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## June Monthly Meeting 2016

### The Future of the Wetlands at Baker Wetlands Wednesday, June 15, 2016



This month's program will be presented by Dr. Roger Boyd, Education Coordinator, Baker Wetlands. He will give an overview of the history of the Baker Wetlands, how it has changed due to road construction, and what is in store for them in the future.

This will be 1 hour of Advanced Education from 10:00-11:00am following our General Business meeting at 9am. **Both meetings will be held at the Baker**

**Wetlands Discovery Center, 1365 N. 1250 Road.** Not open to the Public.

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### Update

A monthly newsletter for Extension  
Master Gardeners in Douglas County

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## 2016 Monthly Douglas County Extension Master Gardener Programs Overview

\*All monthly business meetings will begin at 9am. Programs begin at 10am unless otherwise noted below. More specific details for each program will be published in the February Update.

**July 16 - Saturday** - "What is an Herbarium and Good Plants to Have" presented by Caleb Morse of KU.

**August 17 - Wednesday** - "Water Gardens-Making, Maintaining, Plants at Swan's Water Gardens" in Louisburg, KS. This event is a field trip to Swan's Water Garden. More logistical details to come!

**September 17 – Saturday** - "Woodland Shade Gardens" presented by Jack Langrebe.

**October 19 – Wednesday** - "Seed Starting and Propagation Techniques" presented by Jamie Hancock, Shawnee County Horticulture Agent.

**November 19 – Saturday** - "Made to Stick-Making Your Gardening Messages Come Alive" presented by Susan Phillips.

### *News from Sharon....*

#### Horticulture Day Camp

Douglas County Extension is hosting a day camp for 9 to 13 year olds **June 28, 29, and 30** from 9:00 to 4:00 each day. The day camp is a cooperative effort between Horticulture, Agriculture, 4-H, and nutrition programs. The Horticulture program has the campers for Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and we will be in the demo gardens leading a group of kids through the basics of gardening and plant identification.

You can find the volunteer sign-up [here](#). We could really use EMG volunteers to help with the camp. *Ideally we could use a minimum of four EMG volunteers for morning and four EMG volunteers for the afternoon, each with "experience" in a subject listed in the schedule (see other attachment in email message). Your commitment could be as little as 30 minutes or the whole day.*

*If you would like to volunteer, any and all suggestions are welcome! Please let me know if you are interested or call if you have questions.*

#### Chef's Challenge at the Douglas County Fair

The Chef's Challenge takes place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm **on July 25, during the County Fair**. There are several volunteer opportunities.

- a. The featured vegetable is okra. We need a few people to put together an educational display/table about growing okra. We will also need someone (or a couple someones) to staff the table before the Challenge and then immediately after the Challenge (set up + 5:30 to 6:00, 7:00 to 7:30 + take down)
- b. We need some general help in setting up the whole event from 4:30 to 6:00. Master Food volunteers will also be part of the event.
- c. We need some general help during the event from 6:00 to 7:30.
- d. We need some general help with take down from 7:30 to 8:00.

You can find the sign-up sheet [here](#), but if you have difficulty please just email or call if you would like to volunteer.

## Organizational Meetings for Members

### EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS BOARD MEETING - MAY 11, 2016

**Members present:** Ginny Turvey, Debbie Zabel, Sharon Ashworth, Lisa Larsen, Donna Black, Thelma Simons, Carol Anderson, Sammie Conder, Andy Claypool.

**Ginny Turvey** called the meeting to order at 9:05. She complimented Diane Oaks for her presentation on “Dealing with Difficult People.”

**Debbie Zabel** said the May EMG Advanced Education will be presented by EMG members on “Tips or Secrets from My Garden.” The Junior Master Gardeners have had a great year with the New York Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We also discussed some possible changes to the EMG Appreciation Dinner to better meet members’ needs.

**Lisa Larsen** announced that the 2016 Spring Fair took in \$5,558.63, with a net of \$4,418.16 after expenses; slightly above our expected revenue. Lisa will create a separate line item for t-shirt sales. Two grant requests were discussed: one from Jane Akob for \$85.00 for an electric blower/mulcher/vacuum for Tom Swan Park, and a request from Thelma Simons for \$590.00 for design of an EMG brochure and an 8’x4’ EMG banner. Carol Anderson made a motion to approve the two requests, Debbie Zabel seconded, motion passed. EMG grants approved so far total \$1,740 and there is \$2,700 remaining in that budget item. Applications will be taken any time. Our total current cash balance is \$29,446.99.

**Thelma Simons** said that she will be gathering more information relating to our web site and associated costs and report back to the Board.

**Carol Anderson** had nothing to report.

**Sammie Conder** reminded us of our EMG Native Plant Sale coming on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with Mary Lockniskar serving as the coordinator. Cheryl Thomas said that the Monarch Watch Plant Sale went very well. Discussion was held about the increase in time between submitting a payment authorization form and receiving the money. Now that our bills must go to the Douglas County Extension Board for approval before payment can be made, the time involved has increased from what it was in the past.

