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Update

A monthly newsletter for Extension
Master Gardeners in Douglas County

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March Monthly Meeting 2014

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Saturday, March 15th. The Business Meeting begins at 9am in the Dreher building. At 10am, Amber Lehrman will join us for a two hour presentation entitled, “**Advanced Food Gardening**”. Amber will discuss gardening in small spaces, using succession planting, inter-planting to maximize yields, and sustainability. The public is welcome to attend.

Jane Cram - Vice President

Future 2014 Monthly Douglas County Master Gardener Programs

April 16th, Wed., “Tour of Native Plant Production” with Elliott Duemler of Applied Ecological services. Meeting at 9am, tour 10am to noon. **Not open to the public.**

May 17th, Sat., “The Insectary” with Jim Harmon. Meeting at 9am, presentation from 10am to 11am. **Open to the public.**

June 18th, Wed., “What you Always Wanted to Know About Woody Plants” with Jason Griffin, Director of the John C. Pair Horticultural Center, Wichita Meeting at 9am, presentation from 10am to noon. **Open to the public.**

July 19th, Sat., “Garden Photography” with Betty Goodwin. Meeting at 9am, presentation 10am to 11am. **Open to the public.**

August 20th, Wed., “Garden Plots” with Tom Averill, Washburn English Professor. Meeting at 9am, presentation from 10am to 11am. **Open to the public.**

September 20th, Sat., “Tour of Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp” with Durand Reiber. Meeting at 9am, tour from 10am to noon. **Not open to the public.**

October 15th, Wed., “History of Chinese and Japanese Gardens and Design Elements” with Nancy Hope, Associate Director, Kansas Consortium for Teaching about Asia, at KU. Meeting at 9am, presentation from 10am to noon. **Open to the public.**

November 15th, Sat., “Tour of the Green Roof Atop the Center for Design Research at KU” with Gregory Thomas, KU School of Architecture. Meeting at 9am, tour from 10am to noon. **Not open to the public.**

Spring Fair Meeting

Spring Fair is just around the corner! We have scheduled a final Spring Fair meeting for Saturday, March 29th, from 10am-noon. The Dreyer building is reserved, so we have plenty of room for all Spring Fair volunteers.

The Spring Fair Committee will share all of our final plans and answer any questions. We would love to hear about your booth plans too.

Hope to see many of you on March 29th.

Lisa Larsen, Jim Harmon, and Jane Cram Your Spring Fair Committee

You are a Master Gardener, even if you can't identify Seiridium Canker or recognize the Flatid Planthopper

By Sharon Ashworth

"Everyone say it with me – I don't know". Stan Ring urges all of us to practice this phrase, out loud and for all to hear. It's part of our Extension Hotline training. I'm one of those Master Gardeners that has a hard time swallowing the "master" part. I may have taught botany for a few years but I have yet to produce a decent crop of tomatoes and don't know beans about growing beans. Who am I to answer a phone call about a dying tree or that big, ugly bug eating the squash? But I'm supposed to know, I *trained* for this. Breathe and repeat the phrase "I don't know".

Now say the rest of the phrase, "I don't know.....but let me see what I can find out". And this is what it means to be the Master Gardener on the hotline. Whether you know the answer off the top of your head or you haven't a clue, your response to the mystified person on the other end of the line must be grounded in the research available. Even if you, with your vast knowledge of tropical houseplants, are lucky enough to receive the phone call about a dying croton, your response should include references to publications put out by reputable sources. The Douglas County K-State Extension office and the K-State Extension website are packed with well-organized, reputable sources of information. If you don't know the answer to a question you simply tell the inquirer that someone will get back in touch and then you do your best to find the relevant material – look on the website, look through the brochures, look through the textbooks, ask another EMG. Julie Trowbridge-Alford,

co-chair of the hotline committee, says that people calling the hotline are inevitably gracious and grateful for help and certainly don't mind waiting for an informed answer to their queries. Luann Dixon, Hotline's other co-chair, points out that staffing the hotline is a great way to further your own gardening knowledge. You may not have known what a blister beetle looked like before the sample landed on the hotline desk or the picture came across the computer, but you'll likely remember after having used the insect guides to tell the disturbed gardener that he should wear gloves when picking the bugs off his tomato plants.

