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The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

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POTLUCK WEDNESDAY
JULY 12th!! (See news and notes!)

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CALENDAR

- June 18, 20, 21 – IMGC Featured Speakers
- June 27 – Problem Solving Strategies for Plant Disease
- July 1 – 3 – Lois Hart Daylily Open House - 9:00 - 1:00 (Info in KC Gardener)
- July 5 – KState Webinar: Solutions to Your Top Garden Insect & Disease Problems
- July 12 – Potluck 3Q Board Meeting

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 7. Please see the schedule for details on each opportunity. Watch for new programs as they are added.

Miami County Fair

By Jan Thompson

Master Gardeners let let your creativity and hard work shine at the MICO Fair!!

The Miami County Fair is just around the corner – July 22nd thru July 29th.

We would like to have a big showing from the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners!! Entries can range from floriculture . . . cut flowers, potted plants; horticulture . . . those wonderful vegetables from your garden; photography: . . . baked goods; and so many more categories.

Please look at the Miami County Fair Book or online.

Miami County Fair: Pre-Entries for the fair is open and the deadline is July 7th. There's a lot of departments people can enter in, not just flowers. Please look through the class listing attachment so see what all you can enter in. Here's more information about entering:

<https://miamicountyksfair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19014>

Open Class: <https://www.maraisdescygnnes.k-state.edu/fair/miami-county-fair/miami-county-fair-information/new-fair-system-instruction-information/2023%20Miami%20County%20Fair%20Open%20Class%20Listing.pdf>

Pre-Entry Instruction Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=is_8gxmsepY

If you need help entering (or need a computer) we have one available at the extension office for you to use. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

We will look forward to seeing your entry (or entries) at the Miami County Fair!!

2024 EMG Symposium

By Jan Thompson

We are needing **several** EMG members to volunteer to chair/co-chair the 2024 EMG Symposium. This event has been part of our mission to educate **since 2016** and has been so well received.

Stacie and Lenora did a wonderful job in organizing our 2023 Symposium.

Betsy H. handled the catering and a few other details and believe she's happy to help with the same tasks for 2024. We did recently vote to have the event every other year, alternating with the garden tour.

Please talk with other EMGs and volunteer to help us present a great 2024 EMG Symposium. We only have a couple of months to plan in order to reserve the venue and obtain presenters.

Please contact Jan T. at: jkg.thompson@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this important event.

A possible theme:
"Garden Inspirations" – What inspires you to garden?

Possible topics:

- Vegetable gardening for eating/ cooking
- Pollinator & butterfly gardening for the love of nature
- Plant Collecting
- Design for aesthetics

Advisory Board

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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

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Plant Sale 2024

Sue Burns, Stacie Campbell
& Lenora Larson

Garden Tour

Helen Kloepper

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Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids

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Miami County Fair

Chet McLaughlin & Sue Burns

New Recruits/Mentors

Becky Thorpe

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● Please mark your calendars for the **3Q General Meeting** to be held at the Paola Extension office on Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m. If you have any recipes using produce from your garden, please bring and include your recipe for Anita and Sue for the EMG Cookbook.

● Don't forget to put your **volunteer hours online!** You might find it a lot easier to add your hours now, instead of trying to enter all your hours at the end of the year.

● We have 3 newly engraved **memorial bricks** to be placed at the Miami County Courthouse. They are for Pat Traschel, Eleanor Head and Judy Moser.

● Our new **spirit pole** has been installed at the Miami County Courthouse. Since the Courthouse is on the EMG Garden Tour, a suggestion was made to install our pole at that location. Thank you, Harley for making the metal holder and the installation!!

● We are needing **volunteers for the Miami County Fair** for both the Horticulture and Floriculture entries. Please contact Sue Burns (Floriculture) to volunteer as she will coordinate

with Chet (Horticulture). The days they need help setting up are Tuesday and Wednesday morning, July 25th and 26th.

● We received a **thank you note** from the Paola Senior Center for the flowers that were planted in the new bench/planter, one of the new class projects.

● We wish **Jeannie Trail** the very best as she recently moved to Colorado. Jeannie was a very active EMG with past plant sales, garden tours, and symposiums.

● We still have some **Hotline hour** openings in August and September. Thank you to those that have already signed up and appreciate all others to help fill the remaining hours.

● **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 soon.

● The final **plant sale profit for EMG is \$6,954.94** with all invoices, taxes now paid. A **BIG** Thank you!! to everyone for your hard work.

● There is now a combination lock on the gate at the trial garden. Contact Jan T. or Chet McL. for details.



**Thank you
Harley for making
a base
and installing our
Spirit Pole!**



*What is a weed? A plant whose
virtures have never been discovered.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Short Term Community Projects

By Becky Thorpe

Several flowering plants were purchased at our plant sale for our many short term community projects. We were able to stay on budget by taking advantage of the EMG discount made available to members at the end of the sale.

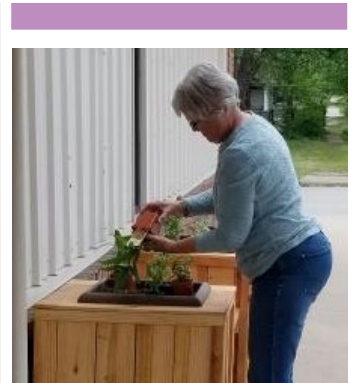
We purchased tropical milkweed, zinnias and Angelina flowers plus veggies to plant.

Cyndi W. And Becky T. Put in plants at the Paola Senior center on May 5th. On may 6th, tomatoes, peppers and flowers were planted at the Osawatomie Vintage Park facility and tomatoes and flowers at the Paola Vintage Park.

