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 October with the exception of May 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.
2024 Workshops

DIY Seed Paper
Date: March 20
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Garage
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
Reduce, reuse and recycle can apply to many aspects of our lives including gardening. Come learn a great way to reuse and recycle paper by turning it into artisan paper that has flower seeds embedded. Once the paper is dry, it can be used to write a note or message to someone, before being planted in the soil. Then the seeds will grow and produce flowers for everyone's enjoyment.

Register by: March 15, 2024

Flower Hammering & Preserving
Date: April 17
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
There are many ways to preserve flowers for future enjoyment. Pressing and drying flowers are not the only way to enjoy them for a long period of time. Hammering flowers is another way to enjoy the vibrant colors mother nature has provided us. Come learn about an ancient technique used to transfer plant pigments onto paper and fabric. Every participant will get to create their own hammered flower art to take home.

Register by: April 12, 2024

Floral Design
Date: June 19
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
There is nothing better than a beautiful arrangement of flowers. Join Master Gardener Jennifer Kraus as she walks us through the different techniques used in floral arranging. All attendees will put their new knowledge to the test and design their own arrangement to take home and enjoy.

Register by: June 14, 2024

Milk Jug Seed Starting & Fall Gardening
Date: July 17
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
Starting vegetables by seed is a great way to plant specific varieties and to control planting time. For fall gardening to successful, many gardeners start their vegetable crops by seed during the summer months. Come learn about using milk jugs to create a tiny greenhouse and start some vegetables of your own for the fall. We will also discuss benefits of gardening in the fall.

Register by: July 12, 2024

Floral Design
Date: June 19
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
We are bringing back one of our most popular workshops. Come make a fall centerpiece with us using succulents and a pumpkin. Attendees will also learn how to care for this living centerpiece and how to enjoy the succulents long after the pumpkin is gone.

Register by: October 11, 2024

Hardscaping the Garden
Date: Sept 18
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Garage
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
There are many elements that go into creating an inviting landscape. Hardscaping in the garden does not just pertain to the edging used to help define the space. Stepping stones, boulders, and other non-plant elements are great ways to add hardscaping to your garden and landscape. During this workshop we will discuss different types of hardscaping and participants will get to make either a stepping stone or a concrete garden orb. Participants will schedule a time to come pick up their item once it is dry.

Register by: September 13, 2024

Pumpkin Centerpiece
Date: Oct 16
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Meeting Room
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Maximum of 15 participants
Cost: $20.00
We had so much fun last November making wreaths, so we are going to do again this year! Come out on December 4, 2024 to learn how to make your own holiday wreath out of live greens. Be watching our local news outlets and social media with more information as we get closer to the workshop.

Register by: Dec 4, 2024

Bonus Class!! - Holiday Wreath Making
Date: Dec 4
Location: Lyon County Extension Office Garage
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Registration will open at a later date.
Cost: $20.00
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Register by: Dec 4, 2024
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.

Registration 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, but not required. 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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