Hotline duty, in fact, is a great way to receive advanced education hours. Volunteering at the hotline can earn you three volunteer hours or two volunteer hours and one well-earned education hour. The hotline begins in April and runs through October, five days a week from 1:00 to 4:00 each day. And you don't have to go it alone – pair up with a friend or, if you are new to hotline, an experienced EMG.

Questions to the hotline come in the form of phone calls, emails, and walk-ins with samples. Some samples are more interesting than others. Julie had such a sample walk in one day when a woman came into the extension office complaining about being itchy. The "samples" were presented when the woman hoisted her blouse to reveal, among other things, itchy, red welts on her torso. Nonplussed, Julie quickly identified the offending organism – chiggers. Julie and Luann would surely recommend that you follow such a diagnosis with a reference to the K-State fact sheet on chiggers.

Upcoming EMG Events

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MARCH

14TH -16TH Outdoor Living & Landscape Show, Wichita, call 316-660-0100 for more info.

27TH-29TH City of Lawrence Compost Sale – see below.

29TH Johnson County Healthy Yards Expo, Shawnee Civic Centre, 9am to 2pm.

31ST Diversifying Markets: Farmers Market, CSA, Wholesale and Farm School, Kansas City, MO.
www.growinggrowers.org

APRIL

5TH K-State Olathe Open House, 9am to 2pm, Free admission, 22201 W. Innovation Dr.

7th Pest Update – Spotted Wing Drosophila

12TH SPRING FAIR

19TH GARDENING 101

19TH Grassland Heritage Foundation Native Plant Sale – see info below.

26TH GARDENING 102

MAY

11TH Iris Day, KSU Gardens, 1pm to 4pm

15TH Monet Midwest Garden Tour, Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 8am to 5:30pm., \$75 per person, call Anne at 785-532-1442 to register.

16TH & 17TH Johnson County Extension Master Gardner Public Garden Tour, 9am to 5pm, Advance tickets \$12, call 913-715-7000 for more information.

JUNE

6TH 10th Annual Garden Gala, 6:30pm, KSU Gardens, more info to follow.

Pest Update – Spotted Wing Drosophila

K-State Research and Extension Center -

Douglas County

2110 Harper St. - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS 66046

Monday, April 7, 2014

4:00-7:00 PM

Fruit growers will want to be up-to-date on the Spotted Wing Drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*). SWD

infestations can quickly render entire crops of berries, cherries, grapes, and other tree fruit unmarketable.

This pest is rapidly increasing its geographic distribution across the country. Confirmed in KS in late 2013,

SWD is likely to find local fruit farms very soon. Participants in this workshop will learn about the biology

of this pest, its economic importance, how to monitor for populations on their farm, and management

strategies for this pest. Workshop attendees will also receive a trap for monitoring on their farm.

This workshop is being brought to you by K-State Research and Extension, a partner of the Growing Growers program. Cost to attend this workshop is \$15. Register by April 1, 2014. If you have questions, or for further information, contact Marlin A. Bates at batesm@ksu.edu or (785) 843-7058.

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before the meeting. You will also get a chance to speak at the meeting but this will reserve a space on the agenda.

Hospitality Sign-Up Still Available!

The 2014 EMG Hospitality clipboard made its first trip around the membership at the January Business meeting. If you did not have your calendar with you or were unable to attend you can still sign up to bring those yummy treats... Each month we ask 2 volunteers to bring treats (that can be eaten from a napkin), a volunteer to bring a door prize for the nametag drawing, someone to help with cleanup and a volunteer to pick up the coffee from J & S Coffee located on west 6th Street. If you would like to help you can send an email to Debbie Zabel at zabelfamily@hotmail.com stating the month and job you are able to fulfill or sign up on the Hospitality clipboard which will be available at the next EMG Business meeting on Saturday, March 15th.

CITY OF LAWRENCE COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE EVENT

Thursday, March 27, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks.

Patrons are asked to bring a tarp for their pickup to secure the woodchips, preventing them from littering the roadway as they drive from the facility. The cost of the compost and woodchips will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

For more information on the compost or woodchip sale, please call (785) 832-3030.



