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Please join us at the next EMG General Meeting on Saturday, October 19th. The business meeting will begin at 9:00 AM in the Dreher Building, followed at 10:00 AM by Dr. Ray Cloyd who will present a class entitled "Cultural/Alternative Methods of Pest Management".

Dr. Cloyd is a Professor and Extension Specialist in Horticultural Entomology/Integrated Pest Management, Department of Entomology at Kansas State University, Kansas State Research and Extension. He conducts research and extension programs involved in pest management in greenhouses, nurseries, landscapes, turfgrass, conservatories, interiorscapes, Christmas trees, and vegetables and fruits. In addition, he is an Extension specialist in horticultural/ornamental entomology for the state of Kansas. Major clientele includes homeowners, master gardeners, and professional and commercial operators.

Dr. Cloyd has published over 70 scientific refereed publications and over 400 trade journals on topics related to pest management. In addition, he has authored or co-authored books (*Pests and Diseases of Herbaceous Perennials*, *IPM for Gardeners*, *Plant Protection: Managing Greenhouse Insect and Mite Pests*, and *Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests*), book chapters, manuals, PICT or pocket guides, and many extension-related publications. Dr. Cloyd is a frequent speaker at state, national, and international conferences and seminars.

This class will count as 1 hour of your 10 Advanced Education hours.

Mary Locniskar

Vice President



Tricks and Treats!

"To thank everyone for making us feel so welcome this year, the Class of 2012 will be providing a special Halloween experience with ghoulish treats (and maybe a few tricks) at the meeting on October 19. Be sure to come early and hungry."

Ginny Turvey

Biceps, Trucks, and T-shirts

By Sharon Ashworth

“We’ll miss your biceps.” No one has ever said that to me before, but I guess it is watermelon season. I had contacted Cindy Haines to tell her I would not be able to make it to that Saturday’s Farmers’ Market. Cindy organizes biceps for the Master Gardener produce distribution “committee meeting” at the Farmers’ Market. The committee gathers at 10:30 each Saturday to flex muscle in our snazzy brown Just Food t-shirts and haul produce. Human muscle power is not the only thing committee members bring on Saturday’s; some bring mechanical muscle - their trucks. New EMG Susan Nypmare (Class of 2012) showed up a few Saturday’s ago but no one noticed her biceps, we just goggled the huge pickup she was driving. Maybe “do you own a truck” ought to be one of the EMG interview questions.



Biceps, trucks, and t-shirts aside, what I truly love about participating in this Saturday morning ritual is the generosity of the farmers. Since April, the produce distribution committee has collected more than 13,105 pounds of produce from Farmers’ Market farmers for the Just Food cooler. Committee member Stew Grosser drives his truck out to one particularly generous farm and has collected 20,851 pounds of produce from this one farmer alone.



It all started in 2009 with Cindy Haines advocating for gardeners and farmers to Plant a Row for the Hungry, a national initiative of the Garden Writers Association. Back then, Cindy and fellow Master Gardener Ken Lohrentz collected produce in plastic bags and deliveries were made to individual food pantries. The produce distribution committee now has 15 active members (trucks really are not necessary to join) and sturdy plastic baskets labeled “Just Food”. We fan out across the market dropping empty baskets for the folks who regularly donate, others flag us down when they know they will have extra. When the end of market bell tolls at 11:00 we fan out again picking up crates of fresh veggies farmers cheerfully donate – we’ll take anything, from mushrooms to melons, potatoes to pie. Home gardeners can still get in on the action by dropping off their extra row in the Just Food trays scattered around the market.

Having a central food donation center has made a tremendous difference in getting market produce to those in need. Not only does Just Food’s cooler supply 40 partner pantries and organizations, they have begun a Mobile Mondays program that opens that cooler to clients, making sure Saturday’s bounty is out the door. Farmers know that what they give will not be wasted, even those tomatoes that look like a salsa party in the making. The ripe, ready to eat now, produce that won’t make it to Monday is taken directly by EMGs from the Farmers’ Market to LINK, the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen.

