

K-State Research and Extension- Douglas County Speakers Bureau

Do you need a speaker for your church, civic group or garden club? We have the speakers you are looking for on just about any gardening topic. Our Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are university trained and can present on a wide range of topics such as:

Flowers

- Day Lilies for All Occasion
- Hostas
- Iris Care
- Perennial flower gardening
- Roses & Rose Diseases
- Sunflower Gardening

Garden care

- Autumn Gardening
- Composting and Mulching
- Composting with Worms
- Modern Home Water Gardening
- Soil, Mulch, and Kansas Weather
- Ways to Awaken Your Garden and Keep it Healthy
- Weed Control

Landscape and lawn

- Ground Covers for Sun and Shade
- Landscape Design
- Landscaping for Winter Interest
- Lawn Care – The Truth
- Native Plants
- Shade Gardening Basics

Pest Management

- Emerald Ash Borers Have arrived
- Integrated Pest Management – Good Bugs and Bad Bugs

Plant Biology

- Adaptations of Plants in North America
- Plant Biology for Gardeners
- Plant Propagation
- What are Genetically Modified Plants and Organisms (GMOs)?

Pollinators

- Attracting Birds to the Garden
- Beekeeping
- Butterfly Gardening
- Gardening for Pollinators

Trees and shrubs

- Best Trees for Northeast Kansas
- Hydrangeas – Versatile Shrubs
- Shrubs to Enhance Landscapes

Vegetables and fruit

- All About Tomatoes
- Fall and Early Winter Vegetables
- Seed Starting
- Small Fruits and Brambles in the Home Garden
- Vegetables in the Home Garden

Water conservation

- Rain Barrels/Rain Gardens
- Water Conservation - Drip Irrigation Methods
- Water Conservation/Drought
- Xeriscape Gardening

Miscellaneous

(Please ask about any topic not on this list!)

- Container Gardening
- Ferns for Kansas Gardens
- Gardening as We Age
- Herbs
- Houseplant Care and Feeding

We can adapt our presentations to meet your group's needs; from a short 30-minute presentation to a longer format if needed at no cost to you. **To schedule a speaker for your group, please contact Sharon Ashworth, Horticulture Assistant at 785-843-7058. We will try to match your interests with a suitable speaker.**

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