Gardener gets ready for spring, makes choices

<u>By Kay Melia</u>

vkmelia@yahoo.com Aquick check of the calendar tells me I have no business taking up your valuable time by tempting you with thoughts of gardening, but what else have I got to do?

And really, if you weren't reading this you would probably be reading about Afghanistan or high gas prices or Obamacare.

So, just relax for a couple of minutes and we'll get started on another



few months of discussions about digging in the dirt and making important decisions on whether or not to plant any zucchini this year.

ly hope you are wintering well. Soon, it will be the season to play outside again as we do our best to grow a little of our own fresh food, as well as attempting to beautify a bit of the area

where we reside. A little planning right now will help us to be ready for the day we can plant those first seeds outside. Some

by starting our own tomato and pepper transplants indoors, one of the truly satisfying projects to kick off the new season.

There any number of other gardening thoughts that should be running through your head right now. Chances are, we might consider whether or not this will be the year of us are looking forward to getting a new drip system in the garden that tree this spring.

jump on the outside planting season would enhance our ability to apply water precisely where it is needed.

Perhaps you are thinking about your garden layout...where will I plant the cucumbers this year, or should I plant the zinnias over by the fence, or close to the garden shed. Pruning your fruit trees should be Job No.1 in the next couple of weeks, unless you have no fruit to invest in a rototiller. Or maybe we trees. In that case, consider planting should do a layout on paper to plan a couple of peach trees or an apple any of it.

So many things to consider and so little time to prepare for those early projects outside.

I'm happy to report my seed order is on the way. I've thumbed through all those seed catalogs until they have become dog-eared and memorized.

Yeah, I ordered a pack of zucchini seed, but I reserve the right to decide later whether or not to plant

One of the 150th celebrations to be at Hutchinson

By Ron Wilson

Director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University You are invited to a birthday party not just any birthday party, but a birthday party for the whole state. The State of Kansas is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2011. Many local commemorative events will be held around Kansas. One of those will be a special performance featuring Kansas western artists and saluting 150 years of our state's history in poetry and music.

Martha Slater Farrell is president of First Generation Video in Wichita and a volunteer coordinator for this special sesquicentennial show. The project is called "Kansas: Home on the Range."

"This whole thing began as a vision of Roger Ringer," Martha said. Roger has been profiled here before, as vice-president of the Kansas chapter of the Western Music Association. Several years ago, he had the idea of having Kansas performers commemorate the state's sesquicentennial, but he was frustrated that state agencies were unable or unwilling to fund it.

"Out of hardship comes inspiration, as is always the case with Kansans," Martha said. When Roger presented the idea to the Kansas chapter of the Western Music Association, the members agreed to take it on as a grass-roots project. Then some exciting partnerships developed.

in the idea. Another was Judy Coder and Three Trails West. of Topeka who volunteered to serve as artistic director for the project. larger Kansas cities, as well as rural Martha Slater agreed to produce video so as to make this a multimedia presentation, and her husband's singing group, the Diamond W Wranglers, agreed to perform. population 252 people. Now, that's Then the historic Fox Theatre in rural. Hutchinson agreed to host it.

The stars lined up. On Sunday March 13, 2011, the historic Fox Theatre in Hutchinson will host a special performance to celebrate the state's 150th birthday. It's called 'Kansas: Home on the Range."

Members of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association will present music and poetry to tell the story of Kansas' 150 years. They will be joined by the Hutchinson Symphony and the McPherson Children's Choir. Allen Bailey, Marshall of Dodge City, will host.

The program will include brief documentary video clips from Martha Slater's company, narrated by Bill Barwick of the Encore Westerns channel. A reception with the performers will follow the show.

The live performance will be filmed by Smoky Hills Public Television and broadcast over every Kansas public television station as well as public radio stations in Kansas sometime during the sesquicentennial year. The program includes musicians and cowboy poets from around Kansas and beyond. This includes performers like Barry Ward, Judy Coder, Roger Ringer, Kerry Grombacher and Ann Zimmerman, One was Smoky Hills Public plus groups such as the Diamond W

Television which became interested Wranglers, Prairie Rose Rangers, which was at risk of demolition western performers.

It involves musicians from the performers such as Jeff Davidson from Eureka, Del Shields from Humboldt, and Fred Hargrove who ran a ranch near Atlanta, Kansas,

The venue for this performance is

during the 1980s until a group led by Martha Slater Farrell initiated an effort to restore it. Ultimately, the theatre was restored to the way it looked in 1931 and reopened on Kansas Day of 1999.

"I have been passionate about Hutchinson's historic Fox Theatre, upcoming performance involving www.hutchinsonfox.com

light a wonderful genre and celebrate Kansas history at the same time. I think it will be one of the top events of the sesquicentennial year," Martha said.

Tickets to the show are now avail-Kansas history since we began able at 620-663-1981 or 877-FOX-(our business) 32 years ago," Mar- SHOW. Further information can be like quite a party. I wonder if there tha said. She is excited about the found at www.kansaswma.org or will be 150 candles on a cake?

You are invited to a birthday party

"It's a grand opportunity to spot- - not just any birthday party, but a celebration of 150 years of Kansas history. We salute Martha Slater Farrell and all those involved with the "Kansas: Home on the Range" project for making a difference by honoring the legacy of our state in video, poetry, and music. It sounds

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