The Extension Master Gardener program is an essential piece of the food distribution program in Lawrence. In the future Cindy hopes that EMGs can be more involved on the front end – teaching Just Food clients and their children how to garden so that they can haul their own vegetables right from the backyard to the kitchen table.

Upcoming EMG Events

(October 19 Sat.) EMG Monthly Meeting and program on Cultural/Alternative Method of Pest Management with Dr. Raymond Cloyd-Open to the Public

October 24 (Thurs.) Growing Plants Under Artificial Light, 7:00 p.m., Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library. Call 785-232-0062 for more information.

October 30 (Wed.) EMG Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

November 7, (Thurs.) Winterizing your Garden/ Composting, at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library. Call 785-232-0062 for more information.

November 20, (Wed.) Long Range Plan Presentation

December 4 (Wed.) Annual Awards Dinner

Upcoming Extension Events

October 28, (Mon.) 7:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Douglas County Extension Council Elections, Douglas County Extension Office

November 25, (Mon.) Douglas County Extension Council Annual meeting.

If you are planning to distribute handouts, papers, or publish advertisements on behalf of EMG's, these need to be reviewed by the Extension office, prior to distribution or publication, to make sure we are on track with Kansas State University requirements.

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 Stan Ring at Sring1@ksu.edu or Bekki Heckman at bekheck@gmail.com by the 10th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

To assure your place on the next regular meeting agenda send a request to Jane Cram at janecram@gmail.com, 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.

Hotline Challenge for October



In early September we noticed the needles of our beautiful pine tree turning brown all over the tree.

We're worried that it is dying (pine wilt?). What's wrong? Can we do anything to save our tree?

What resource did you use to figure this out?



Released: Sept. 30, 2013

**Douglas County Master
Gardeners Recognized**

Worked to Conserve Monarch Butterfly Habitat

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Each fall, millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to hibernating areas in Mexico and California, where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring.

Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas, monarchs would not be able to reproduce and create new generations that complete the migration. Similarly, without nectar from flowers, monarchs would not receive the energy needed to make their long journey.

The Douglas County Master Gardeners were recognized at the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference, which was held Sept. 7-14 for their efforts in conserving monarch habitat. The local organization was recognized in the Search for Excellence program for their volunteer work with Monarch Waystation #1, a pollinator garden designed

as a replicable model and functional habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators, said Jennifer Smith, former Douglas County Extension Agent in horticulture, who previously worked as a trainer and adviser to the local Master Gardener program.

According to the Monarch Watch website, milkweeds and nectar sources are declining due to urban development and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides. In recent years, development, especially in prime monarch breeding grounds of the upper Midwest of the United States, has eliminated millions of acres of monarch habitat. The widespread use of herbicide-resistant corn and soybeans also threatens the plant, when spraying fields to remove unwanted plants, farmers also eliminate the butterflies' habitat without intending to.

To offset the loss of monarch habitat, there is a need to create, conserve, and protect milkweed and nectar sources. Without a major effort to restore milkweeds to as many locations as possible, the monarch population is certain to decline to extremely low levels.

The Search for Excellence program recognizes Master Gardener projects throughout the U.S. and Canada for their volunteer work and contribution to their communities in seven different categories.

Since establishment in 2004, Monarch Waystation #1, located on the University of Kansas's west campus near Foley Hall, has served as a model for more than 7,200 pollinator gardens in North America.



The need for the garden and waystation program spurred from the research of Orley “Chip” Taylor, professor of insect ecology at the University of Kansas, who runs the Monarch Watch organization. Taylor is one of the nation's leading experts on monarchs and has studied them since 1992. He recognizes this effort won't replace the amount of milkweed that has been lost, but he hopes the waystations will get the public involved in the conservation effort, Smith said.

Douglas County Master Gardeners worked with Taylor in development of the garden and continue to partner with Monarch Watch for educational outreach. Monarch Waystation #1, like any garden, is a labor in process, said Smith. Since establishment, the garden has grown to more than 10,000 square feet. A rain garden has been added to handle runoff from the pharmacy school development as well as a prairie garden and sitting area that provide recreational space. Although many plants are labeled, Master Gardeners continue to work on labeling and creating resources to help others create their own waystations.

