April 17th, Monthly Meeting 2019

Using Trees to Solve Environmental Problems
(Optional Field Trip To Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp)

Highlights from a variety of projects using trees to solve environmental problems will be presented. Work at the Hidden Valley Girl Scout camp to stabilize eroding stream banks and restore the rare Red Elm along with his programs working with Kansas Native American communities will also be described. A time will be set aside for participants to ask any tree or forestry related questions they may have.

Dr. Charles Barden is a Professor in KSU’s Horticulture and Natural Resources Department. He enjoys conducting applied research using trees to solve environmental problems, (i.e., streambank stabilization, riparian buffers, urban stormwater, phytoremediation, windbreaks, and bioenergy). He has a particular interest in the use of cedar revetments to stabilize banks of small streams and has monitored some installations for over 19 years. He works closely with the Kickapoo and Potawatomi tribes in Kansas and frequently advises them on natural resource-issues.

The business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The presentation will be in the Dreher Building at 10:00 a.m. This presentation is open to the public.

Note: Optional field trip available after the program to Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp, at 3420 Bob Billings Parkway just west of the Kasold intersection. Parking at the site is very limited, and we should carpool as much as possible. We will be checking on the red elms and streambank stabilization project. We will gather in the parking area and hike down together. Please dress appropriately for a wilderness trail hike, wear good walking shoes, and probably bring your insect repellent.

Cindy Hornberger, Vice-President
Douglas County Extension Master Gardener
2019 Advanced Education Programs

May 18th – Field Trip to Waters’ Edge – A Water Feature for Every Landscape with Deb Spencer and Susan Davis
June 19th – Creating English Gardens...in the Prairies with Cynthia Gillis
July 20th – Victory Gardens with Loretta Craig
August 21st – Field Trip to Henry’s Plant Farm – Succulents with Jozie Schimke and Brian Henry
September 21st – Unique Facets of Gardens on the Spring Tour 2019 with Cathi Hamilton, Sharon Davis and Kevin Nelson
October 16th - TBA

Upcoming Events of Interest:

April 11th – Thursday, “Vegetable Gardening in Containers”, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Clinton Parkway Nursery. Learn how to grow vegetables in containers. Learn what veggies work best, what soil to use, and how to care for them to maximize production. Handouts provided. All workshops last an hour plus time for questions. The presentation is free, but seating is limited, so please RSVP either by clicking on “going” on our FB page, or call (785) 842-3081.

April 18th – Thursday, “Creating A Pollinator Garden”, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Clinton Parkway Nursery. Learn what it takes to create a garden that the bees and butterflies will love! Handouts provided. All workshops last an hour plus time for questions. The presentation is free, but seating is limited, so please RSVP either by clicking on “going” on our FB page, or call (785) 842-3081.
**News From Sharon**

**Roster corrections:** Ruth Roy lives in Ozawkie, not Lawrence, Sheryl Beier is still an EMG, but was inadvertently left off the roster.

**Calling all creatives!** One of the goals in our strategic plan is that we will come up with two new fundraising ideas. One suggestion for fundraising is the creation of a garden journal. If you are interested in discussing what our garden journal might look like, please email Andrea Verbanic. This is an exploratory group. In addition to potential content, we will discuss if this is something our group wants to produce and how it might serve our communities.

**Help Needed:**

**Garden Tour**
Garden tour prep volunteers for the Treanor garden. If you would be interested please email Megan McGlinn [contact information] or Amanda Hall [contact information]. Sign-up on the volunteer sheet [here].

Day of Garden Tour volunteering for ticket takers, and garden guides
Volunteer sign-up [here]

**The Eudora Garden** committee is in search of the following plants to expand the garden. If you have any available to donate, please email Andrea Verbanic [contact information].

- Baptisia (False Indigo)
- Peonies
- Switch grass
- Rudbeckia hirta
- Coneflowers
- Russian sage

**EMG table at Sunrise Project**
Help needed between 9 and 2 at the EMG information table during the Sunrise Project plant sale on April 20th. General EMG information and plant advice. Contact Pam Patrick.

**HOTLINE AND FARMER’S MARKET – TIME TO SIGN UP!!!!**
Critical dates: nearly all of May!!
[Link to sign-up sheet]

**Please read:** Because the hotline has not been terribly busy, Tom and I have decided to try cutting down the office hotline days to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. The hours will remain 1-4 pm each of those days starting in April. This also means we should not have difficulty filling the slots with volunteers. Class of 2017 and 2018, please sign up for two training slots, if you have not done hotline before (only one new EMG per day). We will then pair you with an experienced EMG. If you are going to be one of our pioneering social media folks who are answering questions that come from Instagram, Facebook, or the website, you also need to do the hotline training at the office.
For those of you who absolutely cannot do the hotline training during working hours, please contact me. The Master Gardeners are going to be a greater presence in the community this year, and everyone needs to be familiar with how EMGs handle questions from the public.

