

**A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER  
MIAMI COUNTY GARDEN TOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 9am-5pm**

Sponsored by the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardeners Extension District

Take a ride through the beautiful countryside and join us for a day (or 2) and experience these unique, intriguing gardens. Stimulating and relaxing, fun!!!

**SIX FABULOUS GARDENS: letters (A-F) correspond with the map which is also included on each ticket**

**A- Whispering Elm Farm**

**Melissa & Colin McDonald**

**27017 Waverly Road, Paola, KS**

An inspirational biodynamic farm specializing in culinary and medicinal herbs and elderberries, pollinated with the help of their honeybees. View their elderberry orchard of 1400 elderberry bushes. Peruse their herb gardens with signs designating traditional uses and benefits of the various herbs. Check out their organic products, high tunnel and educational opportunities by Melissa, a master herbalist and naturopath.

**B- Campbell Highlands**

**Stacie & Dave Campbell**

**30456 W 272<sup>nd</sup> St., Paola, KS**

Gardens developed with an eye for function and design. Learn about gardening on a slope, managing maintenance, erosion and water runoff. Enjoy the hilltop view with a glimpse of Hilldale Lake, a beautiful waterfall and model train garden. Take a stroll through this unique, inviting paradise and experience all it has to offer.

Sign up at this garden for a free drawing. The winner will receive a one-night stay, plus dinner and breakfast for 2 for at Casa Somerset B&B.

**C- Turtle Run**

**Laraine & Allen Crawford**

**29320 Cedar Niles Road, Paola KS**

Diverse gardening rooms divide this property's amazing ecosystems, a

pesticide free wildlife habitat. Delight in the colorful shade plants, numerous annuals and trees started in their greenhouse, pawpaw trees, a Biblical garden. Pollinator host plants and natives claim the few sun filled spots. Allen creates unique wood products from trees harvested on their property which will also be for sale. Be on the lookout for the many turtles adorning these gardens, including the ornate box turtle, Kansas' state reptile.

#### **D- Blue Door**

**Donna Cook**

**903 N, Broadway, Louisburg KS**

Beneath the canopy of towering trees, you will find a colorful sculpture gallery- a whimsical garden of quirky art created by this garden owner. Many beloved trees were planted 50 years ago providing the much shade, but the shade has changed the gardening landscape. This garden story is more about collecting, painting and welding, than actual digging and planting, although be sure to focus on identifying the numerous trees, perennial shrubs and annuals. - Park at Captain Cook's Treasure Chest.

#### **E- Hart's Day Lilies/Thin Wallet Ranch**

**Lois and Bill Hart**

**7460 W. 255<sup>th</sup> St., Louisburg KS**

Amazing, captivating gardens are carved out among 40 acres of native forest in a parklike setting. Lois' passion began with daylilies. She's a renowned collector, grower and breeder and honored to have a daylily named after her. On this tour, you will learn about the bones of those enterprises, the impressive layout and labeling systems. - Lois' broadened her gardens exponentially and has tried growing most every perennial ever over the years. Artworks include her own mosaics, metalworks and colorful balls. Impressive.

#### **F- Swan's Water Gardens**

**Diane & Kevin Swan**

**4385 W. 247<sup>th</sup> St., Louisburg, KS**

Water is mesmerizing, relaxing, a gift of life. Swan's is a spectacular water garden destination. Learn about creating and maintaining water features, ponds and surrounding gardens, a designated Wildlife Habitat. Experience ponds both big and small, gorgeous "pondless" waterfalls, flowing streams and bubbling rock fountains. A water garden is an interactive

system created around a body of water attracting wildlife. View the succulent wall, native plants, lavender field, village and water turtle pond.

**TICKETS \$15. Purchase at any garden- CASH OR CHECK ONLY.** Good for both days. Rain or shine.

Start your tour at any garden. No pets or strollers please. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/mdcemg.edu](http://www.facebook.com/mdcemg.edu) OR [www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu](http://www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu).

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