Waystations are not specific to college campuses; many waystations serve as community gardens or are located at schools, nature centers, retirement homes, places of worship and recreational facilities. A large percentage of the Monarch waystation gardens also are at the private residences of adults and children concerned about the migration of the monarch butterfly.

“My garden is registered as Monarch Waystation #7032,” says Smith. “The key is including plants that provide food for butterfly larvae as well as planting flowers that attract the prettier adults.”

Information about how to create a pollinator garden is available on the Monarch Watch website, monarchwatch.org, under “Butterfly Gardening.” On the Monarch Watch website, visitors can also register their waystation and learn more about the migration of the monarch.

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Organizational Reports to Members

EMG BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President, Jane Cram called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Jane Cram, Stan Ring, Susan Phillips, Roxie McGee, Debbie Zabel, Lisa Larson, Jane Akob, Cheryl Harmon, Jennifer Smith, Jim Harmon, Les Conder, Mary Locniskar, Donna Black and Jack Landgrebe.

LONG RANGE PLANNING STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM: Jim Harmon reported that the Team has been meeting for 8 months and has formulated a Long Range Plan with a new Mission Statement, 6 Vision Statements and 10 goals. The Team consists of Jennifer Smith, Stan Ring, Jane Cram, Jim Harmon, Susan Phillips, Donna Black, Karen Ragland, Jack Landgrebe, Cindy Haines and Ginny Turvey.

Susan Phillips also spoke about the need for the Board and future Boards to make a commitment to accomplish the goals set out in the Long Range Plan. And, to continually monitor and revisit the progress of implementation of the Long Range Plan as set forth by the Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President, Jane Cram reported that the only Committee Chair opening is the Garden Tour 2015.

The Final Board/Committee Chair Party is October 12, 2013.

Committee Chairs should submit their budget 2014 to Lisa Larson.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Locniskar reported that the Advanced Education program for 2014 is almost complete.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Zabel made a motion to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting, Les Conder seconded and the motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cheryl Harmon reported that the total bills to be paid are \$541.54. Roxie McGee made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Debbie Zabel seconded the motion and motion was approved.

It was noted that Public Education was -\$66.66. Mary Locniskar made a motion to approve overspending on Public Education, Jane Akob seconded the motion and motion approved.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: No report.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Debbie Zabel reported that Jon Standing will again chair Public Education.

Lisa Larson reported that the new Hotline Committee Chairs are Julia Trowbridge-Alford and LuAnn Dixon.

NEW MEMBER AT LARGE: Roxie McGee reported that Monarch Watch would like a copy of the International Master Gardener's Award to be displayed in the Monarch Way station. Debbie Zabel made a motion that we provide a copy of the Award to be placed at the Monarch Way station, Jane Akob seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

HORTICULTURAL AGENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Smith reported that her last day will be on October 5, 2013. The Local Extension Council has begun the process to find a replacement. The Council agreed to increase Stan Ring's hours and Stan Ring will be responsible for the newspaper column.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The EMG member count is 155 not including the new class of 2013.

Jennifer Smith reported that the request for Advanced Education Hours for the Demo Gardens would be denied. Handbook review committee consists of Susan Phillips, Mary Locniskar and Jane Cram.

Eileen Grosser, Monarch Watch, requests \$300.00 to spend for a toolbox, tools and plant markers at the Monarch Watch garden. Jane Akob made the motion to approve the \$300.00, Jim Harmon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Master Food Volunteers and Master Gardeners are exploring the possibility of doing a Cookbook together.

The nominating committee members for the 2014 Board are Les Conder, Mary Beth Musick and Joan Reiber.

Lisa Larson, Budget Committee, presented a Draft of the Budget Accounts 2014. The goal is to simplify the names of the committees and reflect clearly what they represent.

Roxie McGee made a motion to approve the Draft, Jim Harmon seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Cheryl Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Larson seconded the motion and motion approved.

Submitted by Jane Akob, Recording Secretary

EMG MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Mary Locniskar called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES: Mary Beth Musick made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting, seconded and motion approved.

