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What we do

• Provide answers to your gardening questions by staffing the Master Gardener Hotline at 785-843-7058, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., M-F April through October.

• Disseminate gardening information at the Lawrence Farmers Market every Saturday during the market season. Our volunteers also pick up excess produce from market vendors and deliver it to Just Food, the Douglas County food bank.

• Maintain four Demonstration Gardens in Douglas County to provide you with gardening inspiration and information about what grows best in our area. Locations: Douglas County Extension office, Monarch Watch Garden on KU’s West Campus, KU’s Medicinal Garden near the airport, and Tom Swan Park in Baldwin.

• Provide gardening information at public events, like the Kaw Valley Seed Fair and the Lawrence Home Show.

• Organize annual events held on a rotating basis:
  • Spring Fair in early April (even numbered years)—informative event about gardening and lawn issues, includes garden art and family activities.
  • Garden Tour in early June (odd numbered years)—provides an opportunity for you to view some of the most beautiful gardens in our county and take home inspiration for your own garden.

• Coordinate the Junior Master Gardener Program at several local schools and lead children’s garden programs at the Lawrence Public Library.

• Provide a speaker’s bureau of garden experts for your classroom, garden club, or organization.