**Andy Claypool** reported that the Class of 2015 is working together well and they are learning a lot from their involvement in various EMG activities. They were commended for their many contributions to our organization.

**Sharon Ashworth** reported that the trip to KU’s Experimental Station would be later today. She would like to hear ideas from EMG’s for Advanced Educational programs for 2017, and ideas for educational programs that could be presented to the public.

**Sammie Conder** said that the Garden Tour 2017 Selection committee will visit area gardens in early June, and then decide on the 6 gardens to be featured. Thelma Simon offered to write up a process outline to assist in the planning and organization for our Garden Tours.

**Sharon Ashworth** announced that the Horticulture Day Camp will be June 28 – 30 and she’ll be asking for volunteers to help. The K-State site for reporting our hours will have a few adjustments coming soon. The lack of need for a greeter at our Business meetings was discussed; Lisa Larsen made a motion to discontinue the practice, Sammie Conder seconded, motion carried.

**Ginny Turvey** reminded us of the EMG Tailgate following the May 21<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting. Everyone needs to bring a lawn chair and a side dish or a dessert. The Board will set up tables before the meeting.

**Sammie Conder** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Larsen seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Black

## EMG BUSINESS MEETING – MAY 21, 2016

**Ginny Turvey** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Debbie Zabel** thanked Karen Clark and Andy Claypool for the treats and Susan Rendall for the door prize. She also recognized Diane Oakes, Jim Blom, the Monarch Watch, Demo Garden, Farmers' Market, and the Tom Swan Park Committees for their activities.

**Megan McGlinn** made a motion to approve the minutes from the April Business meeting, Debbie Hutton seconded, motion carried.

**Debbie Zabel** reminded us that our June Business Meeting and Advanced Education will take place at the Baker Wetlands Education Center on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am.

**Lisa Larsen's** EMG Treasurer's Report was given by Ginny Turvey. The Spring Fair took in \$5,558.63, expenses were \$1,140.47, and the net revenue was \$4,418.16. The current cash balance is \$29,446.99. Two grant requests were approved by the Board: \$590 to Thelma Simons for an EMG banner and EMG brochures; and \$85 to Jane Akob for a leaf blower for Tom Swan Park. \$2,700 remains in the Grant Fund and applications are available. The Board authorized moving the t-shirt expenses to its own category, instead of including it as an administrative expense.

**Sammie Conder** had no report from the members-at-large. **Andy Claypool** said the Class of 2015 continues to meet regularly.

**Marlin Bates** reported that the 2016 Chefs' Challenge will be on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Douglas County Fair. Plans are to have it in the new Fair building and okra will be the featured ingredient. EMGs will grow the plants to provide the okra. The Youth Gardening and Nutrition Camp will be June 28 – 30. The City Commission recently adopted a new urban agriculture amendment presented by the Douglas County Food Policy Committee.

**Sharon Ashworth** reminded us that EMG business cards are available and can be used for discounts at local garden centers. She is seeking volunteers to make some public presentations on topics of your choosing. She'll help with the program development. Volunteers will be needed for the Horticulture Youth Day Camp on June 28-30 and the Chefs' Challenge on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Blom and Sharon Laverentz** reported improvements in the Demo Gardens are being made to address the water flow due to the new construction activity. They are also beginning a new rock garden.

**Mary Locniskar** said that the EMG Native Plant Sale will be on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 1:00pm in front of the Extension office. 1 plant sells for \$4; or 3 plants for \$10.

**Pam Patrick** said they still need volunteers for the Farmers' Market presentations on Saturdays.

**Jack Landgrebe** shared information about the Tree Treasures of North Lawrence Tour on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, presented by Jon Standing. Sign-up is with Lawrence Parks and Rec.

**Ginny Turvey** said we still need a team of volunteers to coordinate the 2017 Garden Tour. We have great notes from the 2015 Tour and Thelma Simons is preparing a process guide to assist with organization and planning. Diane Oakes suggested we begin forming our sub-committees for the Tour. The tail-gate picnic will follow today's meeting by the shade garden.

