Dear Prospective Shawnee County Extension Master Gardener,

Your expressed interest in the Shawnee County Extension Master Gardener program is appreciated. We have a great organization with many active participants and look forward each year to adding to our group.

Here are a few things to know and do:

1. Complete the Master Gardener application (found online at [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/extension-master-gardener.html](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/extension-master-gardener.html)).
2. Return completed application to the Shawnee County Extension Office, 1740 SW Western Ave., Topeka, KS 66604, or email to lhayward@ksu.edu by July 23rd, 2021, before 5:00 pm.
3. Attend a required pre-acceptance orientation session on August 5th, at 9:00 am – 11:00 am, or 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Please indicate on the 'Commitment' page which session you will be attending.
4. Applying does not mean acceptance. Your interest and availability play a big part. Horticultural skill and knowledge are secondary.
5. SCEMG required trainings begin Thursday, September 2nd, and continue each Thursday through December 16th. Coursework can be completed within a 7-day window with the option to join live sessions online or watch a recording.
6. All trainings will be held online via Microsoft Teams with additional orientation sessions over Zoom.
7. Trainings will be given by Kansas State University Research and Extension Specialists, County Extension agents and recognized horticultural leaders in the community.
8. The class fee is $100.00 and is due by August 16th. This fee includes a Master Gardener polo shirt and name tag upon successful completion of training. Fees are non-refundable.

I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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