



**Blueville
Nursery, Inc.**
Complete Landscape Service

**"Beautifying your neighborhood
one yard at a time since 1933"**

www.bluevillenursery.com

Store Hours

**Monday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

4539 Anderson Ave
Manhattan KS 66503
Garden Store 785-539-2217
Landscape Office 785-539-2671

Blueville Nursery Garden Store was established in the spring of 1970 as an extension of our full landscape services. We have been providing Manhattan and the surrounding areas with quality annuals, nursery stock and gardening supplies ever since. Open year round with an assortment of products to match each season.



With over 50 years of experience, Blueville prides itself on creating personal relationships and greeting every customer with a friendly smile. Our top notch customer service has resulted in life long customers from generation to generation.

"Under the bare arms of trees and the blanketing snow, a whole new garden sleeps down in the dirt" - Kate Messner

February 2026

Garden Store Newsletter

Katie's Korner



Katie's work in the industry began in 2002. Her degrees were completed at KSU in Business Marketing and Horticulture – Landscape Design by 2009. Katie came to Blueville in January of 2017 and is now the Garden Store Manager and Division Head.

February 7th 10 a.m. Gregg Eyestone with KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture presented on Starting Seeds.

In the afternoon, a Terrarium Workshop took place at Blueville.

February 14th 10 a.m. Phillip Stanley of Blueville presented Language of Love & Flowers with the holiday.

The weekend of February 21-22nd was the Flint Hills Home Show at the National Guard Armory building in Manhattan. Blueville had a booth at it.

February 21st 10 a.m. KSU Entomologist Dr. Cloyd presented on Caterpillar Insect Pests of Trees and Shrubs at Blueville. The presentation had lots of great visuals with the discussion.

February 28th 10 a.m. KSU Wildlife Specialist Dr. Drew Ricketts will present on Urban Coyote & Fox Management.

A Houseplant Repotting afternoon is scheduled for February 28th 1-3 p.m. with inquiries to reserve a time.

March 7th 10 a.m. KSU Ross Braun will present Top Tips for a Healthy Lawn at Blueville.

Seminars are free to attend! Workshops require a sign-up in advance, and a fee, to cover project materials.

Stop by the store to pick up a copy of the event card, and seminar list, for the first half of the year. Watch Facebook and e-mail for more info, that goes beyond the cards.

The Blueville podcast continues to post bi-weekly episodes. Access them on our website resource page: <https://www.bluevillennursery.com/garden-resources>

Additional March Dates

Pansy Palooza is scheduled for March 16-21st this year at the store.

The first day of Spring on the calendar is technically, March 20th.

Spring Open House will be March 27-28th this year due to the KSU Spring Break schedule.

Garden Store Hours

The last two weeks of February the store hours have been Monday-Saturday 9-4 p.m. due to the warmer weather.

On Monday, March 2nd Spring Hours begin with Monday-Saturday 8-5 p.m.

Garden Planning



Right now, everyone is in the planning phases for the year with their gardens. Pick up the Kansas Garden Guide and the KNLA Plant Guide for reading material at the store. Start reviewing the Vegetable Garden Calendar in the Kansas Garden Guide. Grow lights are available to start things indoors along with all the necessary tools to be successful with those projects. Potting soil, seed starting mixes, vermiculite, perlite and peat moss are readily available heading into the season.

Need a place to garden?

Manhattan Community Gardens has two locations in town with plots to rent for garden activities. Contact UFM Community Learning Center for more information. Check out their website for additional info. Look into this early before the garden season gets too far along in the year. <https://tryufm.org/community-gardens/>

Soil Prep

Work up your vegetable gardens, clean out any remaining debris, and start throwing down compost with **Cotton Burr**, **Cattle Manure**, **Chicken Manure** from our choices to add some organic matter back into the soil. Good soil influences plant and crop results. If you are questioning your soil from prior year experiences, soil tests usually get done about this time of year to try to get the results back before you are wanting to plant. This is a necessary task to do ahead of time if you don't want to delay your gardening projects during the season. To get soil tests done, go to this website for more information: <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/soil-testing-fertilizing/index.html>

Seed Potatoes, Onion Sets, Shallots, Garlic and more



Every year is a little different with arrival of items to start off the season. Warmer weather can speed up a few items. Seed potatoes with Yukon Gold, Kennebec, Red Norland and Red La Soda have arrived. More varieties will be coming early March. Onion sets in red, yellow and white are available. Shallots and Garlic have been restocked for the Spring season. Bare-root asparagus in Purple Passion and Millenium are at the store. A couple more varieties will arrive early March. Pansies are in the greenhouse, and full of color, with the warmer temperatures we have been seeing through the second half of February.

