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What's Growing On.....

The latest news from the

Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardeners

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Why Do You Garden

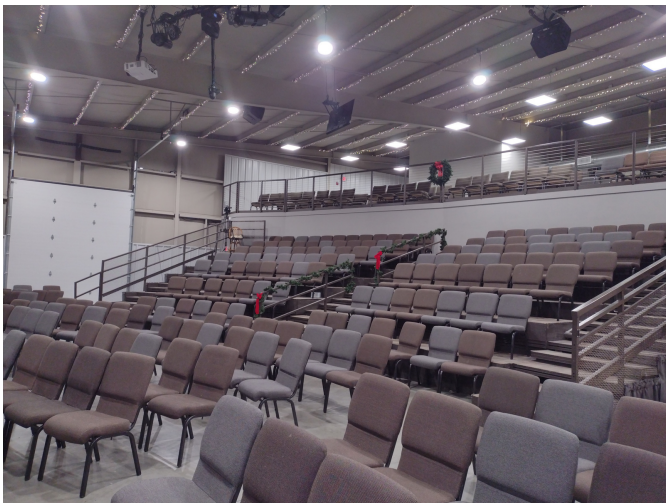
Flyer - Pg 5

The 8th Annual Garden Symposium has over 100 Registrations!!!

by Janette Everhart

I hope each of you has registered. If not, what is stopping you? There is an article along with an ad in the KS Gardener Magazine, so the word is out! Thanks to Lenora and Anita for their excellent work on all the marketing and line-up for speakers.

Here is the information you need to know to get registered yourself and invite all your fellow garden lovers.



We have selected Living Proof Church off of 169 and 327th Street. There will have round tables on the floor and rectangular tables on risers so we can support 240 attendees. We are only using the lower- level tiers seen in the photos--not the mezzanine. The date/time is Saturday, Feb 17, 2024. Check in 8:30. Program and lunch from 9 to 3:45.

The on-line registration site is open - everyone must register online. The only exception is the EMGs who expect to be working during the entire symposium.

Both photos show chairs on the floor. For the event, round tables will be set up in their place. Not shown in this photo (above) the stage is located to the left.

The cost is \$45. You may take a check to the extension office or pay with a credit card on-line. Master Gardeners will receive 5 hours of Advanced Training. Here is the link to register:

[Registration link](#)



ADVISORY BOARD**Chairman** - Janette Everhart**Vice Chair** - Carol Vandenberg**Secretary** - Susan Rogers**Treasurer** - Billie Lenz**Members at Large**

Helen Kloepper, Stephanie Myers

Rena Tedrow

Committees**Courthouse Garden**

Phyllis Benedict

Trial GardenChet McLaughlin, Shirley New,
Dennise Fink-Morse**KSU Extension Office Garden**2024 Class (monument sign);
Deb Kitchell (planters by door)**Advanced Training**

Barbara Shropshire

Awards BanquetDonna Cook, Betsy Hasselquist,
Susan Thompson**Symposium - 2024**

Janette Everhart

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

TBD

Publicity

Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids

Betsy Hasselquist

Miami County Fair

Chet McLaughlin & open position

New Recruits/Mentors

Becky Thorpe

Newspaper Articles

Katelyn Barthol, Extension Agent

Social Media/newsletters

Rena Tedrow, Editor

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

Susan R. was appointed to serve the rest of Vickie V-S's term and was voted to serve Secretary.

SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium Committee is still needing donations of the following size of frames for the table centerpieces: 4x6, 5x7. We need frames that will stand up on their own. If you have extra frames, please bring them to the volunteer room at the Paola Extension Office.

JUMP IN!

Be thinking about what committee(s) you would like to volunteer to work with for 2024. Katelyn will be sending out an email in January with the sign-up link.

2024 GARDEN SYMPOSIUM - 'Why Do You Garden?'

(See flyer on page 4 for speaker information.) There is still a lot of planning and preparation for this event. There is ample opportunity for volunteer hours. You can:

- Help prepare frames with photos for center pieces:
- Help put information in packets for our attendees
- Cook/bake yummy treats for attendees at the event. Please contact Jan Thompson at jkg.thompson@gmail.com for specific details. Note: If you are attending the Awards dinner, there will be a signup sheet with wax paper inserts available.

AWARDS BANQUET - JANUARY 30TH

The banquet will be held at the Paola Country Club, 29651 Old Kansas City Rd., Paola KS 66071.

Payment for the MdC EMGS, including new members is \$15. Guests pay \$38. MdC Emeritus members--no cost, but be sure to RSVP to the extension office if attending.

Deadline for RSVP and payment has been extended to January 18th. Be sure to stop by the extension office to turn in your payment. **Note--the extension office will be closed on Jan. 15th.**

The evening schedule starts at 6p with a cash bar. A buffet dinner is served from 6:30-7:15. The meeting and awards follow dinner.

