



K-STATE

Research and Extension
Master Gardener

July 2023
www.maraisdescygnnes.ksu.edu

What's Growing On . . .

The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnés 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 | 913-294-2829

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- News and Notes 2
- IMGC and 3rd Qtr Meeting page 3
- Garden Spotlight page 4
- AT Schedule page 5
- Hotline Resources pages 6 & 7

CALENDAR

- July 25th** – Miami County Fair Volunteers & Open Class Entries Due
- July 26th** – Miami County Fair Volunteers & Open Class Entries Due
- Aug. 2nd** – K-State Webinar: Integrating Native Plants into Your Landscape
- Aug. 8th** – Board Meeting
- Aug. 15** – Garden Tool Care & Cleaning

WORK DAYS

- Courthouse:** Wednesday – 8:00 a.m.
- Trial Garden:** Monday – 8:00 a.m.
- LaCygne Community Garden:** Tuesday & Friday • 8:00 a.m.
- Mound City Courthouse:** Varies
- New Class Flower Garden:** Varies

The Newsletter deadline is Noon on Thursday following the Tuesday Board meetings.

The 2023 Advanced Training schedule is on page 5. Please see the schedule for details on each opportunity. Watch for new programs as they are added.

Garden Tour Details

By Jan Thompson

Our tour is just around the corner and we're excited about the *"September to Remember"* Garden Tour!

We want you to be informed on some important details about our garden tour which are discussed below. This is one of our major events and will need everyone's helping to make it the best ever!

Katelyn will be sending out the sign-up information for volunteers in early August. Helen K. and Carol V. will appreciate **all** EMGs signing up early and filling in as many shifts as you would like to work. They will be 4-hour shifts from 8:30 – 12:30 and 1:00 – 5:00 for both days.

For those of you who choose to volunteer, please mark your calendar for a pre-tour of all six gardens! Pre-tours will be held on Wednesday, August 30th and Thursday, August 31st. Wednesday's tour will include the three gardens in the Paola area with everyone meeting at Orange Moon and Thursday's tour will include the gardens in the

Louisburg area with us all meeting at Wood Gate Hill. We will tour the gardens via the trolley returning to Orange Moon and Wood Gate Hill for refreshments. This will give all of you wonderful volunteers the opportunity to become familiar with the gardens and socialize with the owners and fellow EMGs.

The six gardens and their liaisons are:

- Flagstone Walk • Hillsdale**
Barb Shropshire
- Miami County Courthouse • Paola**
Lorraine Crawford
- Orange Moon • Paola**
Donna Cook
- Green's Natural Creations • Louisburg**
Jan Thompson
- Rodgers' Prairie • Louisburg**
Billie Lenz
- Wood Gate Hill • Louisburg**
Janette Everhart

We want to thank the committee members, garden hosts, liaisons and all of the volunteers in advance for all of your hard work and for making this a great event!



Advisory Board

Chairman — Jan Thompson

Vice Chairman — Janette Everhart

Secretary – Anita Boyett-Voke

Treasurer – Billie Lenz

Members at Large

Helen Kloepper

Barbara Shropshire

Vickie Vetter-Scruggs

Committees

Courthouse Garden

Phyllis Benedict &

Helen Kloepper

Trial Garden

Shirley New & Chet McLaughlin

KSU Extension Office Garden

Sue Burns

Advanced Training

Barbara Shropshire

Awards Banquet

Donna Cook, Susan Thompson &

Betsy Hasselquist

Symposium 2024

Janette Everhart

Plant Sale 2024

Sue Burns, Stacie Campbell

& Lenora Larson

Garden Tour

Helen Kloepper

Publicity

Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids

Betsy Hasselquist

Social Media/Newsletter

Anita Boyett-Voke

Miami County Fair

Chet McLaughlin & Sue Burns

New Recruits/Mentors

Becky Thorpe

Newspaper Articles

Katelyn Barthol,

Extension Agent

Send news and photos to:

Anita Boyett-Voke,

Newsletter Editor

abvoke@yahoo.com

● Our own Scott Catton won the auction for the **Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener spirit pole** at the International Master Gardener Conference. Scott notified us that he would like to donate the pole back to EMG to help honor all our past EMG members. What a generous, thoughtful gesture. We will need to determine placement soon.

● Thank you to Sue B. and Helen K. for setting up the Lucy Booth and talking with the **Nomad and Louisburg Farmers Market** patrons about the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners.

