



# Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."

## MARCH'S GENERAL MEETING: Beautifying Columbia

### Thanks Lisa & Dan!

At our last meeting, 25 Master Gardener members were provided a unique opportunity to look behind the scenes. Lisa Phillips and Dan Gibbons gave a tour of the city of Columbia's greenhouses. While Lisa is a business major, her abilities to grow beautiful plants were evident. A crew of eight begins planting approximately 16,000 annuals about 14 weeks before their target

planting date of May 1. The plantings are then distributed to about 70 areas around the city.

A greenhouse was recently constructed to help provide growing room for the flats of plants, and another room housed racks of plants grown under ordinary fluorescent fixtures. While the greenhouse has given a nice growing space for plants, Lisa said that they struggle with the frequent cloudy days.

A free sack of seeds of a favorite plant, pink Champagne grass, was passed around our group. The plant graces city flower beds, blooming mid-summer through fall.

Lisa's favorite seed company, seen at [ivygarth.com](http://ivygarth.com) sells only to commercial growers, but in a polite reply from them, it was suggested we order Ivy Garth seeds from [hazzardsgreenhouse.com](http://hazzardsgreenhouse.com), or [seedman.com](http://seedman.com)

### Rothenberger/Wilson Endowment Fund

The Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson Missouri Master Gardener Endowment was launched March 3rd at a lunch honoring the two men in Columbia. The permanent endowment was created to fund the almost entirely volunteer statewide program that trains gardeners to become experts and volunteers in their communities.

Rothenberger retired in 1998 as chair of the MU horticulture department and served for 30 years as a home horticulture specialist. He was a key organizer of the first Mis-

souri Master Gardener program in 1984 and helped lead it for many years.

Wilson served as a co-host of PBS "Victory Garden" program from Callaway Gardens for 10 years. He holds the title of honorary Master Gardener in nine states, including Missouri.

Charles Stowell, a Missouri Master Gardener state advisory board member, of Blue Springs, MO., proposed creating the fund to give donors a place to invest their money that would directly benefit the Master Gardener program.

The fund can accommodate big and small donations alike, said Mary Kroening, MU Extension

associate and state coordinator for the Missouri Master Gardener program. She said the annual operating budget of about \$15,000 comes from training fees paid by the volunteers. The endowment will help fund more advanced volunteer training, workshops and the state Master Gardener conference. About \$3,500 has been committed so far, mostly from regional Master Gardener programs.

To donate to the Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson Missouri Master Gardener Endowment, contact Mary Kroening at (573) 882-9633.



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### Points of Interest:

- *Clever Adaptations:*  
<https://fsb.missouri.edu/gardenweb/>
- *Great News:*  
<http://aqebb.missouri.edu/hort/meg/>
- *Glass in the Garden:*  
<http://www.mobot.org/events/Chihuly/chihuly.asp>
- *Zap it:*  
[www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/resourceguide/](http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/resourceguide/)
- *Record the Changes:* Take a photo of 2 zones in your gardens, same place, same time, once per month for 12 months.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Callaway Christian Church**, Fulton, needs a presenter for a 45 minute program on **Gardening for Seniors**. If interested: Marilyn Tedrow, (573) 581-3918.

**Community Gardening Coalition**, Columbia, needs help with various **gardening tasks** throughout the season. Contact Karen Dwyer, 442-3911.

**Compost Workshops** are offered by volunteers with the Columbia Public Works Volunteer Program. Training is provided; you may **volunteer up to four hours per month**. Spring workshops in April, May, and June. Call 573-874-6271.

**Wanted: Volunteers who like kids,**

**dirt and worms!** No experience necessary! The Columbia Public Works Volunteer Program is looking for volunteers to introduce children and teachers to worm composting.

Flexible schedule. Call the Public Works Volunteer Assistant at 573-874-6271 or

[pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com)

**Tiger Pilot Club** needs volunteers to help with their 4th annual garden tour, June 17th. Shifts 9-noon or 12-3. Help with the tours and answer gardening questions. Kay Conklin 573-474-0361 or

[conklin@health.missouri.edu](mailto:conklin@health.missouri.edu)

**Mizzou Botanic Garden's** new volunteer opportunities: Adopt-A-Spots

need 3 or more people. Tree trails, walking and biking trails need work. Good plant knowledge? Conduct a tour! Photographers can submit photos of the gardens for various uses. Contact David Massey at: 573-884-7597 or [masseyd@missouri.edu](mailto:masseyd@missouri.edu)

**Farmer's Market:** Help with exhibits, May 13, 7 am-1 pm. Peggy Ann: 660-841-5253 or Don Day.

**Got Volunteers?** Roberta Carson does! She has a group of Boy Scouts working on Soil and Water Conservation badges, and they're willing to do some planting. Call Roberta at: 573-447-1221 or

[rcarson@boonville.k12.mo.us](mailto:rcarson@boonville.k12.mo.us)

## Chapter News: Everything's Coming up Roses...

**Bradford Research and Extension Center** will host a "Carefree Rose Workshop," **Thursday, April 27**, from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. The workshop will be free and held at the Bradford Research and Extension Center, east of Columbia off WW and Rangeline Road.

