

# Riley County, K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners 2017 Activities (28<sup>th</sup> year)



**MASTER GARDENER**

- 10 New Master Gardeners took basic training in the fall of 2017. (Consist of 48 hours of horticulture study)  
308 total trained over the past 28 years.
- 41 Previously trained Master Gardeners participated in the program for 2017. (They are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education and perform 10 hours of community education)
- 336 Advanced Training Hours
- 16 Previously trained Master Gardeners participated in the State wide Advance Training held on K-State campus Oct. 7.
- 1,174 Hours of community horticulture education reported by Riley County Master Gardeners.
- 11,540 Contacts in Riley County
- \$28,340.36 Value given to Riley County  
We calculate the value of each Master Gardener's volunteer hour by the value provided by the volunteer "independent" sector. For 2017, that figure was \$24.14/hour.

Community Outreach = Time Well Spent

**Gardening Seminars-** Colleen Hampton, Gary & Juli Griffith

-125 total participants from programs



**E.A.R.T.H. Program-** Barbara Pearson, John Wright, Becky Taylor, Gary Griffith, Linda Letterman

-100 youth made bioplastic that is good for the environment verses petroleum based plastic



**Garden Tour –** Diane Potts, and Barbara Pearson - chairs, all EMGs

- 341 tickets sold to local residents to gain landscaping ideas raised \$3049





**Farmers' Market Information Booth** – Diane Potts, Sabine Martin, Joyce Henry, Barbara Pearson

- promoted “Garden Tour”
- answered gardening question
- Mother’s Day potting for youth



**Courthouse Plaza Landscape** –John Wright, Sandy Kearns, Donn Leach, Jim Crawford, Laura Hall, Barbara Pearson, Terry Swisher

- planted annual flowers using “Prairie Star” proven flowers recommended by K-State Research and Extension



**Home Builders Show** – Joyce Henry- chair, many EMGs staffing

- gave out information on “Managing Pests”, approximately 3000 attendees.





**Sunset Zoo Butterfly Garden** –Barbara & Dick Green, Kay Hummels, Terry Swisher, Donn Leach, Laura Hall, Lou Irwin, Barbara Pearson

-informed 70 people about butterfly habitat.

-Several grew butterfly plants like milkweed, parsley, dill and fennel for distribution



**4-H Horticulture Judging**- Karen Ericson, Jim Roush

-14 youth learn plant identification and quality judging.



**Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic** – Lou Irwin

- 15 youth learned about lawn care and being safe.



**4-H Gardening Curriculum** – Linda Letterman, Sabine Martin, Teresa Synder, Jacque Staats,

- taught students how to grow lettuce, spinach, radishes and onions

120 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Northview and Lee elementary schools

52 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Manhattan Catholic School

16 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Flint Hills Christian

57 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Riley County Grade School

13 4<sup>th</sup> graders at McCormick in Olsburg



**Kids Ag Day** –Barbara Pearson, Juli Griffith, Laura Hall

- 350 youth and 25 adults got instruction on horticulture ingredients in a pizza



**4-H Garden Salad Bowl** – Jacque Staats, Ann Murphy

-12 youth in Koinonia home school coop learn about gardening and grow their own salad to eat





**Sunset Zoo Edventure** – Josh Corbin, Rebecca Stark, Wanda Good  
-120 youth learn about pollinators and butterfly habitat



**Riley Fall Festival** – Carolyn Elliot, Karen Ericson, Ann Murphy, Rebecca Stark, Liz Nelson, Art Knisley  
Wanda Good  
-Handed out 200 packages of daffodil bulbs



## 2018 Master Gardener Projects

Jan. – April	Presentations during winter Farmers' Markets in Pottorf Hall
March 5 & 6	Flint Hills Home Builders Show
March – May	School Salad Gardens
April 21	Earth Day (Butterfly Habitat) at Sunset Zoo
April 26 & 28	E.A.R.T.H School Workshop
June 10	Manhattan Area Garden Tour
July 26-30	Horticulture at Riley County Fair
Sept. – Oct.	Basic Master Gardener Training