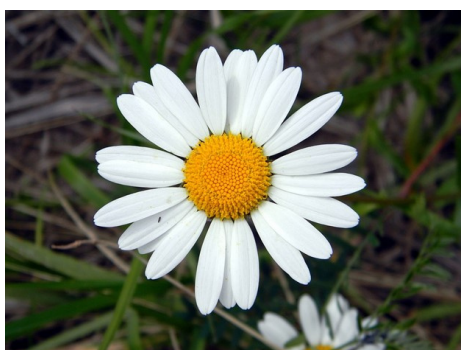
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 18 - Awards Banquet RSVPs due
- Jan 26 - Symposium frame preparation (10am-Ext Office)
- Jan 30 - Awards Banquet - 6pm (Paola Country Club)
- Feb 1 - Symposium packet filling (10am-Ext Office)
- Feb 7 - K-State Garden hour webinar - “Gardening for a Changing Climate,” (12-noon online.) [See * below.]
- Feb 13 - EMG Board meeting (9:30 Ext Office)
- Feb 15 - Newsletter articles/photo due by noon (to Rena)
- Feb 16 - Take Breads and cookies for Symposium - time tbd & set-up Time - tbd
- Feb 17 - 8th Annual Garden Symposium 8:30 (helpers be there at 7:30)
- Feb 27 - Seeds for Kids meeting (10am-Ext office)
Symposium re-cap meeting (1pm-Ext Office)



*** Register online for the noon webinars at:**

<https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>



A little humor...

What did the husband say when his wife told him he'd bought the wrong flowers?

Oopsie Daisy!

ADVANCED TRAINING SCHEDULE

2024 Marais des Cygne Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training

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

MO	DATE	TIME	CR. HRS	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
JAN	23	10:30A	1	'Native Plants Made Easier'	Bob Lane, Leawood Parks & Rec. Director	Leawood Garden Club, Cure of Ars Catholic Church - 6401 Mission Rd. Leawood KS Learn how native plants are easy to use in all styles of gardening and how increasing pollinators are a benefit to the environment
FEB	7	12:00-1P	1	Gardening for a Changing Climate	Dr. Charles Rice	Learn how to overcome the challenges of gardening in a changling climate.
FEB	13	7:00p	1	Techniques to Boost Your Harvest in Any Size Garden	Jen Stefanchik, JoCo EMG	Gardeners Connect (free speaker series) Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater, Merriam KS
FEB	15-16	Thurs 8:30a-5:00p	5	Plan-It-Native Landscapes Conf. by Deep Roots 3 topics around Designing for the Birds & Bees Plants, Plants, Plants & Trees Community & Culture	Key note speakers: Desiree Narango, PHD, bird habitat & migration; Neil Diboll, native plant expert Roy Diblik, perennial garden design	Anita B. Gorman Conservation Center and Kauffman Conference Center. Cost \$225. To register and for more information: www.planitnative.org
FEB	17	8:30A - 3:45P	5	MdC Garden Symposium 'Garden Inspirations'	Jen Stefanchik, JoCo EMG, Kathi Mecham, MU Horticulture Agent, Sharon Ashworth, PhD, DO Co. Hort. Agent	Living Proof Church 32401 Harmony Rd, Paola KS Registration link

MdC Training Hours

Other Training hours

Red text denotes new training or updated information

REMINDER (from the Editor)....

All articles and pictures for the EMG Newsletter should now be sent to Rena Tedrow. Items should be sent via email by noon on the Thursday that follows the Board meetings. This will be noted on the calendar page each month. Also, *please update your contact info*--I am using a different email address. The new email address is: wordet01@gmail.com. ~Thanks! Rena

8th Annual Garden Symposium
Gardening by Design

Inspirations: Why Do You Garden?

February 17th, 2024

9:00 to 3:45

Registration opens at 8:30

Living Proof Church

32401 Harmony Rd • Paola, KS 66071

Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

Seating is Limited!

Pre-registration is required by February 1st

This event is open to all!

The registration fee includes:

A gourmet boxed lunch, snacks, and all printed reference materials.

Register on line at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024MdCEMGSymposium>

Payment can be made on line or by check.

(Please see details at time of registration.)

Driving directions available on registration page.

MdC EMGs receive 5 hours AT credit.

Other EMGs: Please ask your County Agent if AT credit is approved.

For more information call 913-294-4306.

You can also find the link on our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/mdcemg

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For the Love of Growing Food

Jennifer Stefanchik
Johnson CO EMG

How to maximize backyard food production, including vegetables, herbs and fruits.



Beauty is in the Eye of the Gardener

Kathi Mecham

MU Horticulture Agent
How to plan, design and build a beautiful garden with a natural style.



Integrating Native Plants into your Landscape

Sharon Ashworth, Ph. D.

Douglas CO Horticulture Agent
How to choose and integrate natives into your ornamental garden.



Whispers of the Wild: The World of Native Pollinators

Tamra Reall, Ph. D.

MU Horticulture Agent
Identifying and protecting our native bees, butterflies and other insects.

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