Garden Garage Sale

April 12, 2014

During the Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners Spring Fair

We need your donations of used Garden “Stuff”

Any and all garden related items that we can sell at our first annual Garden Garage Sale.

Shovels, hoes, pruners, ceramic or clay pots, trowels, trellises, mowers, yard art, hoses, wheel barrels, spreaders, garden carts, plant markers

Don't store all that old stuff that's been cluttering up your shed or garage again this winter.

Donate it to Spring Fair so that we can use it for this fund raiser to help support our educational programs.

Bring your items to our general meetings and they will be collected and stored until our event. If you need a special pickup let Cheryl Harmon know to make arrangements to do so.

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.

Grassland Heritage Foundation Native Plant Sale
Saturday, April 19 - 11:30 am - 4:00 pm
South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
Lawrence, KS

Planting native Kansas wildflowers and grasses in your yard can have enormous advantages for you and wildlife. They are easy to grow, low maintenance, they usually require less water, and they are beautiful! Our native pollinators and other wildlife also use native plants for food and shelter. Join GHF on April 19th and pick up some of these great Kansas plants for your home.

The sale will take place during the 14th Annual Lawrence Earth Day Celebration. All plants will be supplied by Baldwin City's own Applied Ecological Services. Over 20 different varieties will be available including old favorites like Butterfly Milkweed and Spiderwort, and some more unusual plants including Rattlesnake Master, River Oats, and Cardinal Flower.

GHF Members can pre-order plants for pick up at the event!

If you are a paying GHF member in 2013 or 2014, you can place your order ahead of time and pay and pick up at the sale. Members can also choose from a much larger plant list (about 120 species!) than those available at the event. For more information, email Kim Bellemere at grasslandheritage@gmail.com or call her at [785-840-8104](tel:785-840-8104) and we'll send you the details.

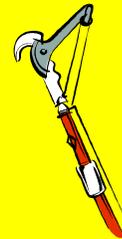
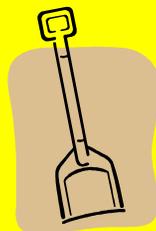
Not a member? You can join online at www.grasslandheritage.org.

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Treasurer's UPDATE Report
February 2014

<i>2014 Budget vs Spending</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Spent \$</i>	<i>Balance \$</i>
<i>1.Administration</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>116.79</i>	<i>383.21</i>
<i>2.Advanced Edu Programs</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>3.Fairground Demo Garden</i>	<i>1000.00</i>		<i>1000.00</i>
<i>4.Farmers Market</i>	<i>250.00</i>		<i>250.00</i>
<i>5.Festival of Trees</i>	<i>150.00</i>		<i>150.00</i>
<i>6.Garden Tour</i>	<i>200.00</i>		<i>200.00</i>
<i>7.Home Show</i>	<i>100.00</i>		<i>100.00</i>
<i>8.Mentoring</i>	<i>100.00</i>		<i>100.00</i>
<i>9.Monarch Watch Demo Garden</i>	<i>650.00</i>		<i>650.00</i>
<i>10.New Class Training</i>	<i>2500.00</i>	<i>1887.00</i>	<i>613.00</i>
<i>11.Plant Sale</i>	<i>100.00</i>		<i>100.00</i>
<i>12.Produce Distribution</i>	<i>0.00</i>		<i>0.00</i>
<i>13.Public Education</i>	<i>80.00</i>		<i>80.00</i>
<i>14.Public Relations</i>	<i>50.00</i>	<i>39.36</i>	<i>10.64</i>
<i>15.Publications</i>	<i>200.00</i>		<i>200.00</i>
<i>16.Resource Library</i>	<i>100.00</i>		<i>100.00</i>
<i>17.Scholarships</i>	<i>100.00</i>		<i>100.00</i>
<i>18.Social Committee</i>	<i>650.00</i>	<i>8.24</i>	<i>641.76</i>
<i>19.Spring Fair</i>	<i>1400.00</i>	<i>103.93</i>	<i>1296.07</i>
<i>20.Tom Swan Park Demo Garden</i>	<u><i>500.00</i></u>		<u><i>500.00</i></u>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>8830.00</i>	<i>2255.32</i>	<i>6574.68</i>