● A big thank you to Janette E. for volunteering to be the chair for the **2024 Symposium**. Janette will soon be organizing a committee. Be sure to contact Janette if you are interested in helping with this event. Janette will be confirming the date and checking with the venue soon.

● Don't forget to put your **volunteer hours online**. We hope to pass the number of volunteer hours credited to the Marais des Cygnes in 2022!

● We are needing **volunteers for the Miami County Fair** for both the Horticulture and Floriculture entries. Please contact Sue B. (Floriculture) to volunteer as she will coordinate with Chet McL. (Horticulture). The days they need help setting up are Tuesday and Wednesday morning, July 25th and


26th. Betsy H. also needs volunteers for the Seeds for Kids entries. Last count from Katelyn, there were 170 entries for Seeds for Kids . . . awesome!!

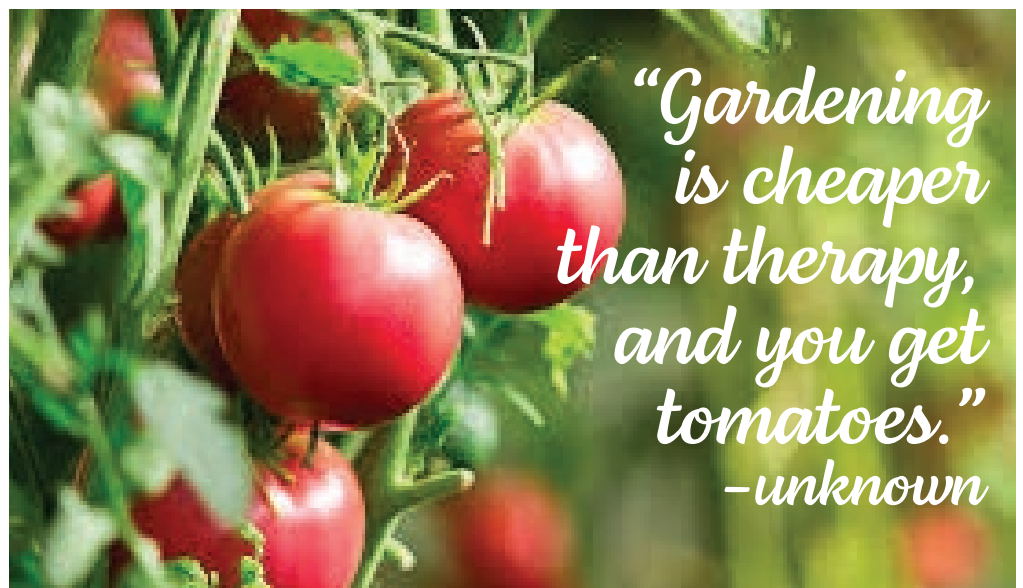
● It's not too late . . . you can enter your flowers, vegetables, etc. in the **Miami County Fair**. If you were not able to enter online you can enter on Tuesday, July 25th from 6-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, July 26th from 8 – 11:30 a.m. at the tent just north of Bldg. 3. We're hoping for a big turnout from EMG.

● **Hotline hour** openings for September are still available.

● **EMG applications** are due by end of July. If you know of anyone interested in becoming an EMG, please let them know the applications are due at the end of this month. We currently have three applications and would like to add to this group.

● Becky T. is asking for **mentors** for our new class. Please contact Becky if you are interested.

● Carol V., Helen K. and Billie L. have volunteered to be on the **Nominating Committee**. It is that time of year that we look for new 2024 Board members. We will have 3 vacancies to fill as Anita B-V., Barb S. and Jan T. will not be on the 2024 Board. If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact one of the nominating committee. 



*“Gardening
is cheaper
than therapy,
and you get
tomatoes.”
–unknown*

International Master Gardener Conference

With the 2023 IMGC over, we thought you might be interested in a few statistics:

- There were 1,130 conference attendees.
- 44 states were represented in addition to Canada and England!
- They had over 100 trade show vendors (including one of our very own, plus a lot of happy shoppers).
- They had 12 bus tours, 11 workshops, 5 keynote presentations, 3 evening featured speakers and over 50 sessions.
- 280 Johnson County Extension Master Gardener volunteers who filled over 950 volunteer slots.

The IMGC 2025 will be held virtually and hosted by Texas. They will soon be passing the mail list and social media accounts to Texas. Look forward to information as they make more plans for a virtual conference.



