hour & Deep Roots are available online.**

**SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

Janette Everhart, Chair

We are SOLD OUT! Wooo Hoooo!

We have sold all of the 184 tickets! Special thanks to our Marketing Chairs, Lenora L. and Scott S. and to Rena T., our formatting expert for all their creative work on our marketing materials! And thank you to everyone who shared information about our event with friends, family and others! We did it! I hope you all will be there! We have some fun surprises planned.

Now our attention is turned to execution. Our final Symposium committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at our venue in Paola - Town Square Events. We will do a walkthrough of the event so we will have every detail in place.

At 2:30pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be the 'packet filling party' at the Paola Extension Office. Helen K. will bring all the materials and we will add them to the folders for our participants.



These tables will be transformed with the addition of B&W tablecloths and our hand-crafted centerpieces.

On Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm, at the Paola Extension Office Rena T. will bring all the dried flowers and grasses. The containers will already be at the office in the storage room. We will then put together the center pieces, clean up, then transport all the centerpieces to Town Square Events.

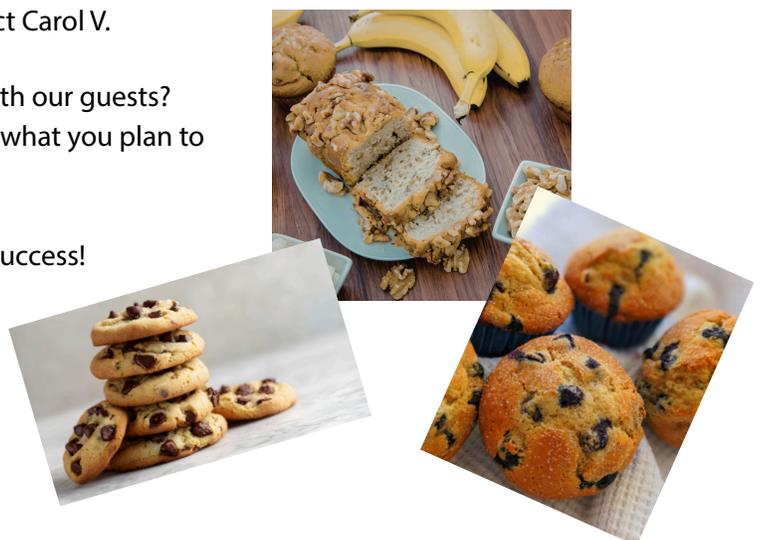
On Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-4:00pm, we will complete all set-up at Town Square Events. On Saturday, preparation for the day will begin at 7:30am. Please go to the [Sign-up Genius](#) (click on 'Sign up Genius') to volunteer and help.

We need a great deal of help to ensure the Symposium is a wonderful experience for all of our guests.

If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Carol V.

Would you be willing to bring a tasty treat to share with our guests? Contact Jan T. if you have questions and let her know what you plan to bring.

Thank you to everyone who helps make this event a success!



**MdC EMG PLANT SALE - UPDATE**

Lenora Larson, Co-chair

**Reminders:**

Location: Building #2, MICO Fairgrounds

Set-up day: Wednesday, April 22, 8:30 am to ~4 pm, includes beginning inventory

Sale days: Thursday, 9a to 6p; Friday, 9a to 5p; Saturday, 9a to 1p (10% discount on all MdC EMG purchases from 10am to 1 pm on Saturday only)

Break-down & clean-up—Sat 1 pm to ~3 pm, includes final inventory

**Progress Report**

- Rena is working on the table layout. We have enough tables now, but they are 3 different sizes. It will not be as easy to arrange them by plant group in the confined Fairgrounds Building.
- Marketing activities are underway. Rena has completed the ads and articles; they have been sent to KCG and Gardener's Connect for their March and April issues. First week of March, Scott and I will start emailing/phoning/texting all organizations and people on our contact list.
- Audrey has emailed the final sales 2025 plant list to the Plant Ambassadors, which shows last year's performance plant-by-plant. Last year we had over 7,500 pots and sold 87% of them! (The unsold are returned to VVN.) There will be minimal changes in 2026. Audrey will be featuring favorite plants in this newsletter.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>: Visit Our Plant Sale Vendor - Vinland Valley Nursery (VVN)**

Audrey has arranged for a training (2 volunteer hours) at VVN in Baldwin City, which is owned and operated by Amy Albright (daughter of our former EMG Judy Moser) and her husband Doug Davidson. Amy will present her excellent workshop on how to help customers select the right plant. VVN has been part of our sale since 2007 and is our sole vendor with a signed wholesale consignment agreement. VVN uses only organic methods for their wide selection of plants. While they are perhaps best-known for their huge inventory of native prairie perennials (over 300 species and varieties—the largest in our area!), they grow a wide range of nursery plants. We take advantage of their retail expertise and our prior years' experience to select our plant offerings. Celie Davidson, the Manager of Plant Sales, has worked for VVN since childhood and has been responsible for our sale for 3 years. She can answer your questions about seed-starting and caring for seedlings.

