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The latest news from the
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Final Plant Sale Report

By Lenora Larson

lower than the fancy nurseries. One question from several customers: *"What do we do with the money?"* Even though people don't read signs (per Sue Burns) we'll make a poster to display in the checkout area for next year that will include our mission statement and list some of our community projects. Even with two trucks worth of initial delivery plants and several emergency car-loads to re-stock sold-out items, we could have sold even more of the high-demand plants! We will continue to analyze our plant request to VVN to maximize sales dollars and reduce returns. This year's strategy of not carrying common bedding plants and focusing on pest-free natives, pollinator flowers and butterfly host plants was proven true.

The tribute banner to Judy Moser was appreciated by her family (Vinland Valley Nursery) and many customers expressed gratitude for our dedicating this sale as a memorial to her. This was the first year since 2006 that Judy had not grown the herbs for us, and the first time since 2012 that she had not grown the butterfly host plants. Plus, she had designed our marketing graphics and newsletter for years, even before becoming an EMG in 2018. Her family is planning a remembrance event on Sunday, May 28th. Details will be shared with all the MdC EMGs.

We had several additions to this year's sale. Harvey Davidson followed up on his hanging basket rack by blacksmithing 3 metal (HEAVY) tree stands. *Not a single tree flopped over!*



And Michael Poss invented the first **FREE** gardening books give-away. Only a few paperbacks were left! We'll repeat next year so plan to clean out your home library in April.

Of course there are always improvement opportunities. We will return to *"our"* table layout that makes more sense for our plant selections and services.

The Lucy Booth with Seeds for Kids and the Free Books will be placed in the center, away from the checkout area. Check out will always be a challenge, especially for the opening Thursday rush. A second credit card checkout line needs to be added and a true express line (cash only, 5-plant maximum) and combining tallying and totaling should all improve customer service.

Signage continues to be an issue. We had many compliments on our new signs, but need to connect a table

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The Plant Sale Follow-up Meeting was a celebration of our best sale ever! The numbers tell the story:

Collected: \$50,451.04 (includes 9.25% Sales Tax and 4% Credit card fee) *NOTE: 2/3rds of all sales were via CREDIT CARD!* **Adjusted Gross:** \$46,179.44 (2022 was \$31,138.00)
Plant Cost: \$35,658.50
Profit from Sale: \$9,179.23 (Additional minimal expenses to be deducted for a final Net Profit) Sales by Day:
• Thursday: \$27,440 • Friday: \$13,593
• Saturday: \$8,127

Kudos to the team: Co-chairs Stacie Campbell (checkout) and Lenora (plants) and Sue Burns (everything else!) We also had the graphic skills and detail monitoring of Anita Boyett-Voke and the financial genius of Bob Burns who guided us through the Sales Tax process and performed the financial reconciliation. Thank you to all our volunteers who *promptly* filled every staffing slot as soon as Katelyn posted on SignUpGenius. And a special *"Thank You"* to Mother Nature for not raining on our parade!

Our plants looked **FABULOUS** and, even with the price increase from Vinland, our "secret shopper," Sue Burns, reported that we were comparable to the big box stores and



*In memory of,
and appreciation for
Judy Moser*

Advisory Board**Chairman** – Jan Thompson**Vice Chairman** – Janette Everhart**Secretary** – Anita Boyett-Voke**Treasurer** – Billie Lenz**Members at Large**

Helen Kloepper

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Phyllis Benedict &

Helen Kloepper

Trial Garden

Shirley New & Chet McLaughlin

KSU Extension Office Garden

Sue Burns

Advanced Training

Barbara Shropshire

Awards Banquet

Donna Cook, Susan Thompson &

Betsy Hasselquist

Symposium 2024

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Plant Sale 2022

Sue Burns, Stacie Campbell

& Lenora Larson

Garden Tour

Helen Kloepper

Publicity

Lenora Larson

Seeds for Kids

Betsy Hasselquist

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Anita Boyett-Voke

Miami County Fair

Chet McLaughlin & Sue Burns

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Becky Thorpe

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Katelyn Barthol,

Extension Agent

Send news and photos to:

Anita Boyett-Voke,

Newsletter Editor

abvoke@yahoo.com

● **Hotline sign-ups are needed!** Please sign up for a 4-hour shift. It seems we're having quite a few questions coming in for the Master Gardeners to answer.

