Amazingly Creative

The Duma Garden
Lenexa

You would be one lucky dog if you lived in this home that is just as pet friendly as it is people friendly! Come and see a garden that has a natural, casual feel, incorporating pet friendly features as well as repurposed treasures from the old family farm. You will see an old time pig feeder, a milk can, a hay pulley and a retaining wall constructed from limestone that was formerly the 100-year-old farmhouse foundation. You will fall in love with the way this owner blends the old and with the new, creating an elegant harmonious design that’s sure to make any tail wag with delight.

Artistic Oasis

The Elpers Garden
Overland Park

Water and fire are signature features in this creative garden retreat! With so many outdoor rooms to choose from – Zen, reading, lounge or party – you’ll ask yourself, “What do I feel like today?” This owner loves to decorate and has carried their passion for interior design into the outdoors. This garden seamlessly blends different artistic styles into one cohesive design that leads you with anticipation from one room to the next. Come enjoy this artistic oasis! You’ll see why this inspired gardener says, “Come spring and summer my vacation is right here!”

Sweeps, Spaces and Specimens

The Rauw Garden
Overland Park

Let’s do a little upfront planning then sit back and enjoy the garden! Come and see how this garden owner has successfully designed a beautiful retreat. It will be treasured for many years to come because there will be plenty of free time to enjoy “life” as well as her garden. Learn how selecting plants with multi-season interest allows you to get the “biggest bang for your buck”, and how key design elements like visual simplicity, color repetition and carefully planned spacing creates an aesthetically pleasing landscape. This carefully planned garden is landscape design at its best.

Naturally Native

The Sinclair Garden
Overland Park

What requires little watering, very little tending and saves money, too? Why it’s native plants, of course! Bees, butterflies and birds all love this native habitat just as much as the garden owner herself. Come and see how to create a backyard habitat that is friendly to all kinds of visitors! You will see a man-made pond, waterfall and creek along with many features that support the plentiful wildlife that make this garden their home. Be sure to observe the home, an original farmstead spared from destruction.

One Tasty Yard

The Thompson Garden
Overland Park

Question: “Hey Mom … what’s for dinner?” Answer: Let’s go out to the backyard and take our “pick”! This large garden boasts a bountiful treasure of edibles, from berries and herbs to apples, tomatoes, and much more. Honey bees lazily flit from flower to flower. Come and learn how this gardener transformed her suburban landscape into a place where healthy food is grown and shared. This garden showcases the urban food movement at its best. You will be inspired to try your hand at edibles, too!

Barren to Beautiful

The Viertbaler Garden
Lenexa

Got clay? Finding a few rocks when you dig? Don’t despair! Come see how this Extension Master Gardener couple transformed their barren “empty slate” into a beautiful and tranquil sanctuary, complete with plants that thrive in both sun and shade – a challenge, for sure. Countless loads of compost and good fashioned hard work is the secret to converting a typical, bare developer’s lot into this charming garden that especially focuses on plants that attract butterflies and birds.
**Mosaic Wheels, Fairy Houses and Hypertufa Pots** — our talented volunteers have outdone themselves, transforming wheel rims into planters. Fairy houses are clever, interesting, whimsical one-of-a-kind garden art. Purchase your own handcrafted, unique piece of art that is sure to become a conversation piece in your garden.

**Sand-cast leaves** — back by popular demand! Hand-sculpted by EMGs they are the perfect addition to your garden or home. Art sold at the Sinclair Garden.

**Hostas** — add the newest varieties to your collection! Many of the hostas seen on the tour will be available from this national hosta expert. Hostas sold at the Elpers Garden.

**Extension Master Food Volunteers** — will be at the Thomas Garden offering food samples with an urban garden theme for purchase. They love to share their passion for nutrition, food preservation, safety and what it's like to be an EMFV. Be sure to stop by and visit!

**Untangled — Straight Talk from Passionate Gardeners** — purchase your copy of this EMG book featuring insiders tips.

**Did you know?** A portion of the ticket supports horticulture scholarships at Kansas State University and Johnson County Community College. Last year over $5,000 was given to would be horticulturists.

### Tour Tips
- Bring a camera;
- Wear comfortable shoes;
- Consider car-pooling;
- No strollers; No pets.

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**Ticket Mail Order Form**

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Amount enclosed $ ____________ Tickets, non-refundable, tour held rain or shine.

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