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Organizational Reports to Members

EMG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014, 9:00 AM

(*Approved by the EMG Executive Board February 26, 2014)

Call to Order: President Mary Locniskar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present included: Mary Locniskar, Jane Cram, Ginny Turvey, Cheryl Harmon, Debbie Zabel, Susan Phillips, Lisa Larsen, Sharon Laverentz, Stan Ring and Marlin Bates. Guests included: Ed Burrichter, Michelle Passman, Jon Standing, Kate Forinash, Eileen Grosser, and Debbie Hutton.

Review of 2014 Budget and Requests for Additional Funds: Jane Cram and Lisa Larsen reviewed the 2013 Budget process and explained how the 2014 Budget was calculated.

Ed Burrichter, Michele Passman and Debbie Hutton spoke to the 2014 budget needs of the Fair Grounds Demonstration Garden: Ed explained that budgets for previous years had been at least \$1000. Yearly improvements to the garden are necessary to keep it looking good for the bi-yearly Garden Tour. An additional \$500 was added to the Fair Grounds Demonstration Garden budget for a total 2014 budget of \$1,000.

Jon Standing had initially requested \$50 for the Public Education Committee and was requesting an additional \$30 for publicity. The decision for the additional funds was deferred until Jon meets with the Public Relations Committee to discuss his publicity needs..

Eileen Grosser spoke to the Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden budget: Eileen requested \$1855. The Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden received \$500 in 2014 Budget. It was noted that the Monarch Watch Garden received \$150 for the Search for Excellence in Demonstration Gardens Award, given at the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference. This money has not been spent and is carried over until it is spent. Consequently, the Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden has a total of \$650.

Mary Locniskar stated that requests for money for special projects may be brought to the EMG Executive Board for consideration at any time during the year.

Review and Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2014 Executive Board Meeting: The minutes of the January 8, 2014 Executive Board meeting were reviewed and amended (amendment was to add "Susan Phillips moved and Lisa Larsen seconded" approval of the November 26, 2013 EMG Executive Board Meeting Minutes). Susan Phillips moved and Cheryl Harmon seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion approved.

Presidents Report: Committee assignments for Members-at-Large were discussed. The purpose of these assignments is for the Members-At-Large to check with the Committee Coordinators and bring any questions or concerns the Coordinators may have to the attention of the EMG Executive Board. Debbie Zabel will be responsible for the Social Committee, Junior MG, Fair Grounds Demonstration Gardens, Produce Distribution and Resource Library. Susan Phillips will be responsible for the Public Education Committee, Festival of Trees, Tom Swan Park Demonstration Garden, Garden Tour and Spring Fair. Ginny Turvey will be responsible for Mentoring, New Class Trip, Farmer's Market, Garden Tour and Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden. Bucky Brandt will be responsible for the EMG Class of 2013 and Plant Sales.

Vice-President's Report (Jane Cram); No report

Secretary's Report (Sharon Laverentz): No Report

Budget Committee Report (Lisa Larsen): Lisa Larsen and the budget committee will make corrections to the 2014 budget and send the revised budget to Mary Locniskar. Mary will send the revised budget to all EMG Executive Board members for approval.

Treasurer's report In 2013 the EMG program received \$867.21 in cash donations and \$1151.58 in non-cash donations.

The Home Show application is due in early February with a fee of \$30. Debbie Zabel will pay the application and will be reimbursed after the 2014 EMG Budget is approved. Susan Phillips moved and Ginny Turvey seconded to accept Debbie's payment of the application fee; Motion approved.

Lisa Larsen and Cheryl Harmon revised the Payment Authorization Form, Donation Form and Deposit Voucher to accommodate the revised accounting budget numbers and categories. Jane Cram moved and Lisa Larsen seconded to accept the new forms for approval; Motion approved. The revised forms will be on file in the Extension office, on-line and in the EMG Handbook Appendices. Cheryl requested that the Committee Coordinators use the revised forms in the future.