REPORT OF EXTENSION AGENT:

Jennifer Smith reported that the Douglas County chapter of Master Gardeners won the 2013 Search for Excellence in Demonstration Gardens - Monarch Way station #1. This award was presented at the International Master Gardeners Conference.

Four members of the 2012 class received their permanent badges - Carol Anderson, Sharon Laverentz, Sheryl Beier, and Jay Robertson. Jennifer Smith announced that she is resigning her position as of September 27, 2013, to take a position with the Department of Agriculture. Stan Ring reported that the Capital Improvement Plans for the fairgrounds are being finalized and needs input from the Master Gardeners. Mother Earth News Fair is coming to Lawrence, Kansas on October 12-13, 2013. The Douglas County Extension Office will have a booth at the Fair.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: No report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Locniskar wanted to thank the people who are putting together the Update. The article about the Demonstration Gardens by Sharon Ashworth gave a different perspective of the Demonstration Garden.

SECRETARY: No Report.

TREASURER: Cheryl Harmon reported that income from last update \$2,299.90. Money transferred for EMG scholarships and Heritage tree money \$2,573.05. Bills totaled \$643.77 with \$6,641.40 left in the budget for a grand total \$29,129.07.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: No Report.

NEW CLASS MEMBER AT LARGE: No report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

MONARCH WATCH - Eileen Grosser reported that Monarch Watch Open House had 300-400 people attending and thanked all the members of the Monarch Watch committee for doing a good job.

SPRING FAIR - Jim Harmon reported that the Spring Fair will be April 12, 2014.

FARMERS' MARKET - Kate Forinash reported that they plan to expand the planning committee for the Farmer's Market.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS - Kate Forinash reported that Sharon Ashworth and Debbie Zabel are reviewing the curriculum at New York School. They have a partnership with Master Food Volunteers. Junior Master Gardeners need more people to help. If interested, you can contact Kate Forinash.

Marilyn Roy reported that she has been contacted to do four seasonal garden programs by Audio Reader and gardening for people with disabilities.

Tom Swan Park - Jane Akob reported that the "Here and There" table with Kate Forinash will be at Baldwin City Art Walk on September 20, 2013. The new Spectacular Shrub flyer has been finished and will be in the Park and the Lumberyard Arts Center has offered space in their shop for Master Gardener information.

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - Cindy Haines reported at total of 28,579 pounds of produce has been taken to Just Foods Warehouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim Harmon reported that the Long Range Planning Team will present their findings at the November EMG General Meeting as the Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three people volunteered for the Nominating Committee: Mary Beth Musick, Les Conder and Joan Reiber.

The motion to adjourn was made by Karen Ragland, motion seconded and the motion was approved.

Submitted by Jane Akob, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Aug 31, 2013

Assets:

General Account	\$16,162.14
CD's	\$3,1114.85
Jr Master Gardeners	\$3,290.44
Budget Amount	\$6,461.64
Dedicated Acct: EMG Scholarships	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total:	\$29,129.07

Spending vs 2013 Budget

	Budgeted	Spent	Balance
Administration/Awards	600.00	346.10	253.90
General Gardens/Building & Grounds	1350.00	1207.45	142.55
Monarch Watch	150.00	28.96	121.04
Tom Swan			
E.M.G. Training Class	2500.00	172.92	2327.08
E.M.G. Educational Class	200.00		200.00
Extension Projects	500.00		500.00
Spring Fair	1500.00		1500.00
Farmer's Market/Outreach	50.00		50.00
Festival of Trees	100.00		100.00
Garden & Home Show/Outreach	80.00	60.49	19.51
Garden Tour	1000.00	839.84	160.16
Resource Library	100.00	30.85	69.15
Mentoring/Recruitment/Retention	50.00	81.38	-31.38
Produce Distribution	100.00		100.00
Public Education/Outreach	50.00	80.00	-30.00
Public Relations/Outreach	100.00	25.00	75.00
Social Committee	700.00		700.00
Scholarship	200.00		200.00
Jr. Master Gardener	600.00	194.89	405.11
EMG Publications	<u>-0-</u>	<u>400.48</u>	<u>-400.48</u>
Total:	\$9930.00	\$3,568.36	\$6,461.64