● **Spirit Poles** are complete! What a wonderful job! A huge thank you to the committee that came up with the ideas, Richard P. for carving the letters, Harley D. for the creative sunflower toppers and Patty and Stacie for the design and painting. One pole will be given to the International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC) for auction and the 2nd pole will be kept for the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners at the Paola Community Garden.

● **Seeds for Kids** is in full swing and hopeful for another successful year of fair entries!

● Updated **EMG application** forms are available. If you know of someone that may be interested in joining the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners, please let them know that applications are accepted from *May thru July* and are available at our website and at the extension offices.

● We are needing a chair or co-chairs for our **2024 Symposium**. If you are interested, please let Jan T know. Planning needs to begin shortly. Symposium will be held every other year . . . 2024, 2026, etc.

● **Becky T. and the short-term community project team** have been busy filling raised beds and planters at the Paola Senior Center as well as the Vantage Point facilities in Osawatomie, Louisburg and Paola. Their work is very much appreciated!

● **Miami County Fair** is July 22-29th. We're hoping to see the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners entering the fair this year. Besides the horticulture and floriculture entries, there are photography, cooking, numerous categories you might enjoy.

● **Paola Extension Office planters** need to be watered on a regular basis. Sue has set a container for watering by the front door. If you are at the extension office, please check to see if the planters need watering.

● **Courthouse Gardens** are looking fantastic! New mulch and spring flowering plants in bloom . . . a big thank you to Phyllis and her Courthouse committee for the great job! If you would like to help at the courthouse garden, they meet every Wednesday morning to work and make everything look so good.

● Planting in the **Trial Garden** is moving forward! A lot was accomplished Chet, Shirley, Carol, Dennise, Deb, Bob, Theresa, Lynn and Jan were busy lining up the rows, planting and putting cardboard down as well as watering. Great Work! Trial Garden workdays are presently on Monday morning.

● Our annual **Plant Sale** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such an amazing success once again. The plants were beautiful, good weather and so fun to see everyone trying to find their perfect plant! Great job to Sue, Lenora and Stacie!!

● We're 5 months into 2023...please enter your **volunteer hours** online! We want to capture all those hours you have been working!

**CALENDAR**

May 15 – Trial Garden Work Day

May 16 – Hydroponic Advanced Training
& Native Bumble Bee Boxes

May 17 – Courthouse Work Day

May 18 – Hotline

May 18 – Iris Garden Tour

May 19 – Mound City Courthouse Work Day

May 22 – Trial Garden Work Day

May 24 – Courthouse Work Day

May 31 – Trial Garden Work Day

June 5 – Trial Garden Work Day

June 7 – Courthouse Work Day

June 6 – The Garden Gallery Guided Tour

June 7 – K-State Webinar

Pollinators and Critical Insects



The Newsletter deadline is Noon on Thursday following the Tuesday Board meetings.

The 2023 Advanced Training schedule is on page 8. Please see the schedule for details on each opportunity. Watch for new programs as they are added.

Seeds for Kids

By Betsy Hasselquist

Seeds for Kids is the future of gardening and the world and is growing.

