The Grow Your Garden Series is a collection of hands-on workshops designed to bring plant related activities to people who want to increase their knowledge about gardening or those who just enjoy working with plants.

These workshops are hosted monthly from March through November, with the exception of June and August.

All workshops are sponsored by the Lyon County Extension Master Gardeners.

Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who assist K-State Research and Extension - Lyon County with horticulture community outreach.
2023 Workshops

Hypertufa Containers & Stepping Stones - 2-Part Series
Date: March 15 & 22
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Garage
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00

Are you a DIY’er? If so, come learn how to make your own container or bird bath during this 2-part series. Part 1 (March 15): Participants will learn about the different components that are used to make the hypertufa mixture. The mixture must be the right consistency and have the right amount of moisture to prevent cracking while drying. Once the mixture is made, participants will get to make either a bird bath or a container. After the item has been formed, it will need to cure for a week in the mold before it can go home. Part 2 (March 22): Participants will return to unmold their projects and take home. If you are unable to attend on March 22, please contact Travis Carmichael at (620) 341-3220 to make arrangements for pick-up. Please wear shoes and clothing that can get dirty. The Portland cement used in hypertufa is very difficult to remove from clothing.

Register by: March 10, 2023

Preserving Flowers
Date: April 19
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00

Preserving flowers can be one way to enjoy their beauty year round. Come learn some of the different methods of preserving flowers, such as flower presses and silicon sand. Participants will get to use two different types of flower presses (traditional and microwavable) and make a simple craft using dried flowers.

Register by: April 14, 2023

Container Gardening
Date: May 17
Location: EMG Demonstration Gardens, Fairgrounds
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00

The #1 way 35 to 45-year-olds prefer to garden is by container gardening. Using container gardens is a great way to either introduce others to gardening, provide instant color, or provide fresh vegetables to any space, large or small. Participants will learn basics to container garden and plant a container they will take home at the end of the workshop.

Register by: May 12, 2023
Bee Hotels  
**Date:** July 19  
**Location:** Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Maximum of 15 participants**  
**Cost:** $20.00  
Pollinators are key to our survival. Without them, many of our food crops would not produce food for us to consume. What some people do not realize is honeybees are not the only pollinators that visit these plants to aid in pollination. There are thousands of native and non-native solitary bee species that help pollinate our plants. Participants will learn more about solitary bees and construct a nesting box (bee hotel) that can help attract these bees to their property.

Register by: July 14, 2023

Growing Culinary Herbs Indoors  
**Date:** September 20  
**Location:** EMG Demonstration Gardens, Fairgrounds  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Maximum of 15 participants**  
**Cost:** $20.00  
Growing and harvesting your own produce can be very rewarding. So why not do the same thing with culinary herbs? Come learn more about the way to grow culinary herbs inside to help extend their growing season. All participants will take home some herbs to grow and use in their own cooking endeavors.

Register by: September 15, 2023

Seed Saving and Starting  
**Date:** October 18  
**Location:** Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Maximum of 15 participants**  
**Cost:** $20.00  
Saving seeds is one way we have been preserving plant characteristics for thousands of years. Then storing the seeds properly is key to seed survival when they are planted. When it comes to starting your plants from seed, it is easier than most seem to think. This workshop will focus on the proper techniques needed for saving seeds and storing seeds properly. We will also discuss how to start plants from seed. Participants will take home items to start their own seeds.

Register by: October 13, 2023

Holiday Wreath Making  
**Date:** November 15  
**Location:** Lyon County Extension Office Garage  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** $20.00  
Nothing says it is the holidays more than a wreath made from live greens, from the look to the scent. Come learn how to make a holiday wreath using live greenery. Participants will learn different techniques for creating their own wreaths as well as ways to help preserve them throughout the entire holiday season.

Register by: November 9, 2023
Workshop Registration and Payment

Online Registration: To register online, please either visit K-State Research and Extension — Lyon County’s website at lyon.ksu.edu and click on the event registration tab or scan the QR code below. Each class will be listed under the Grow Your Garden Series heading. Click on the link(s) for the class(es) you would like to attend. Please include your name and contact information on the registration form for each class so we are able to contact you in the event the class has to be cancelled.

Registration by Phone: To register by phone, please call K-State Research and Extension — Lyon County at (620) 341-3220. please provide your name and phone number so we are able to contact you in the event the class has to be cancelled.

Register in Person: To register in person, please stop by the K-State Research and Extension — Lyon County office located at 2632 W. US Highway 50 in Emporia, KS. Please provide your name and phone number when registering so we are able to contact you in the event the class has to be cancelled.

Payment: Payment for each class will be collected at the beginning of each workshop. Payment in advance is encouraged. Check or cash please. Make checks payable to the Lyon County Master Gardeners.

Contact Information

If you have questions about any of the workshops, please contact Travis Carmichael, Horticulture and Community Development Extension Agent for K-State Research and Extension — Lyon County at (620) 341-3220 or stop by the Extension Office located at 2632 W. US Highway 50 in Emporia, KS.

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