On May 8th several pots were planted at Louisburg Vintage Park. Several residents observed from a covered pavilion and even Mr. Pickles (their resident dog) made an appearance. The residents were very excited to see this happening. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!!



Mr. Pickles, a favorite!



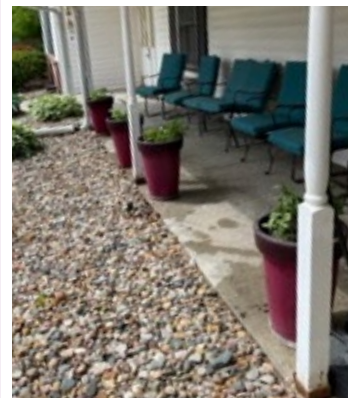
Paola Senior Center
Photos by: Becky T.



Carol V. planted 2 of these at the Paola Public Library!
Beautiful!



Paola Vintage Park
Photos by Becky T.



Louisburg Senior Center
Photos by: Helen K.

Courthouse Annex Project

By Becky Thorpe

This was technically a short term community service project at the Paola courthouse annex building. All of our efforts at this location are being paid for by the city/county. No master gardener funds!

On May 17th the wonderful courthouse "crew" teamed up and cleaned up the north side of the main entry plus 3 Daub's frosted evergreens were planted in the inside corner replacing the existing dead materials. There is a large mulch covered area on the south of the walkway. It was determined to plant creeping juniper, Daub's frosted and limelight hydrangeas in this spot.

This will be a total of 11 plants. The planting took place on May 24th. The county will be responsible for maintenance once plants are in the ground. Great job everyone!



Photos by Carol V.



Advanced Training

On May 16th our very own Scott Catton gave back to back presentations on Hydroponics and Native Bumble Bees.



Photos by Barb S.

Judy Moser Memorial

On May 23rd several MdC EMG members went to Judy Moser's to help clean her gardens in preparation for a memorial that was held on May 28th.



MDC Volunteers (Not pictured Carol W.)

Photos by Anita BV. and Jan T.



Cookbook Reminder

Since there will be a potluck at the 3rd Quarter General meeting we (Sue and I) thought this would be a great time to share more of your recipes! If you have any recipes using produce from your garden, please bring it for us to add to the EMG Cookbook.

Be sure to include all the ingredients, as well as detailed information, you know, pan size, temperature your name (there will be a submitted by) etc. Look for a basket (or something) by the sign in sheet.

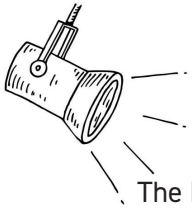


Thanks in advance. Sue and Anita.

Iris Tour

On May 18th several MdC EMGs attended Deb Wilson's Iris Tour. Deb provided information on planting and the care of iris. A time for socializing and snacks after the tour was enjoyed by the members as well.





LaCygne Community Garden

By Rena Tedrow

The LaCygne Community Garden is located at 317 N. 4th St.

Established in 2017 by a handful of hard workers, the garden has grown to its current size. The Community Garden provides the community an opportunity to learn and share gardening techniques and share the bounty. Volunteers are always appreciated, and participants get to reap their rewards when there is enough bounty to share.

Methods have changed from hand-watering plants (with a hose) to using drip-irrigation. A huge time-saver as we all know.

Ever the popular standards we all love: cucumbers, zucchini, peppers and tomatoes, this year there are 68 tomato plants!

They are also more than willing to give something new a try such as kohlrabi. As well as growing potatoes in mineral tubs!

Produce is donated to various locations such as the LaCygne Community Food Pantry (United Methodist Church, 5-6p on Tuesday's) and the LaCygne Library. Reading those last two words, yes . . . that may sound a little odd. However, in this local community, the library provides lunches for various seniors and children's programs throughout the year.

Volunteers are always welcome – their workdays are Tuesday and Friday, from 9-11am. (The time does shift from 8-10am as the temps rise.) Visit them on Face Book! LaCygne Community Garden: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626475517539149>



Photos by Rena T. and Jan T.

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
June	17, 18	9 AM - 4 PM	6	IMGC Garden Tour	KC meto area	6 gardens, \$45 Tickets may be purchased and more information at: www.johnson.k-state.edu
June	18, 20, 21	7:00 PM	1 per session	IMGC Evening Featured Speakers	6/18 Leigh Hunt, Kew Gardens 6/20 Sarah Dykeman, author 6/21 Dan Hinkley, landscape designer	OP Convention Center, \$49 per session or all 3 for \$109; includes light snacks Tickets may be purchased and more info at: www.johnson.k-state.edu
June	27	12:00 PM	1 per session	Problem Solving Strategies for Plant Disease	Judy O'Mara, Director K-State Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab	K-state's Online Advanced Training - 4 sessions. Learn the steps for successful diagnosis as you manage the plant diagnostic process for hotline volunteer work. See Katelyn's email from May 25 to register for the series. Recordings are available from previous sessions on April 11, June 6 and June 13 after you register.
Aug.	15	6:30 PM	1	Garden Tool Care and Cleaning	Harley Davidson, MdC EMG	Davidson barn, 29113 Lonestar Rd., Paola

To join **K-State Garden Hour**, 12 PM 1st Wed. of each month. Register here for 2023: <http://hnr.ksu.edu/GardenHour>

July 5 - Solutions to Insect and Disease Problems

Aug. 2 - Integrating Native Plants Into Your Home Landscape

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 deeproots.org

MdC Training Hours	Other Training Hours	Red denotes new training or updated information
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Garden Gallery Tour

Several MdC EMGs enjoyed the Garden Gallery tour on June 6th at the JoCo Administration Office in Olathe.



Photos by Barb S.



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