

Dogs that were hoarded now need new homes.

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Hybridizer of Oz daylilies to be in Wichita

A nationally known daylily hybridizer who has given several of his flowers "Wizard of Oz" names will be in Wichita on March 18 for a talk that is open to the public.

The hybridizer, Tim Herrington of Dublin, Ga., will be at the meeting of the Prairie Winds Daylily Society at 2 p.m. March 18 at Botanica. His presentation is free.

Prairie Winds member Marge Stucky grows Herrington's Dorothy and Toto daylily, pictured with this story.

Herrington's website is herringtondaylilygarden.com.



The Wichita African Violet Study Club will have a violet sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or as long as they last) on Sunday at Botanica. The club will have blooming African violets as well as starter plants to sell.

AFRICAN VIOLET SALE

Among the array: standard, miniature, semi miniature and trailing African violets. "Some of the ladies will bring their traditional 'shoe boxes' filled with small plants," Patty Daniels of the club says. "We will have small terrarium plants, gesneriads other than African violets, such as streptocarpus, episcias, kohlerias, petrocosmeas, primulinas (formerly chirita), and I'll bring some fancy begonias as well. One of our ladies has been growing for the club since 1975. She has lovely plants."

Organizing tip

There is a difference between being neat and being organized. Neat is stacking items and putting things away. Organizing is having homes for items so you can find them when you need them.

"Organizing ... will allow you to spend time on the things you want to spend time on rather than wasting time looking for X," professional organizer Rachel Strisik says. "It's unrealistic to think your house will look neat all the time, especially if you have children. But it can always be organized."

— Washington Post

Gathering for Gardeners in Hutchinson today

Hutchinson's annual day of free garden talks is today. See the Gardener's Almanac on Page 2C for details.



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"I didn't try to match anything," Donna Kozera says of the memorabilia items that perked up a blah wall in her living room. "I just wanted them all to blend together for a pleasing focal point that reflected my likes."

Creative solutions

Readers perk up, change out and paint their way to new home decor

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The Wichita Eagle

Char Wilson Vavra's breakfast room used to end at a dull wall, too awkward to decorate and totally lacking in color.

There was a door on the wall and not enough space to hang a large picture, so Vavra decided to paint a mural of bright red geraniums on the door, mimicking a pot of the same sitting to the side.

The result is one of several decor elements that readers have carried out in their houses.

From repainting furniture to repurposing rooms, from highlighting a collection to honoring a heritage, from covering an eyesore to making room for beauty, the ideas run the creative gamut. And many of them should be doable in your own house.

"It's something anyone can make, and make it look attractive," Donna Kozera said of the wall of framed memorabilia in her living room.

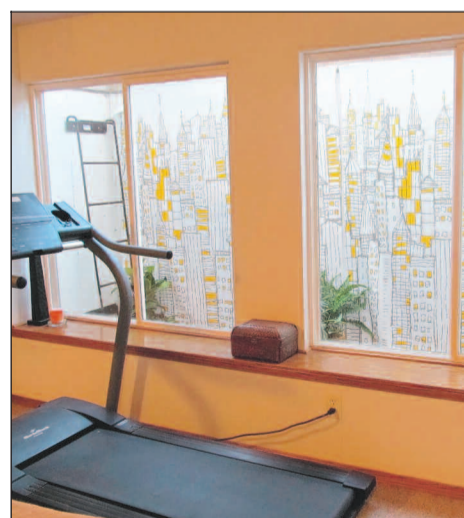
We share here several of the design elements. To see more photos, visit kansas.com/garden. To submit your photo to be featured online, visit kansas.com/upload.

Highlighting a collection or interest

■ Having a collection of giraffe memo-



A wicker nursery piece is repurposed for Cindi Gentry's mud porch.



"I solved the problem of ugly basement window-well walls by hanging decorative shower curtains with Velcro," Pat Hommertzhem says.

rablia in our bedroom for a couple of years now, I decided to enlarge the experience to include the whole room and make it noticeable from the moment one stepped inside. So I painted a tree on the wall that wraps around one corner of the room and added a shelf amid its branches with a statue of a mother and baby giraffe on it. — Debra Engelbrecht

■ I am an "I Love Lucy" fan. I made a hallway wall in my basement into a "Lucy" wall by taking Lucy photos and "wall-papering" them onto the wall in a collage fashion. — J.D. Emig

■ For years, I have been collecting crafts from all over the United States. A blank wall in my living room was really blah, so I started hanging a few pictures in a grouping, and it began to grow from there. As I started digging through old memorabilia, I found old pictures, sheet

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'Now I'm more than ready to start planting!'

Wichita's annual "garden show" changed this year, but some opinions about it remained the same.

Some people don't want to pay to go to a show where businesses are trying to sell them something.

Some people are pleased to see gardening of any kind on display when they've had just about enough of winter brown.

Some people prefer to be carried away by more-grandiose garden displays.

Some people want to see only the type of gardens that they can translate into their own yard.

And the new Outdoor Living & Landscape Show that rolled out



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A BIT OF EARTH

last weekend produced its own reactions.

"I have to admit I did not have a euphoric feeling of spring as I strolled around," master

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Trudy and Allan Carpenter of Wichita look at garden ornaments at the Outdoor Living & Landscape Show last weekend.