



**Sunflower Extension  
District**

**2024 Master Gardener  
training offered by the  
K-State Extension Master  
Gardener Program**

**September 5—December 5, 2024**

**The training is presented live via Zoom from 1—4 PM (CT)**

**Sessions are also recorded for later viewing to work with your schedule.**

**Cost: \$45 (made payable to the Sunflower Extension District)**

**Sign up at your local Sunflower Extension Office by August 23, 2024**

**Cheyenne County—785.332.3171**

**Sherman County—785.890.4880**

**Wallace County—785.852.4285**

**Extension Master Gardeners are trained in horticulture and related areas.**

**They:**

**Share ideas and continue to grow in their knowledge.**

**Provide horticulture information and answer questions.**

**Use demonstration gardens to educate community members.**

**Teach others (adults and children) about horticulture and gardening.**

**Present school and community programs.**

\*Participants must have: access to the internet, a computer/device with microphone and camera capabilities (to watch live online), and an actively monitored email account. Attend the Zoom Training session if you are new to Zoom. Contact your local Extension office for a detailed technology participant guide.

## Your Role as an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

Please indicate the level of your interest in each of the EMG volunteer projects listed below. Indicate **A** (very interested), **B** (somewhat interested), or **C** (minimal interest) by each activity:

Host on or before Sept 5	<b>Welcome and Orientation</b>	<b>Locally held</b>
Thursday, September 5	<b>Course Expectations and Zoom Training, Annie Baker</b> <b>Connecting People and Plants, Dr. Cynthia Domenghini</b>	Zoom
Thursday, September 12	<b>Soils, Water and Fertility, Shannon</b>	Zoom
Thursday, September 19	<b>Plant Growth and Development, Dr. Sharon Ashworth and Lane Wiens</b>	Zoom
Thursday, September 26	<b>Landscape Maintenance, Dr. Cheryl</b>	Zoom
Thursday, October 3	<b>Pesticide Use and Safety, Frannie Mil-</b>	Zoom
Thursday, October 10	<b>Entomology, Dr. Raymond Cloyd</b>	Zoom
Thursday, October 17	<b>Vegetable Basics, Dr. Cary Rivard</b>	Zoom
Thursday, October 24	<i>No class this week.</i>	Zoom
Thursday, October 31	<b>Annual and Perennial Flowers, Matthew McKernan</b>	Zoom
Thursday, November 7	<b>Plant Diseases, Judy O'Mara</b>	Zoom
Thursday, November 14	<b>Turfgrass in Kansas, Alex Stanton</b>	Zoom
Thursday, November 21	<b>Woody Ornamentals, Dr. Jason Griffin</b>	Zoom
Thursday, November 28	<i>No class this week.</i>	
Thursday, December 5	<b>Growing Fruit, Rebecca McMahon</b>	Zoom
After December 5	<b>Celebration and Recognition</b>	Locally held

- \_\_\_ Youth programs/gardens: Teach youth to garden, work at events designed to increase awareness and active interest in gardening among youth.
- \_\_\_ Work in a local garden: Help to design, plant, and maintain public demonstration gardens.
- \_\_\_ Work at a community garden: Could include administration, teaching and outreach to gardeners.
- \_\_\_ Educational outreach: Staff an educational table or booth at a local event.
- \_\_\_ Present a gardening topic: For local groups and organizations.
- \_\_\_ Serve on a committee: Plan an EMG event like the Garden Tour or Garden Fair.
- \_\_\_ Work at an EMG event: Like the Garden Tour or Garden Fair.
- \_\_\_ Write newsletter, social media, or newspaper articles about Master Gardeners or gardening.
- \_\_\_ Develop educational materials: Plan, design, and construct displays, exhibits, handouts, or brochures to support EMG activities.