Photos by Lenora L., Katelyn B. and Jan T.



Dear Johnson Co. Master Gardeners,
 These words are not sufficient
 to describe your kindness, patience,
 helpfulness and organization skills,
 all of which have been on full
 display during IMGC 2023!
 You are amazing!
 You have displayed to the World
 the best qualities of what it
 means to be a Kansan!
 And you have made me so
 proud to be a K-State Extension
 Master Gardener! Thank you,
 Nancy Jordan
 SHERATON Butler Co., KS

They even got a nice note!!

3rd QTR Meeting

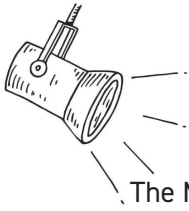
Approximately 28 members attended our 3rd Quarter General Meeting. Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner, chicken provided by the Master Gardeners and other yummy dishes were shared and devoured by members. Thanks to everyone who were able to attend.

Photo by Anita B-V.



Garden Tour – Louisburg

By Helen Kloepper



The Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners are hosting “**A September to Remember**” garden tour on September 8th and 9th this year. The final stages of preparations are underway for what will be a wonderful, diverse tour. Six beautiful gardens are being showcased. Highlighted this month are the three gardens in Louisburg.

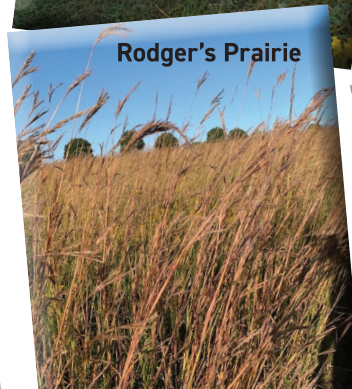
Green’s Natural Creations, owned by Bob and Lynn Green is an amazing jewel of a garden. Bob and Lynn have created natural artwork throughout the landscapes. Multiple water features create cozy, calming areas to relax and enjoy the colors and textures of the many trees, plants and artwork. Lynn and Bob created all the landscape beds. Bob has added wonderful driftwood features and

hand-made birdhouses. Lynn, a Master Gardener in Johnson County, utilizing her talents, added her eye for colorful ornamental flowers. Talent runs in the family as artwork has been added by Lynn and Bob’s children and grandchildren too.

Rodger’s Prairie is owned by Tim and Susan Rodgers. After purchasing the property, Tim began working with the Conservation Department to return the land to a native tall grass prairie. Twelve species of forbs and four native grasses were planted after an initial burn. Today, Tim keeps an area around the prairie mowed to help create a buffer area against invading weeds. This

area teems with life and gazing over the prairie, you can see native bees, insects, butterflies and birds all using this wonderful habitat.

Wood Gate Hill, owned by Chuck Michael and Chris Coffey is a work of love and dedication. Not only does their gardens reflect the owners professional landscaping backgrounds, they are filled with beautiful artwork and statuary. They have turned their 80 acres of undeveloped farmland into elegant gardens. Beautiful manicured lawns lead to a lake, home to geese and ducks. They have created many garden rooms, incorporating art, furniture and textures, each one carefully planned. Many water features, fountains and falls create a tranquil and beautiful atmosphere.



Green’s Natural Creations

Rodger’s Prairie

Woodgate

2023 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training

Please note: More training opportunities will be added throughout the year as they are scheduled.

Mo	Date	Time	# Hr	Topic	Speaker	Location
Aug.	15	6:30 PM	1	Garden Tool Care and Cleaning	Harley Davidson, MdC EMG	Davidson barn, 29113 Lonestar Rd., Paola
Sept.	26	12:00 PM	1	"Managing Our Clay Soil for Greater Success"	Nancy Chapman, JoCo EMG at Leawood Garden Club Meeting	Cure of Ars Catholic Church, 9401 Mission Rd., Leawood
<p>To Join K-State Garden Hour, 12:00 PM Wednesdays of each Month: Register here for 2023: https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/</p>						
<p>August 2 – Integrating Native Plants Into Your Home Landscape September 6 – Seed-Saving From Your Garden Lunch and Learn, 12:00 PM, Every 1st Thursday of the month. Native Plants at Noon, 12:00 PM, Every 3rd Thursday. Register for both webinars at: https://deeproots.org (Past recordings available on the website)</p>						
MdC Training Hours		Other Training Hours		Red denotes new training or updated information		

Below is information on K-state's online AT on Diagnosing Plant Problems: If you're not registered, you will need to register to watch the recordings. These are for Master Gardeners only! The Spring 2023 series has concluded, however you can still watch past recordings please email Barb S. at: barbshrops@gmail.com and she can forward you the information..