What will you see at VVN? Lots of baby plants! Planting started in mid-January. The more mature perennials and shrubs, planted in previous years, occupy the hoopouses. Many of us go to VVN year-round, and not just for plants. The pottery barn is filled with ceramic pots as well as seeds, tools, gardening supplies and books. Mulch, compost, and topsoil are available for pickup or delivery. VVN also provides landscape design, planting and gardening maintenance services! Vinland is truly a full-service operation, owned and staffed by knowledgeable and caring people. We are proud that Vinland Valley Nursery is our Plant Sale partner.

## PLANT AMBASSADORS/PLANT SALE HOTTIES

Audrey Gabel

We are excited to announce all Plant Ambassador positions have been filled! There are many more volunteer opportunities coming up, so stay tuned.

### Plant Sale Hotties:

Each month through April, you'll find informative articles about the plant categories available for sale to enhance your understanding. For additional insights and photos, Google the plant or visit the 'Plants' section on the [Vinland Valley Nursery website](#).

### This month's 'Hotties' - Group 6: Butterfly Host Plants

Plant Ambassadors: Lenora Larson & Janette Everhart

Most people don't realize adult butterflies can't eat because they lack a mouth. Their caterpillar offspring do the feeding. Each butterfly species has a specific host plant; for example, Monarchs need milkweeds, Pipevine Swallowtails require pipevines, and Black Swallowtails rely on the carrot family. Supporting native butterfly host plants helps you contribute to local biodiversity and conservation efforts.

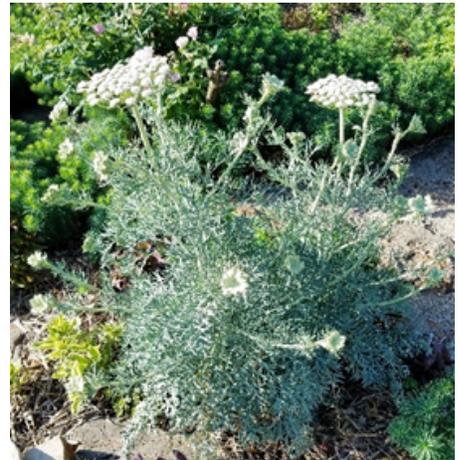
Milkweed is the ONLY plant that monarch butterfly caterpillars can eat. Although no other species of midwestern butterflies can eat milkweed, many pollinators adore the flowers, so there is double value. But how can we choose among the 9 species and varieties of milkweeds that will be available at our Plant Sale? Monarchs have no trouble choosing, so we will follow their lead: **Tropical Milkweed**, *Asclepias curassavica*. Monarchs are tropical butterflies, so this is their native plant! Unlike our 18 Kansas native milkweeds, it does not go dormant by August and blooms from May through October. It is an annual in Kansas, but the seeds are easily saved and then germinated each spring. Lenora prefers to buy 12 plants at our Plant Sale each year to plant in containers and in her garden beds.



**White-veined Pipevine**, *Aristolochia fimbriata* is a shimmering turquoise Pipevine Swallowtail, the most common butterfly in Lenora's garden. Have you seen one? Likely not, unless you have a pipevine (*Aristolochia*) for the caterpillars. Without feeding the caterpillars, you won't see the winged adults. Sadly, our native woolly pipevine is a rambunctious, sun-loving plant that spreads everywhere. Luckily, there's a preferred alternative: the white-veined pipevine, a beautiful South American native vine that grows as ground cover in partial shade. Its seeds often survive winter, and she also grows some in her greenhouse where they bloom year-round.

### Plant Sale Hotties - continued

**Moon Carrot**, *Sesili gummiferum* is a drought-tolerant biennial that self-seeds like a perennial without being invasive. It thrives in full sun and rocky, well-drained soil. Its large umbels of white flowers resemble Queen Anne's Lace on steroids, but it's the evergreen, feathery blue foliage that truly stands out. Even in winter, the icy blue rosettes shine. As its name suggests, moon carrot belongs to the carrot family and is a favorite host for Black Swallowtail caterpillars. Pollinators like flower flies, wasps, and small butterflies flock to its umbels. A native of Turkey, the 3-foot Moon Carrot is perfectly suited to Kansas soil and weather. Gardeners across the Midwest love Moon Carrot, and it sells out every year at our Plant Sale.