Early-Season Fruit Tree Tasks

On warm days, with at least 50-degree weather, it will be critical to get your initial fruit tree sprays done before plants start taking off with the season. Use **Natural**



Guard or Fertilome Horticultural Oil for the dormant spray on fruit trees on a day that it will be warm enough to spray, and ample time for it to dry, in the same timeframe. Dormant spray suffocates eggs on the tree. It is necessary to do it before the tree leafs out for it to work the best. The other spray, that needs to be done before buds begin to swell on fruit trees, is the Peach Leaf Curl prevention spray with **Fertilome Broad Spectrum Landscape and Garden Fungicide**. Preventative spray is the only way to control this problem. It will have to be on a day that is warm enough for the spray to dry at the same time. If you need to do both the Dormant spray, and the Peach Leaf Curl spray,

do the Peach Leaf Curl first because timing is more critical for it to be successful. Then, pick a different day to get the dormant spray done. Now would also be the time to start reviewing the fruit tree spray schedule chart on the **Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard** product. It has a series of sprays, that happen during the spring months, as the tree progresses through its different stages. It is imperative to stay ahead and follow the recommended sprays for optimal foliage, fruit, insect and disease control. Preventative sprays influence what you are seeing on the tree later in the year to reduce problems.

“Spray Guide Growing Apples at Home”:

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3429.pdf>

“Spray Guide Growing Stone Fruit at Home”:

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3430.pdf>

“Why Fruit Trees Fail to Bear Fruit”:

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF2166.pdf>

Pruning Deciduous Trees

Structural Pruning of all deciduous trees typically takes place before they start to leaf out. Examining leaders, low branches, crossing and rubbing branches. Do not remove more than 1/3 of a tree in an entire year. If you remove more than 1/3 of it, it could stress the tree. Once a tree has leafed out, further examine it for dead branches, that may need removed. Still be careful to be selective, and do not remove more than 1/3 of the entire tree in a year. A tree that needs a lot of pruning may require pruning tasks for several years spread out. Work it into a yearly maintenance program to keep the pruning caught up and minimal tasks needed each year. Pole pruners, and pole saws, are helpful tools with these tasks. Contact an arborist company for larger projects.

Early-Season Landscape & Lawn Tasks

Spring clean-up work will take off in March. Some crews have been around town already starting to clean up dormant plant material on the mild days.

For the lawns, crabgrass preventer with **Fertilome All Seasons and Hi-Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper w/ dimension** usually start when it is warming up. **Crew is a newer pre-emergent**. These products are critical for suppressing crabgrass. They are the easiest way to suppress crabgrass. These should only be applied to well-established grass, that will not be seeded in the spring. Wet down to activate.



As the season is starting, take a moment to examine your tools, sharpen what you can, repair or replace others to be ready for the yard work. Check out the tool selection at the store, and what's new, as you are inspecting your collection for the year-ahead.



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 <p>Feb 15– April 15</p> <p>Prevents annual weeds & some broadleaf weeds while simultaneously fertilizing your lawn</p>	 <p>May 15– June 15</p> <p>Provides long lasting, even source of nutrients all summer. Excellent source of sulfur & iron.</p>	 <p>Aug 15– Sept 15</p> <p>Rejuvenate your lawn and maintain a thick, rich turf carpet.</p>	 <p>Mid October</p> <p>Controls broadleaf weeds such as dandelions along with a good fall feeding for the lawn.</p>	 <p>Nov 15– December</p> <p>Enhances spring "green up". This is the most important step of your lawn fertilizer program.</p>
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Ask about additional items for lawn pest control.

Tyler's Tips



Tyler is a 2017 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Education. He has been working in the plant industry since 2012 and at Blueville since 2014. His main interests are houseplants and annuals. He currently serves as the assistant manager at the garden store.