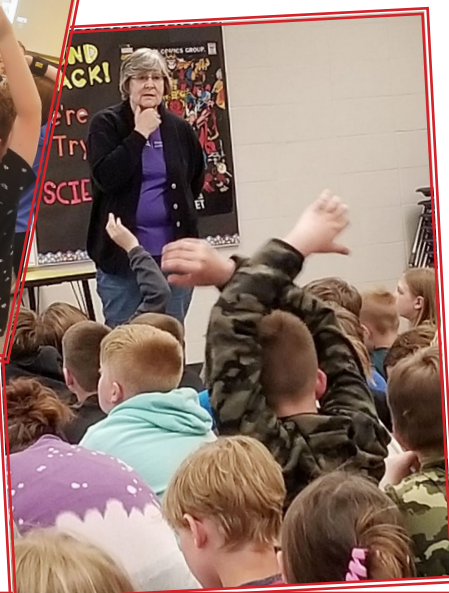
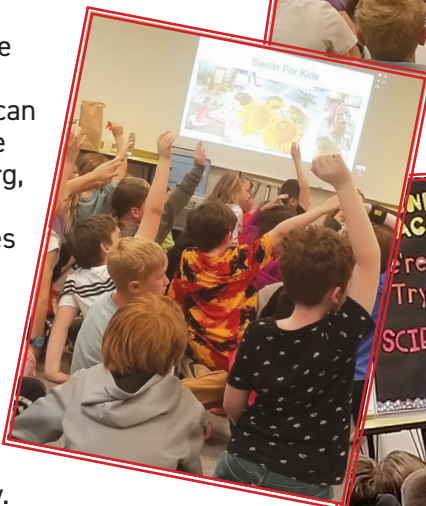
We have reached more kids than ever and provided additional presentations.

I believe we handed out **88 seed packets** at our plant sale. Don't remember seeing so many kids at the plant sale before.

Seed packets can be picked up at the LaCygne, Louisburg, Osawatomie and Paola City Libraries and the Paola and Mound City Extension Offices.

Kids are encouraged to enter what they grow in the Miami County Fair in July.

Kudos to Janette B., Janette E., Sondra DC., Jan T., Patty T., Carol V. and Cyndi W. and **all** that helped at the plant sale. Go team!



Spirit Pole

Anita Boyett-Voke

Pictured below is the IMGC Spirit Pole that the MdC EMGs will be donating to the conference. It will be auctioned off at the time of the conference to help raise funds for costs incurred by the Johnson County Master Gardeners. Dennis Patton is to pick up the spirit pole per Katelyn. Patty T. took photos for Katelyn to submit to Dennis for the IMGC contest. Harley D. made the sunflower topper, Richard P. carved the letters and Patty T. did the painting.

A huge thank you to the committee that came up with the ideas.



Photo by: Patty T.



Photo by: Anita BV.

Plant Sale *(continued)*

number to the plant types. We need to improve getting plant lists, connected to table numbers, into the hands of our workers. Customers had difficulty finding the checkout area so we'll add more signage and further separate it from the plant table area. We also need to improve our "price by pot" signage and place a giant version in the checkout area.

Many of us consider our Plant Sale as the truest expression of our EMG mission to share science-based horticultural information with the public. Plus it's so much fun. Now, I just need to get these darn plants in the ground!

The many plant sale photos were submitted by: Betsy H., Susan H., Billie L., Jan T., Carol V., and Anita B-V.



Your Spouse Called- Buy as Many Plants as You Want!

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GARDEN ANSWERS

MASTER GARDENER IS IN

Needs for Kids

Checkout area with laptop

Plant Sale (continued)



Trial Garden

On May 8th NINE members showed up at the trial gardens and assisted in tilling, putting down cardboard and planting tomato and pepper plants!! Thank you to all who helped!

It was determined that Monday's will be the regular work day, we hope you will be able to help!



Photos by: Jan T.

2023 EMG Clothing RE-Order

We are doing a second clothing order for those interested. These items will have the MdC EMG logo on them. **Order form with payment is due to the Paola Extension office by MAY 31st.**

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

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Item	Color	Size (Please Circle)	Qty	Price	Total
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$ 15.00	
Ladies Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Purple	XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 15.00	
Ladies V-Neck T-shirt	Purple	XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 15.00	
Tank Top	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL		\$ 15.00	
Ladies Tank Top	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 17.00	
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 17.00	
Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	Denim	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$ 30.00	
Mens Polo	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$ 23.00	
Ladies Polo	Purple	XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL		\$ 23.00	
Hooded Sweatshirt	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 32.00	
Hooded, Full Zip Sweatshirt	Purple	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL		\$ 40.00	
Full Length Apron	Purple	One Size Fits Most		\$ 17.00	
Medium Length Apron	Purple	One Size Fits Most		\$ 17.00	
Adjustable Hat	Purple	One Size Fits Most		\$ 13.00	