### Next up is Group 9: Herbs

Plant Ambassadors: Mindy McGinnis and Kim Lewis

**Dark Opal Basil** is a cultivar of *Ocimum basilicum* (sweet basil), developed in the 1950s. With deep-purple leaves, it is grown as much for its decorative appeal as for its culinary value. Pink flowers add to the beauty of the dark purple, almost black leaves of this specimen. Growing a little more slowly than many other basil plants, the blooms of this plant appear in the flowerbed in mid to late summer. Imagine the amazing aroma of this cultivar in your cut flower arrangements.



**Silver Dollar Tree**, *Eucalyptus, cinerea* has fragrant, silvery, round leaves that are used in fresh and dried arrangements. Potted plants grow 24-36" tall, taller when kept indoors in large pots. Eucalyptus trees are native to Australia but are also found in the western United States, particularly in Arizona, California, and Nevada. Sun or light shade. Bees are attracted to the flowers of the Eucalyptus, and the honey from these bees is highly prized in Australia.

**Calendula Cheers Tangerine** *Calendula officinalis* is not only a popular ornamental flower but also serves as a food plant for larvae of certain Lepidoptera species, such as cabbage moth, gothic moth, large yellow underwing, and setaceous Hebrew character. Many gardening experts consider calendulas among the easiest and most adaptable flowers to cultivate, as they thrive in various soil types. In temperate regions, planting seeds in spring ensures vibrant blooms that last through summer and into fall.

Beyond their visual appeal in gardens and floral arrangements, calendula flowers are studied for their potential health benefits, including anti-viral, anti-genotoxic, and anti-inflammatory properties.



## Building Raised Garden Beds

Natalie Hartig, Mdc EMG

So it all started with a \$300 Amazon greenhouse.....

For Christmas in 2024, I asked "Santa" for a greenhouse. My bestie fed information to my husband about what to get me for Christmas. The small greenhouse I had picked out on Amazon turned into an envelope with a picture of a greenhouse that he decided to build me.

We started discussing and planning. I asked if I could have raised garden beds built by the future greenhouse rather than the beds I had behind our house.

We then entered the college of YouTube. We started doing research on all types of garden beds. We discussed the concept of self-watering beds (thanks Audrey!). Lots of videos later, I fell in love with a particular Ohio family and their garden plan and garden beds.



The blank canvas....



After lots of digging, leveling, and preparing to add 31 tons of gravel to site. Water and electric have been placed and are ready for use.

We started in February 2025, with an entire complex that included a future greenhouse, 6 raised garden beds, and a chicken coop with a run and built-in shed.

We started staking out the yard and had the garden beds done by the first week of May. Water and electric were also run to the location so we would have water and electricity close to all the future action!

We chose to line the raised beds with pond liner.



A raised bed with the pond liner.



The interior watering pipe.

After that, we placed eleven or twelve 4" corrugated drain tubes that were covered with a sock cloth that extended the length of the raised bed. After placing the covered tubes in the beds, my husband came up with a PVC pipe and a gasket system that would allow the beds to drain by rotating the PVC tube 90 degrees once winter came. We also installed a PVC pipe into one of the large, corrugated pipes to fill the bottom of the beds.

The watering tube system



First planting.



Once the beds were constructed and the watering system was in place, we filled each garden bed with a mix of vermiculite, soil, and peat moss. We finished filling the beds with soil on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the first plants went in that day.

It was definitely a learning experience, and we are not done yet! The greenhouse should be done in the next couple of months.



The six raised beds along with the chick coop/garden shed.



The photo to the left is mid to late July. Bugs literally destroyed the front two garden beds plants.

We decided to add a trellis to the back set of beds to allow for climbing vines. We also added boards at the top right bed to secure stakes for tomato plants and later added the same boards to the other side to allow for trellising plants for the next year (2026). I am sure we will be making small changes or adjustments over the next couple of years as we find things we like or don't like, but for the first year, we had a pretty successful harvest this past year.

Looking forward to this upcoming growing season.



# Paola Plant Sale

April 23rd, 24th & 25th - 2026

Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**!! Indoor shopping !!**

**Miami County Fairgrounds Building #2**

401Wallace ParkDr.

Paola, KS 66071

**Pesticide-free and Locally Grown**

Butterflyhost plants

Native plants ~ Pollinator flowers ~ Annuals

Herbs ~ Perennials ~ Hanging baskets ~ Veggies & berries

Tropicals & Succulents

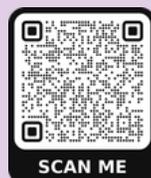
Cash, Credit Cards and Checks accepted

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