**Cheryl Thomas** made a motion to adjourn, Stew Grosser seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Black

**2016 EMG BUDGET**  
as of May 31, 2016

<b>Current Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$28,853.65</b>
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Revenue Item	2016 Projected Revenue		Actual Revenue
Native Plant Sale	\$ 3,000.00		
Spring Fair 2016 (all sales)	\$ 5,500.00		\$5,568.63
Transfer from Reserve	\$ 1,050.00		
T Shirts / Badges	\$ -		\$1,108.00
Donation-Meadowlark Gar. Club - Jr MG NYCC	\$ -		\$ 100.00
Donations In-Kind Individual MGs (\$267.79)	\$ -		
Remaining Donation from 2015 Betty Dickenson Memorial		\$ 246.23	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 6,776.63</b>

Expenditure	2016 Budget	Expenditures	Remaining Budget
01 - Ad Hoc Projects	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
02 - Administration	\$ 500.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 459.00
03 - Advanced Education Programs	\$ 300.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 219.00
04 - Demo Garden Fairgrounds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 894.00
05 - Demo Garden Monarch Watch	\$ 700.00	\$ 264.34	\$ 435.66
06 - Demo Garden Tom Swan Park	\$ 500.00	\$ 335.87	\$ 164.13
07 - Farmer's Market	\$ 250.00	\$ 198.44	\$ 51.56
08 - Festival of Trees	\$ 175.00		\$ 175.00
09 - Garden Art (Spring Fair 2016)	\$ 600.00	\$ 48.83	\$ 551.17
10 - Garden Tour (2017)	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
11 - Garden Tour Selection (2017)	\$ -		\$ -
12 - Horticulture Hotline	\$ -		\$ -
13 - Lawrence Home Show	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00
14 - Member Plant Sale - EMG	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
15 - Native Plant Sale	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,700.00
16 - New Class Mentoring/Training	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
17 - Produce Distribution	\$ -		\$ -
18 - Public Education	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
19 - Public Relations	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
20 - Publications	\$ -		\$ -
21 - Resource Librarian/Historian	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
22 - Scholarships	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
23 - Social Committee	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
24 - Spring Fair (2016)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,091.64	\$ 508.36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,197.12</b>	<b>\$ 7,352.88</b>

25 - Jr Master Gardeners*	\$ 3,941.24	\$ 127.73	\$ 3,813.51
26 - EMG Grant Program	\$ 4,000.16	\$ 286.17	\$ 3,713.99
27 - T Shirt Fund		\$1,045.00	

\*Note: Jr MG Budget includes 2015 balance (\$2441.24) + \$1400 dedicated income from 2015, & 2016 Donations (\$100)

\*\*NOTE: Account 26-New Class Training has been deleted. This will be directly handled by the Hort. Agent (M Bates)



**EMG Monthly Treasurer's Report  
as of May 31, 2016**

**SUMMARY**

Previous Month Balance	\$29,446.99
Month Total Income	\$125.00
Month Total Expenses	\$718.34
Total Current Cash Balance	\$28,853.65

**DETAILS**

Current Month Budget Balances

EMG	\$7,352.88
JR MG	\$3,813.51

Income:

Spring Fair	\$50.00
T Shirts	\$65.00
Badges	\$10.00
Total Income	\$125.00

Donations (In-Kind)

Total In-Kind Donations      \$0.00

Expense Summary

04 Demo Garden Fairgrounds	\$106.00
05 Demo Garden Monarch Watch	\$264.34
06 Demo Garden Tom Swan	\$106.69
07 Farmers Market	\$77.81
27 T Shirt Fund	\$163.50
Total Expense	\$718.34

Expense Details:

Budget Category	Date	Descrip.	Purchaser	Amount
04 Demo Garden Fairgrounds	05/17/16	Plants	J Blom	\$54.39
04 Demo Garden Fairgrounds	05/17/16	Plants, Plant Netting	J Blom	\$24.83
04 Demo Garden Fairgrounds	05/17/16	Seeds, Plants, Hose Parts, Oil	J Blom	\$26.78
05 Demo Garden Monarch Watch	05/05/16	Betros Honrium, Dry Mount Mat.	E Grosser	\$63.58
05 Demo Garden Monarch Watch	05/03/16	Plants	S Rendall	\$200.76
06 Demo Garden Tom Swan	05/23/16	Plants, Soil	J Akob	\$106.69
07 Farmers Market	05/25/16	Sun Umbrella, Display Clips	P Patrick	\$77.81
27 T Shirt Fund	04/14/16	T Shirts		\$163.50
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$718.34</b>

The Monthly *Update* is your chance to make your committee or activity known. If you are having organizational meetings, activities, or a call for volunteers, let the *Update* help you get the word out. Send the write up to Sharon Ashworth at [Sashworth@ksu.edu](mailto:Sashworth@ksu.edu) or Bekki Heckman at [bekheck@gmail.com](mailto:bekheck@gmail.com) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the newsletter. To assure your place on the next regular meeting agenda send a request to Ginny Turvey at [turvey@sunflower.com](mailto:turvey@sunflower.com) 3-5 days before the meeting. You will also get a chance to speak at the meeting but this will reserve a space on the agenda.

*If you are planning to distribute handouts, papers, or publish advertisements on behalf of EMG's, these need to be reviewed by Marlin Bates, prior to distribution or publication, to make sure we are on track with Kansas State University requirement.*