**Upcoming Advanced Education**

- “Gardening with Compassion: Capturing Biodiversity for the Future”. Presented by author Benjamin Vogt and sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Greater KC. April 18th, 6:30 pm at Kauffman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, KC.

- eXtension webinars: “Adapting Dry Farming Techniques to Vegetable Gardens”. Amy Garrett (OSU Extension Small Farms) will share research results on dry farmed crops including tomatoes, squash and melons. April 30th, 1:00-2:00 pm. [https://learn.extension.org/events/3636](https://learn.extension.org/events/3636)

- Tree Treasure Tours. Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 – 12:30. “What is That Tree?” Class led by Jon Standing. Register (fee) with Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department ([www.lprd.org](http://www.lprd.org))

- Monarch Conservation Webinars. [https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/events](https://monarchjointventure.org/news-events/events)

- Clinton Parkway Nursery has a number of education programs throughout the year, starting on February 7th. Check out their Facebook site for announcements: [https://www.facebook.com/Clintonparkwaynursery/](https://www.facebook.com/Clintonparkwaynursery/) Bekki has them listed above. Those not listed as beginning gardening can count as advanced education.

**SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER TRAINING WILL BE IN TOPEKA THIS YEAR!!**

**2019 ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER TRAINING**

**SEPT 13 & 14**

Please save the date! Hosted this year by Douglas and Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners. More information will be available at: [www.shawnee.ksu.edu](http://www.shawnee.ksu.edu)

**Other stuff:**

Les Condor is selling some garden equipment: spreader ($50), tiller ($100), 25 tomato cages for sale @ $3 each. These cages are made from HD concrete reinforcing wire.

Larry Gadt is looking for ornamental grasses if you are dividing yours this spring.
Thanks to Acumen Renovations for donating materials for the new fence being built around the Fairgrounds Demonstration veggie gardens. Very generous and very welcome!

**NEWSLETTER QUIZ FOR APRIL!**

Our state flower, the sunflower is a popular cut flower. Can you name at least 5 states where it is the most popular cut flower? Send your answers to me at [redacted] by 6pm on Monday, April 15th. Good Luck!

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 [redacted] by the 5th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

To assure your place on the next regular meeting agenda send a request to Nancy Smelser at [redacted] 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 requirements.*

**Organizational Meetings for Members**

**Extension Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2019**

Called to order at 9AM by Vice-President Cindy Hornberger

**Absent** – Nancy Smelser (excused), Sharon Ashworth and Tom Buller (attending training)

**Present:** Cindy Hornberger, Sharon Laverentz, Judy Adams, Ron Spangler, Mary Dillon (by phone), Jane Styles-Potts, Susan Rendall and Andrea Verbanic

**Approval of Minutes:** Susan Rendall moved and Judy Adams seconded that the minutes of the February board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**President’s report:** – none

**Vice-President’s report:** Cindy Hornberger reminded the board that Roxie McGee will have a presentation on making dyes from plant material at Saturday’s business meeting.

Possible programs for 2020 include one on Cut Flowers and one on Key Hole Gardens.

**Secretary’s report:** The mistakes in the minutes in the March Update were not in the minutes sent to the board. Must have been a Gremlin.

**Treasurer’s report:** Previous month’s balance was $25,128.44. Income in February was $10.00 for a nametag. The only bills were those previously approved or already in the budget for $301.57. Current account balance is $24,836.87.

Remaining in the 2019 budget is $13,048.33; in the Jr. MG budget is $5,105.88; in the 2019 grant budget is $1,000; in the Water Garden Society grant is $750.00.

Susan Rendell moved the treasurer’s report be accepted. Jane Styles-Potts seconded. Motion carried.
**Public Relations Report:** Andrea Verbanic reported that we now have a presence on Facebook, and Instagram. She will send links to the FB and Instagram accounts and for the website to let everyone know how to find them. As a board, we are responsible for what information/comments are left on FB and Instagram so it behooves us to keep track, even though there are other people whose job it is to manage those platforms.

Andrea will create a protocol for putting information on FB.