Public Relations Report (Lisa Larsen) Jim Harmon, Paul Goebel, Amanda Hall, Ginny Turvey, and Thelma Simons will meet with Kate Forinash and Jon Standing to discuss publicity for the Public Education initiatives, as well as discuss the budget required for such publicity.

Reports from Members-At-Large: Ginny Turvey had no report. Susan Phillips reported that she created a list of responsibilities/instructions for the Business Meeting greeters. Debbie Zabel reported that Margarete Johnson had questions about the 2014 budget and \$150 Monarch Watch Award; Debbie reported that she had answered her questions.

Horticultural Agent's Report:

Marlin Bates said he has been impressed by this EMG organization.

Stan Ring displayed the new poster to advertise the February 8, Kaw Valley Seed Fair. In addition, he reported there will be a Carbon-Smart Agriculture program on March 1, 2014, at a cost of \$40. This workshop is approved for Advanced Education hours. He also mentioned that the EMG program will partner with the City of Lawrence to present this year's rain barrel workshop

Unfinished Business:

Eileen Grosser was given permission to announce that the Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden Committee will meet on February 6 to review the EMG/Monarch Watch Way station #1 Memorandum of Understanding.

The Long Range Plan will be reviewed at the February 26, 2014, EMG Executive Board meeting.

Ginny Turvey moved, and Lisa Larsen seconded, to state that the Douglas County Extension Master Gardener Handbook, EMG Executive Board Meetings be amended as follows: "Minutes of the meeting as approved by the EMG Executive Board will be published in the next month's Update (monthly newsletter)" (i.e., adding the phrase "as approved by the EMG Executive Board"). Motion approved.

New Business: none

Adjournment: Lisa Larsen moved and Susan Phillips seconded to adjourn the meeting; Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Submitted by *Sharon Laverentz* Secretary

EMG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE: President Mary Lcniskar called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2014 EMG BUSINESS MEETING: Paul Goebel moved and Cheryl Harmon seconded that the minutes of the January 18, 2014, EMG Business Meeting be approved; The motion was approved.

REPORT OF EXTENSION AGENT: Marlin Bates announced that he would be giving several presentations in the near future. He will present at the Horticultural Science Day in Johnson County; the Growing Growers program; in Lawrence he will do a vineyard training on March 10; and, on April 7 he will present for the Growing Growers workshop on small fruit insect pests.

Stan Ring reminded all Master Gardeners to record their volunteer hours under the category and sub-category for which it occurred.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: No report

TREASURER: No report until after the budget is approved

VICE PRESIDENT: Absent, No report

SECRETARY: No report

NEW CLASS REPRESENTATIVE: No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Spring Fair advertising campaign is underway

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: No reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOME SHOW COMMITTEE: Pam Patrick reminded us that the Home Show is this coming weekend and tickets are available.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Debbie Zabel said that the Social Committee needs EMGs to sign-up to help at our Business Meetings.

SPRING FAIR COMMITTEE: Jim Harmon asked that each committee working at the Spring Fair, let Jane Cram know what equipment they need as soon as possible. We also need more items for the garage sale.

HOTLINE COMMITTEE: LuAnn Dixon reported that there is still space to sign up for the Hotline Training. Members of the class of 2013 must attend and all others are welcome.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER COMMITTEE: Kate Forinash said that the Junior Master Gardener program will be working with two schools this year. Two or three more volunteers are needed.

MONARCH WATCH DEMONSTRATION GARDEN COMMITTEE: Eileen Grosser reported on the Monarch Watch Demonstration Garden. The first planning meeting will be February 27. Lenora Larson will meet with the group on March 20 to answer questions.

REFERENCE LIBRARY: Jim Blom is working on a picture directory.

OTHER: Jane Akob shared that the Baldwin City Library is interested in starting a seed exchange and needs seeds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The revised 2014 budget was presented to the members. Mary Beth Musick moved and Cheryl Harmon seconded that the revised 2014 EMG Budget be accepted. After discussion, the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Jane Akob moved and Paul Goebel seconded that the meeting be adjourned; The motion was approved at 9:40AM. The next business meeting will be Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 9:00 AM.

Sharon *Sharon Laverentz*, Secretary