

Basic Training

Fall 2023 Schedule

Cowley County Extension Master Gardener Basic Training will be offered in-person and online via Zoom*. Sessions will be held weekly **Thursday, September 7** through **November 30, 2023**. Zoom lectures are on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 pm CT.

To learn more and apply, contact Becky Reid, Extension Agent, 620-221-5450, bkreid@ksu.edu or visit cowley.k-state.edu. Priority deadline is August 11, 2023.

Date	Topic & Speaker	Location
Sept. 7, 11 a.m.	Welcome, Cowley County EMG Meeting	TBD
Thursday, September 7	Zoom Pre-Course Training Session , Annie Baker	Zoom
Thursday, September 14	Plant Growth and Development , <i>Dr. Sharon Ashworth</i>	Zoom
Thursday, September 21	Soils, Water and Fertility , <i>Shannon Blocker</i>	Zoom
Thursday, September 28	Landscape Maintenance , <i>Dr. Charles Barden</i>	Zoom
Thursday, October 5	Pesticide Use and Safety , <i>Frannie Miller</i>	Zoom
Thursday, October 12	Entomology , <i>Dr. Raymond Cloyd</i>	Zoom
Thursday, October 19	Vegetable Basics , <i>Rebecca McMahon</i>	Zoom
Thursday, October 26	<i>Class on your own this week. Watch Growing Fruit module.</i>	
Thursday, November 2	Plant Diseases , <i>Judy O'Mara</i>	Zoom
Thursday, November 9	Turfgrass in Kansas , <i>Kale Mueller</i>	Zoom
Thursday, November 16	Woody Ornamentals , <i>Dr. Jason Griffin</i>	Zoom
Thursday, November 23	<i>No class this week.</i>	
Thursday, November 30	Annual and Perennial Flowers , <i>Dennis Patton</i>	Zoom
TBD, December	Local Celebration	TBD

*Participants must have: access to the internet, a computer/device with microphone and camera capabilities, and an actively monitored email account.

Mission:

The Cowley County Extension Master Gardener Program is a volunteer organization designed to provide the public with research-based horticultural information.

Admission to the Master Gardener Program requires that the applicant:

- Be a Cowley County resident (or live/work close enough to engage in future in-person activities)
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Possess a broad interest in horticulture.
- Support the objectives of the Master Gardener Program and the Extension Programs of the Cowley County Extension Council.
- Be able to read and comprehend an extensive notebook or web site with support materials to be used for future reference.
- Complete the basic Master Gardener Training Course.
- Complete the 40 hours of volunteer work with Extension Agent-approved projects within one year following basic course completion.
- Continuation as a Master Gardener in good standing requires completion of 10 hours of Advanced Master Gardener training and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.
- Pay the \$60 participant fee upon acceptance into the program.
- Sign the Agreement

I wish to become a Cowley County Extension Master Gardener Trainee and would be available for the training sessions Thursdays from 1-4p.m. via Zoom, from September 7 to November 30, 2023.

I understand 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 15, 2024, following the basic training course completion. I further understand that continuation as an active Master Gardener in good standing requires completion of both 10 hours of Advanced Master Gardener Training and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.

Master Gardener volunteers may not participate in the Cowley County 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 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.

Apply now at cowley.k-state.edu or apply here: [2023 EMG Application](#)

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