## Getting to know you!

### 1. How did you hear about the Master Gardener Program?

### 2. Gardening Experience and Interests

3. Do you have area(s) of horticultural interests, specialization or Experience you could share with others?  
Annual Flowers, Composting, Entomology (Insects), Fruit, Herbs, House Plants, Landscaping, Lawn Care, Perennials, Pollinators, Soils, Trees/Shrubs, Vegetables, Water Gardening, Other (please explain)\*

### Publicity Release (Check one of the boxes below)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I authorize K-State Research and Extension or their assignees to record, video, and photograph my image and/or voice for use in research, educational, and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video, and image recordings are the property of K-State Research and Extension.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not authorize use of my individual image or voice.

## Mission Statement

The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is to train and support volunteers willing to provide educational programs developed and supported by extension boards and K-State Research and Extension.

## Guidelines for Sunflower District Master Gardener Program Participation

- Be a Sunflower Extension District resident (Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace) or agree to a commitment of volunteer service in the Sunflower Extension District.
- Support the objectives of the Master Gardener program and the Extension Programs of the Sunflower Extension District Board.
- Be able to read and comprehend an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
- Complete the basic Master Gardener Training Course. Online Thursdays from 1-4 PM CT via Zoom between September and December or watch a recorded version following the live presentation.
- Complete the 40 hours of volunteer work with Extension Agent approved projects by December 31st the year following basic course completion.
- Continuation as a Master Gardener in good standing requires completion of 8 hours of continued Master Gardener learning/training and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually—reported in the hour reporting system.
- May not participate for personal financial gain.

I would like to be a Sunflower Extension District #6

## Master Gardener Volunteer

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Best # to Contact): \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunflower Extension District EMG Agreement

I wish to become a Sunflower Extension District *Master Gardener Trainee* and will complete the basic training which begins September 7, 2023 and continues each Thursday from 1 - 4 PM (CT) through December 7, 2023. Sessions will be held via Zoom with recordings to watch at a later time to fit your schedule.. We will work with the group to schedule an in person gathering for the first and last session. If you do not have internet services, contact your local extension office to check on possibilities to do the sessions in the office.

I understand as a NEW volunteer that if accepted into the Training Program, I am entering into a contract to return 40 hours of volunteer time in communicating research-based horticultural information to the public by December 31 of the year following the basic training course completion. I further understand that continuation as an active *Master Gardener* in good standing requires completion of both 8 hours of *continuing Master Gardener Training* and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.

Previous Master Gardener volunteers need to take part in the training and consider it a refresher course. You will not be required to do the 40 hours of volunteer time, just the 20 volunteer hours annually.

*Master Gardener* volunteers may not participate in the Extension *Master Gardener Program* for personal gain or for commercial recommendations or endorsements. *Master Gardeners* are expected to provide recommendations based on research-based information and to provide educational program assistance in support of the general County / District Extension education program.

*Master Gardeners* operate under the control of a trained Extension professional responsible for monitoring their performance and the progress of their continuing education.

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Master Gardener Applicant

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Date

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL OFFICE WITH \$45.  
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SUNFLOWER EXTENSION DISTRICT.**

**Goodland Office, 813 Broadway Room 301, Goodland, KS 67735**

**Sharon Springs Office, 118 N. Gardener, PO Box 189Sharon Springs, KS 67758**

**St. Francis Office, 212 E. Washington St., PO Box 667St. Francis, KS 67756**

## Extension Participant Demographic Collection Form

K-State Extension programs are open to everyone. To ensure civil rights policy adherence, we are required to report program participant race and gender data to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Only aggregated information (total numbers across all programs) about race and gender are reported to the USDA. Providing the following information is **voluntary** and will be maintained strictly for reporting purposes. These records are kept separately from mailing lists and other participant information.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this information.

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### Race (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Two or more races
- Choose not to provide

### Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- Choose not to provide

### Gender

- Male
- Female
- Non-Binary
- Choose not to provide

### Age

- 18—29 years
- 30—59 years
- 60—75 years
- 76 years or older
- Choose not to provide