**Members–at-Large:**

Judy Adams: The chair of the Farmer’s Market plans to purchase a new umbrella. She will also ask the head of the market if we can move our table to a different location.

Judy also reported that Debbie Zabel, head of Jr. MGs, is meeting with the youth coordinator at Full Circle to see about working with children and staff on a new garden at their location. Full Circle is part of the Lawrence housing authority.

Jr. Master Gardener’s needs more volunteers!

Megan McGlinn told Judy that all the gardens have leaders for the Garden Tour, but one more person is need for a garden write-up

**Susan Rendall:** No news from any of the Demonstration Gardens since none of them have met yet due to the cold.

**Jane Styles-Potts:** There will be a brainstorming meeting for the Garden Art committee on March 19,2019. This committee will be working throughout the year to prepare for the 2020 Spring Fair.

**Ron Spangler:** Members of the new class are signing up for the hot line and hot line training. They are also having regular social events.

**Unfinished business:** none

**New Business:**

Emeritus Status was discussed at length. No decision was made.

**Fund Raising:** Two ideas were presented 1) seed sale 2) creating a garden journal. These ideas will be brought up at the March Business meeting to see if there is member interest.

**Eudora Garden Budget:** Andrea explained the size and shape of the new Eudora demo garden. The board requested that Andrea come to the next board meeting with an idea of what the general purpose of the garden will be (teaching? beautification? demonstration of sustainable gardening? other?)

At next month’s board meeting we will continue our discussion about sustainable gardening.

Susan Rendall moved and Judy Adams seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried at 11:20AM.

Ohio is one of the quiz answers.

Respectfully submitted, **Sharon Laverentz**, secretary

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**EMG Business Meeting**

**March 16, 2019**

Vice-President Cindy Hornberger called the meeting to order at 9:05.

Chris Sundstrom moved and Jennifer Hanson seconded that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**President’s report:** none (Nancy Smelser absent)

**Vice-President’s report:** There are plans for a possible trip to Saint Louis some time in May. Details to follow.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Current account balance is $24,836.87

**Public Relations:** Andrea Verbanic provided the following Internet addresses for Douglas County Master Gardeners 1) Facebook - @douglascountymastergardeners 2) Instagram - @kansasmastergardeners 3) website – [http://www.dgemgks.com](http://www.dgemgks.com)
Margie Dyck is the Facebook manager. She encourages members to send interesting garden pictures to put on FB. They can be sent to Andrea Verbanic or Lisa Naude as well.

**Members-at-Large:**
- Judy Adams: The Monarch Watch had a speaker on “Native Blooms for Every Season”.
- Jane Styles-Potts: The garden art committee will meet March 19 from 12-1pm in Deal Six for brainstorming.
- Ron Spangler: Over ½ of the new class have signed up for the Hot Line so far.

Sharon Ashworth announced that Jeanne Klein would make a presentation to the Garden Club on March 19 at 1PM.
She also reminded everyone that there is a Hot Line refresher class on April 3 from 5:30 to 6:30. New class members should only sign up for the Hot Line with an experienced Master Gardener who can act as a mentor.

Tom Buller said there is no update on the hoop house. However, he has obtained some grant money, which will go toward outfitting the hoop house when it is ready.

**Garden Tour Committee:** Volunteers are still needed for one of the gardens.
There are seven gardens at this time. On the day of the tour, each garden will need two ticket takers per shift, as well docents to be available to answer questions. Each shift lasts 2 ½ to 3 hours. Tickets for the garden tour will begin in mid-April. Master Gardeners get in free with their badge. The Thursday before the tour there will be a quick tour of the gardens followed by a potluck at the train station. All members are invited. Garden tour T-shirts can be ordered now thru the April business meeting.

**New Business:** Andrea Verbanic announced that the Eudora Demo garden committee would meet on March 27 to select plants.
Fund Raising Ideas: (V5, AS1) Sharon Ashworth and Cindy Hornberger agreed to look into the idea of harvesting and selling seeds. Andrea Verbanic and Jane Styles-Potts will investigate the idea of creating a garden journal. Both groups will report back at a later business meeting.

Judy Northway will present an Advanced Education program on the Care and Cultivation of Orchids on March 21 from 6-7:30PM in Dreher. Everyone is welcome.
Pam Patrick said the greenhouse at the Hy-Vee on Sixth Street would open Friday, March 22. They invited Master Gardeners to set up a table to provide information to customers on Friday and Saturday. If interested in helping out please contact Pam.

Mary Wolfington moved and Bekki Heckman seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried at 9:55AM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Laverentz, Secretary