

Central Kansas Extension District Master Gardeners

**K-State Research & Extension, Central Kansas Extension District #3
Saline & Ottawa County**



MISSION:

The Central Kansas Extension District #3 Master Gardener Program is a volunteer organization committed to preserving and beautifying the environment and improving quality of life in the community by promoting sound horticulture practices.

GUIDELINES for the MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

Admission to the Master Gardener Program requires that the applicant abide by the following:

- ❖ Be a Central Kansas Extension District #3 resident, or agree to repay your commitment of volunteer service in the Central Kansas Extension District #3.
- ❖ Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- ❖ Possess a broad interest in horticulture.
- ❖ Attend at least 6 regular meetings on the 4th Wednesday at 12 Noon.
- ❖ Support the objectives of the *Master Gardener Program* and the Extension programs of the Central Kansas Extension District #3 Council.
- ❖ Read and utilize an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for the future reference.
- ❖ Complete the basic *Master Gardener Training Course*.
- ❖ Complete 40 hours of volunteer work with Advisory Board-approved projects by the end of training for the next class.

How it all started. . .

We are here to serve you! Started in 1914, the Extension Service is a cooperative effort of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the land grant university system, and local county government. Its mission is to provide reliable, research-based information that improves lives. The Kansas Extension program focuses on meeting community needs in the areas of horticulture, agriculture, home economics, economic development, and 4-H.

The concept of Master Gardeners was started in 1972 by a county agent in the state of Washington. He believed that properly trained volunteers could help meet the growing demand for horticulture information.

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How to become a Master Gardener. . .

- ❖ Check your schedule. Are you available for about 40 hours of daytime classes in February and March?
- ❖ Do you have the interest and the time to donate 40 hours of community horticulture service during the first year and 20 hours each following year?
- ❖ Do you live in Saline or Ottawa Counties (Central Kansas Extension District)?
- ❖ Are you willing to cooperate on service projects and attend advanced training meetings?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, call K-State Research & Extension at (785) 309-5850 and ask to be put on the mailing list. Class selection will be made in early winter for the late winter classes.

Do You Enjoy. . .

- ❖ Visiting about plants with friends?
- ❖ Browsing over seed catalogs on cold wintry nights?
- ❖ Planting seeds, bulbs, and saplings in freshly turned soil?
- ❖ Strolling through botanical gardens savoring the flowers, trees, and flowing fountains?
- ❖ Researching to find out why a plant is ill?
- ❖ Walking in meadow and woodland trails admiring the wildflowers?

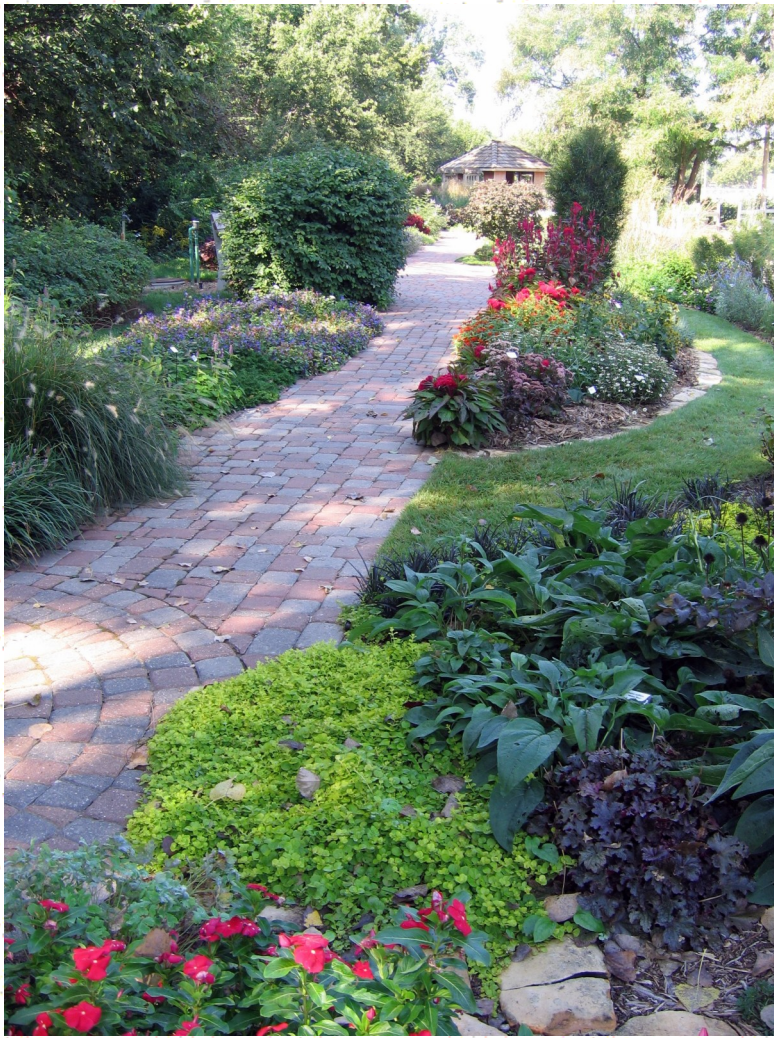
Benefits:

- ❖ Being part of a nurturing group where plant lovers can thrive and blossom.
- ❖ Discovering better ways of growing plants and dealing with plant problems.
- ❖ Learning to design colorful flower beds, functional vegetable gardens, eye catching educational displays, and flowing landscapes.
- ❖ Technical support from K-State Research & Extension and Kansas State University Horticulture Department.
- ❖ Travel to arboreta, nurseries, and botanical gardens.
- ❖ Visit interesting residential landscapes.

If you have an appreciation for plants and love to watch them grow, why not check out the Central Kansas Extension District #3 Master Gardeners. This fun loving group of Saline & Ottawa Countians take a serious interest in the plant kingdom. Their activities focus around learning more about plants and the environment so they can use and share this knowledge to benefit the communities in which they live.

Service Projects. . .

- ❖ Demonstration Garden in Kenwood Park.
- ❖ Educational Displays - Promote sound gardening practices at garden shows.
- ❖ Elementary Classroom Visits - Nurture an early interest and appreciation of plants.
- ❖ Speakers Bureau - Provide informational talks on a wide variety of horticultural topics to community organizations.
- ❖ All projects have the primary goal of helping the citizens of the Counties to develop an understanding of good horticultural practices and keeping them up-to-date with research-based horticulture recommendations from Kansas State University.