Creating a Terrarium

With the gloom of winter still lingering around, you may be wondering how to bring gardening to life inside. Houseplants are a great way to do that, and even better yet, so are terrariums. A terrarium is typically a miniature enclosed landscape, typically done in a glass container. This can be done on a small scale such as a little glass jar or fish bowl, or on a large scale such as an aquarium that may even house a lizard or



turtle. Terrariums are super easy to make and are a great way to express your creativity

Steps

- The first step is choosing your container. You can use pretty much anything you have, as long as it's clear. We have a wide selection of glass at the store, or you can use an old jar, dish or even fish bowl you have laying around at home.
- Once you've selected your container, you'll want to add a layer of pebbles. We typically use 3/8" chips, but you can also use aquarium gravel/pebbles or sand. This doesn't have to be a thick layer and just helps with drainage.
- If you're making an enclosed terrarium, you'll then want to add a layer of activated charcoal. This will help filter the air.
- Next, add a layer of sphagnum moss. You'll want to be sure to soak this in water first and then squeeze out any extra water before placing it in.
- You can now add a layer of good quality potting soil. If you're putting succulents in your terrarium, use fertilome cactus or succulent mix.
- Now that you have all the material layered in your terrarium, you can start to add plants. You'll typically want to use plants that can take high humidity, as terrariums produce humidity. Crotons and ferns are great for this, but there are a wide variety of terrarium plants you can use. Be sure to add a variety of height, color and textures.
- Once your plants are added, you can get creative. This is the time to add any decorations or knick-knacks.

Care

Once your terrarium is created, care is relatively easy. If you created an enclosed terrarium, there should be no additional care necessary. Add some water once planted, and once enclosed, it should create its own environment. If you created an open terrarium, water lightly as it dries out. Since there is no drainage, be cautious not to over water. Misting with a spray bottle daily is also highly encouraged. If your terrarium was created with succulents, very minimal watering is needed and no misting necessary. Provide your terrarium with bright light and keep away from drafts or heating vents.

Creating a Terrarium



Select a Container

You can essentially use anything. A glass fishbowl, aquarium, candy dish or a container made specifically for terrariums.



Sand or Pebbles

Add a shallow layer to the bottom of container to allow for better drainage



Activated Charcoal

For an enclosed terrarium, add a layer of activated charcoal to help filter the air



Sphagnum Moss

This will help keep the soil from settling into the lower layers of the terrarium



Potting Soil

Add about a 1-2 inch layer of fertilome Ultmate Potting Soil to place your plants in



Plants

Use an assortment of terrarium plants to give plenty of height, color and texture



Finishing Touches

For a bit of whimsy, add miniature figurines, pebbles and/or moss to give your terrarium character

Care Tips

- Provide moderate light, not too bright, not too low
- Keep away from heat sources
- Trim overgrown plants
- Keep glass clean
- Don't over water. Use a spray bottle to mist plants

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What To Do

- Shop new items at the Garden Store
- Prune and spray fruit trees
- Prune dead, damaged and crossing branches out of shade trees to improve health and structure
- Plan out fruit tree plantings
- Spray peach trees for peach leaf curl
- Get excited for spring flowers
- Clean up remaining leaves from lawns and beds
- Pick up a copy of the Kansas Garden Guide and mark out your vegetable garden
- Prune trees and shrubs
- Clean up perennials beds
- Tune into Blueville's Horticulture Hints radio show, Fridays at 10 am on KMAN 1350
- Spray fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubs with dormant oil to prevent insects
- Add compost to vegetable gardens
- Clean gardening tools to prepare for spring yard work
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What's New

- Pottery
- Houseplants
- Garden seed
- Houseplant accessories
- Potatoes

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Modules**

Module 1: Introduction to Course
June 13th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 2: Honeybee Keeping Basics
June 27th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 3: Swarming & Overwintering
July 11th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 4: Supering & Requeening
July 25th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 5: Mites, Insects & Diseases
August 8th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 6: Honey Extraction
August 22nd: 10-12 p.m.

**Honeybee & Beekeeping
Course**

**K-State Entomologist
Dr. Raymond Cloyd
6 Module Course
\$100 Fee to Register**

**Register with Blueville Nursery
by March 31, 2026**

Completion of all 6 modules
earns certificate of completion

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2026 Milford Lake Bird Walks

Walks meet at 8 a.m. on the south end of the Milford Lake Dam (across the road from the Corps of Engineers Milford Lake Project Office, 5203 North K-57 Junction City, Kansas.)

The walks last 2 to 3 hours and we explore areas around or near Milford Lake.

Walks are led by Chuck Otte - he can be contacted at cotte@ksu.edu. Bring your binoculars, your bird book, comfortable walking shoes and a sense of humor!

Birders of all ages and stages are welcome! Schedule is tentative - you may want to check in with Chuck a few days ahead to make sure it hasn't had to be changed.

- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 9th
- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 24th
- November 21st

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