All orders WITH payment are due to the Extension office by May 31, 2023

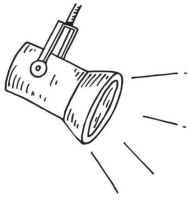
All items 2XL & Up -

Add \$3.00 each

Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to: Marais des Cygnes District Extension Master Gardeners

Tax is included in the price



Garden Spotlight

By Scott Catton

I have grown tomatoes, cucumbers and lots of lettuce. I feed four families with year round lettuce. After learning hydroponics online I started making my own system. We all enjoy fresh vegetables year round.

I also enjoy my bird feeders as well as my other flower beds.



2023 Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener Advanced Training

Please note: More training opportunities will be added throughout the year as they are scheduled.

Mo	Date	Time	# Hr	Topic	Speaker	Location
May	16	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	1 1	Hydroponics 101: Vegetable Gardening Native Bumble Bee Boxes for Habitat - How to Monitor & Care for the Bees	Scott Catton, MdC EMG	MdC Extension Office Bring your sack dinner and drink
May	18	3:00 PM	1	Tour of Deb Wilson's Amazing Garden <i>- date change due to better bloom time</i>	Deb Wilson	334 E. Grand St., La Cyne Deb will give a tour and talk about the planting and care of iris. A time for socializing and snacks will follow. Rain date will be scheduled if needed.
June	6	10:00 AM	1.5	The Garden Gallery Guided Tour	Marcia Ruse, JoCo EMG	In person walk and talk, JoCo Admin. Office, 119th & Ridgeview Rd., Olathe; a picnic or lunch location afterwards will be planned
June	17, 18	9 AM - 4 PM	6	IMGC Garden Tour	KC meto area	6 gardens, \$45 Tickets may be purchased and more information at: www.johnson.k-state.edu
June	18, 20, 21	7:00 PM	1 per session	IMGC Evening Featured Speakers	6/18 Leigh Hunt, Kew Gardens 6/20 Sarah Dykeman, author 6/21 Dan Hinkley, landscape designer	OP Convention Center, \$49 per session or all 3 for \$109; includes light snacks Tickets may be purchased and more info at: www.johnson.k-state.edu
Aug.	15	6:30 PM	1	Garden Tool Care and Cleaning	Harley Davidson, MdC EMG	Davidson barn

To join **K-State Garden Hour**, 12 PM 1st Wed. of each month. Register here for 2023: <http://hnr.ksu.edu/GardenHour>

June 7 - Drought Tolerant Lawns of Kansas - Warm Season Turfgrasses

July 5 - **Solutions to Insect and Disease Problems**

Lunch and Learn , 12:00 PM, Every 1st Thursday of the month. Native Plants at Noon, 12:00 PM, Every 3rd Thursday. Register for both webinars at deeptoots.org

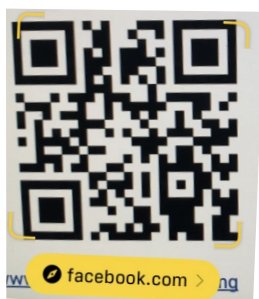
MdC Training Hours	Other Training Hours	Red denotes new training or updated information
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QR Code By Anita Boyett-Voke

We now have a fast way to get to our Facebook page! Thank you to Helen K., we now have a QR Code. What is that? They are typically used by a smartphone as a code scanner, once the code is scanned it will convert to a URL (website address) thereby obviating the need for a user to type it into a web browser.

So, if you have a smart phone open your camera app, scan the code to on the right, it should then show a yellow frame and facebook.com (see picture on left). Once this shows up on your phone, tap on the yellow facebook.com, and boom!! you're at our MdC EMG Facebook page!

This is how it should appear on your smart phone.



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