

Wildcat District Ag News Report



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Master Gardener Class Begins September

Local gardeners with a passion for learning can sharpen their gardening skills by signing up for Master Gardener classes being offered this fall by the Wildcat Extension District. Master Gardener basic training is a comprehensive series of twelve gardening-related classes presented by Extension specialists and local agents. Topics covered include plant science, vegetable and fruit gardening, insect and disease issues, annual and perennial flowers, woody plants, and more.

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer program in which K-State Research and Extension "trades" classroom training for volunteer time. The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is to provide trained volunteers willing to assist with educational programs developed and supported by Extension councils and K-State Research and Extension.

After training is completed, volunteers donate an equivalent number of hours of service as was received in instruction. Service activities are coordinated by the local Extension agent. Though volunteer activities vary widely they all are educational, Extension related and represent the interests of K-State Research and Extension.

Master Gardener training is available to anyone with an interest in horticulture. Applications are restricted to counties and Extension Districts with an active Master Gardener program. Participants will need to be available for about 40 hours of daytime training. All participants must have at least a High School Diploma or an equivalent certificate.

Master Gardener classes are being held on Tuesdays at the Southeast Kansas Area Extension and Research Center, Parsons, Kansas, beginning September 19, 2017. Each class day begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 4:00 p.m., with an hour break for lunch at Noon. Registration and payment of the fee to cover the cost of the training manual, specialists travel, and classroom supplies is required.

Please contact the offices of the Wildcat Extension District for complete information about the program. The Wildcat District offices are as follows: Altamont office, (620) 784-5337; Girard office (620) 724-8233; Independence office (620) 331-2690.

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