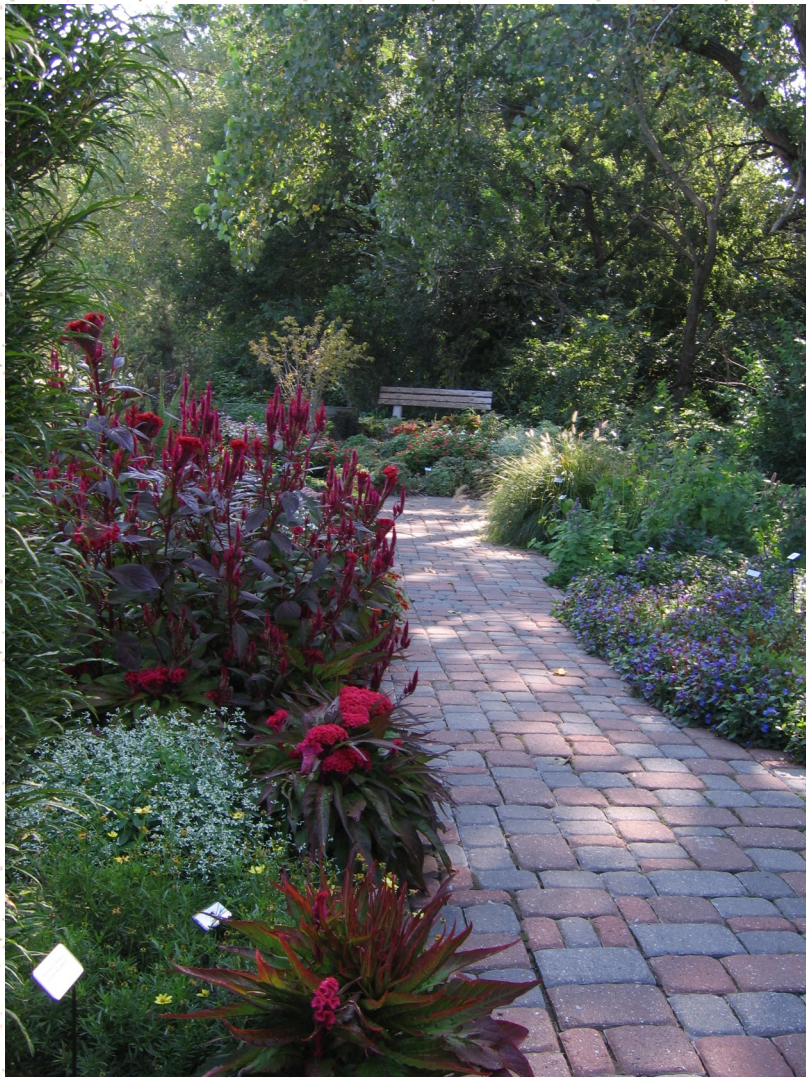


Coleus—Royal Glissade
Demo Garden in 2008

CENTRAL KANSAS EXTENSION DISTRICT #3 DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

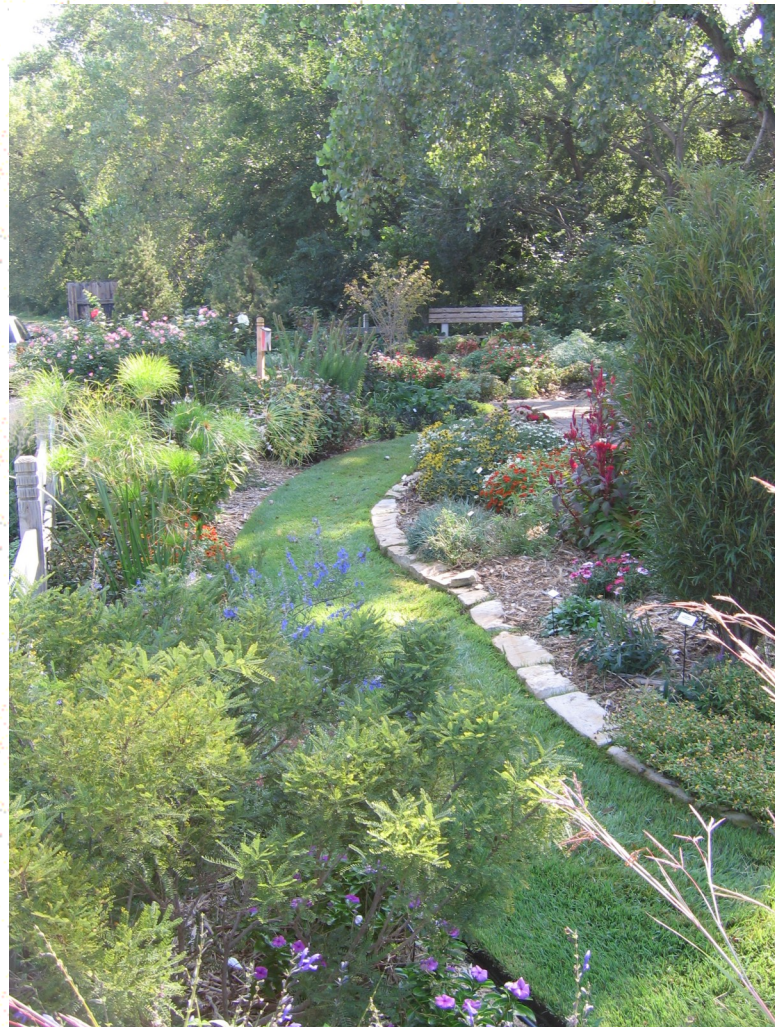


Ornamental Millet
'Purple Majesty'
September 2008



A visitor stops for a rest at the Demo Garden. It gets a variety of visitors throughout the year!

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly gets a great view of the garden from a flowering *Liatris scariosa* in late July.





White Beautyberry

