

Riley County, K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners 2019 Activities (31st year)



- 9 New Master Gardeners took basic training in the fall of 2019. (Consist of 48 hours of horticulture study)
336 total trained over the past 31 years.

- 43 Previously trained Master Gardeners participated in the program for 2019. (They are required to
complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education and perform 10 hours of community
education)

- 439 Advanced Training Hours

- 22 Previously trained Master Gardeners participated in the State Advance Training held.

- 1596 Hours of community horticulture education reported by Riley County Master Gardeners.

- 6794 Contacts in Riley County

- \$40,586.28 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 2019, that figure was \$25.43/hour.

Community Outreach = Time Well Spent

Gardening Seminars- AJ Jacobsen, Carol Gould, Barbara Pearson

-125 total participants from programs



E.A.R.T.H. Program- Barbara Pearson, Winston & Linda Letterman, Mark Robb, Tracy Laue, etc.

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



Garden Tour – Sue White and Mary Ann Butler - chairs, all EMGs
- 379 attendees gain landscaping ideas raised \$2700



Farmers' Market Information Booth –Wanda Good, Kelly Landes, Sue Cameron, Jim Crawford
-promoted “Garden Tour”
-answered gardening question
-Mother’s Day potting for youth



Home Builders Show –Kelly Landes, K Taylor, Jim Crawford, AJ Jacobsen
- gave out information on landscape mulch, approximately 3000 attendees.



4-H Horticulture Judging- Karen Ericson, Chris Wilson, Jacque Staats, Bob Boyd, Warren Strauss
-14 youth learn plant identification and quality judging.



Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic – Mary Ann Butler

- 9 youth learned about lawn care and being safe.



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

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

235 4th graders at Northview, Marlatt and Lee elementary schools

52 4th graders at Manhattan Catholic School

15 3rd graders at Flint Hills Christian

45 4th graders at Riley County Grade School

19 4th graders at McCormick in Olsburg



Kids Ag Day – Sandy Kerns, Wanda Good, Jim Crawford

- 450 youth and 35 adults got instruction on horticulture ingredients in condiments



Leonardville Parade– Carolyn Elliot, Karen Ericson, Wanda Good, Mary Ann Butler

- Handed out 200 packages of spinach seeds.

County Fair Booth- David Mayer, Jim Crawford, John Spangler, Susan Peterson

- 120 contacts



Community Events- Barbara Pearson, David Mayer, Rebecca Stark, April Stephens, Deb Lippoldt, Jim Crawford
-Pollinator plants



2020 Master Gardener Projects

Jan. – April	Booth at Farmers' Markets in Pottorf Hall
Feb. 29 and March 1	Flint Hills Home Builders Show
March – May	School Salad Gardens
April 20	Earth Day (Butterfly Habitat) at Sunset Zoo
April 28, May 2	E.A.R.T.H School Workshop
June 7	Manhattan Area Garden Tour
July 23-27	Horticulture at Riley County Fair
Sept. – Oct.	Basic Master Gardener Training

History of volunteer hrs.