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Introduction to Problem Solving Strategies | • April 11 Webinar Recording |
| | • May 23 Live Q&A Recording |
| Turfgrass focus | • June 6 Live Q&A Recording |
| Insect focus | • June 13 Live Q&A Recordings |
| | • June 27 Live Q&A Recording |

THE NEXT TWO PAGES CONTAIN RESOURCES THAT IS VALUABLE TRAINING FOR WORKING THE HOTLINE!!

Resources

from Spring 2023 Advanced Training Online: Diagnosing Plant Problems

Review the resources shared during each session. Questions? Contact mastergardener@ksu.edu

April 11 Problem Solving Strategies webinar

- K-State Horticulture Newsletter
 - Home Page <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/horticulture-newsletter/>
 - Subscribe <https://www.ksuhortnewsletter.org/about.html>
- Common Plant and Pest Problems, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/>
- Kansas Garden Guide, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=534&pubId=8219>
- Tree and Shrub Problems in Kansas, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=538&pubId=17559>
- K-State Horticulture Resource Center, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/>
- K-State Mesonet, Historical Weather, <https://mesonet.k-state.edu/weather/historical/>

May 23 Live Q&A

- Horticulture Rapid Response Center (private link not for public sharing), <https://hnr.k-state.edu/about/people/faculty/upham-ward/rcc.html>

June 6 Live Q&A

- K-State Turf and Landscape, <https://www.k-state.edu/turf/>
- K-State Turf and Landscape Blog (subscribe at), <https://blogs.k-state.edu/turf/>
- Protocol for Submitting Turf Problems to K-State, [Protocol-Turf.pdf](#)
 - Note: Collect sample as directed, then submit to your local Extension Agent first. If they are unable to diagnose, they will contact K-State for assistance. Thank you.
- Quick Identification Tips for Turfgrasses (UK Extension), <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/AGR/AGR251/AGR251.pdf>
- Brown Patch (NC State Extension), <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/diseases-in-turf/brown-patch-in-turf/>
- Brown Patch and Large Patch Diseases of Lawns (Clemson Cooperative Extension), <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/brown-patch-large-patch-diseases-of-lawns/>
- White Grubs, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/White%20Grubs.pdf>
- Turfgrass Insects, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2901.pdf>

June 13 Live Q&A

- Spider Mites: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Two-spotted%20Spider%20Mite.pdf>
- Aphids: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Aphids.pdf>
- Bagworms: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Bagworms.pdf>
- European Pine Sawfly: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/European%20Pine%20Sawfly.pdf>
- Lace Bug: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Lace%20Bug.pdf>
- Whiteflies: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Whiteflies.pdf>
- Thrips: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2922.pdf>
- Spittlebug: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2922.pdf>
- Boxwood Leafminer: <https://entomology.k-state.edu/doc/extension-newsletters/2023/KSInsectNewsletter%2001.pdf>
- Scale Insect Pests, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3457.pdf>
- Mealy Bugs on Houseplants (Colorado State University), <https://planttalk.colostate.edu/topics/insects-diseases/1466-mealy-bugs-houseplants/>
- Pocket Guide to Common Pest Problems and Beneficials, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/s158.pdf>
- IPM of Midwest Landscapes, <http://cues.cfans.umn.edu/old/ipmbook.htm>
- Insects that Feed on Trees and Shrubs (book), <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9780801426025/insects-that-feed-on-trees-and-shrubs/#bookTabs=1>
- African Violet: <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/extension-publications-and-videos/African%20Violets%20-%20Copy.pdf>
- Elm Leaf Beetle, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3537.pdf>
- Ticks in Kansas, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2653.pdf>
- Springtails, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/ep124.pdf>

June 27 Live Q&A

- Japanese Beetle, <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=524&pubId=22599>

Go Deeper: Recommended Diagnostic Resources for Master Gardener Volunteers

- [Symptoms and Signs for Plant Problem Diagnosis – An Illustrated Glossary](#) (Purdue University Extension)
 - [Symptoms and Signs Chart](#)
- [Basic Steps for Diagnosing Plant Problems](#) (University of Wisconsin)
- [Diagnosing Plant Problems – An Analytical Approach](#) (University of Idaho)