The workshop begins with a half hour tour of rose plots to observe and discuss winter survival of Buck, David Austin, Hy-

brid Tea and other roses. Then, from 6:15 to 7:00, **Jeff Oberhaus of Vintage Hill Farm** will conduct a classroom presentation on roses suited for Missouri growing conditions. From 7-7:45, **Mary Kroening, MU Horticulture Specialist and MG Coordinator for Missouri**, will present "Care of Roses in Missouri's Wild Weather Extremes." The workshop wraps with rose management at

Chance Gardens, with **Steve Lee of Chance Gardens, Centralia**.

This is an exciting opportunity for veteran rose growers or those who are just beginning the adventure of growing roses in Missouri.

Contact Mary Kroening, 573-882-9633, or Tim Reinbott, 573-884-7945. Or visit the website for map and directions at: [aes.missouri.edu/bradford/bfdir.stm](http://aes.missouri.edu/bradford/bfdir.stm)

### Tour Friendship Farm

**Jim Wilson and Janie Mandel** have invited us to tour their lovely gardens on **Saturday, May 13, 1:30**. (Carpool information listed under "Events," page 5.)

#### Directions to Friendship Farm:

1. From the intersection of Hwy. 63 & Broadway/WW, go east.
2. Go just one short block to the first stoplight and turn left on Keene.
3. Take the first street to the right (east) - St. Charles.
4. Go about one mile. Where St. Charles makes a tight curve to the left, you continue straight onto Richland Road.
5. We are the first driveway on the right (south) on Richland Rd. You will see a green street sign reading "Jane's Lane." We also have a white sign reading "4200 Richland Road."



## Committee News: Mark Your Calendars

### Advanced Training Schedule for 2006

**April 10th**, 6-9 pm, Boone Ct. Extension Center, Don Day, Phyllis Barks, presenters: 1st section of **Principles of Adult Learning & PowerPoint Presentations**. **April 19th**, 6-9, 2nd section (enrollment form inside this issue).

**May 31 -June 1**, Upper Crust, Elm St., Columbia. Mary Kroening will host a 2-day, 4-session class. Cost will be \$85 which will also cover breakfast and lunch, both days. Watch your newsletter for more information to follow.

**June 12th, 6-8 pm**, Bradford Farms, **Insect picture ID & Hands-on Insect ID**, Mary Kroening, presenter.

**October: Accessible Gardening** class by Todd Lorenz and Don Day. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners  
Developing Presentation Skills Advanced Training

April 10 and April 19, 2006

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Boone County Extension Center

In this two-part advanced training opportunity, participants will learn training tips, principles of adult learning, and how to develop a presentation using PowerPoint. These sessions will provide an opportunity for interaction and practice.

Session 1, April 10, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The following will be addressed:

- Principles of adult learning
- Characteristics of a good trainer
- Suggestions for before, during and after the training
- Getting participants involved
- PowerPoint functions
- Starting a presentation design
- Guidelines for appearance of slides

Cancelled

Session 2, April 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The following will be addressed:

- Examples of interactive grouping and activities
- Icebreakers for getting started
- Room arrangement
- Using equipment and materials effectively
- Adding graphics to PowerPoint slides
- More on slide design
- Creating handouts
- Using the notes feature

**Registration deadline is April 3, 2006.** Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. Cost is \$10.00 for both sessions. To register, complete the form below and include a check for \$10.00 made payable to Boone County Extension Center.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Boone County Extension Center, 1012 N. Highway UU, Columbia, MO 65203

## **An Interview with Don Day: by Denise Gebhardt**

**DG: How long have you been involved with MG?**

DD: Since the early 1990's. I have been actively involved since about 1995. I helped with coordination in the early years and since about 2000 I have been teaching some of the classes.

**DG: What can you identify as the best aspect of MG program?**

DD: I think the best aspect of the program is watching the wide variety of dedicated volunteers we have that work on so many diverse projects. The enthusiasm of the group is contagious.

**DG: Can you think of problems that have the potential to derail the MG program?**

DD: We always have the budget problems. We are in good shape here on support. I get concerned when I hear about legislators that question why we are working on this program. I think we need to work more at describing the many benefits of the program and how it makes a difference in people's lives.

**DG: What inspires you to continue your dedication to MG?**

DD: The volunteers are what inspire me. I am amazed that so many people will volunteer so many hours to help others in their communities. The enthusiasm of Master Gardeners is contagious.

**DG: What can MG do to help you expand/improve and strengthen the MG program?**

DD: We need to improve on the participation level and I think that is happening. We probably need to look closer at evaluation of our activities especially

to describe the difference the program makes in people's lives. We continue to expand on the volunteer opportunities and we continue to increase the numbers. You folks do make the program what it is.

**DG: What changes do you hope to see in the next five years?**

DD: I hope to see many more people involved in the program and would like to see our programs expand and deliver more educational programs to people in our community. I would especially like to see the youth gardening programs expand along with some enabling gardening programs.

**DG: What aspect of the MG program proves difficult for you?**

DD: My most difficult task is harassing people to turn in their hours.

**DG: Which degrees do you hold, and what do you do when not working with MG?**

DD: I have a BS and and MS in Agricultural economics from the University of Missouri. My emphasis was in Farm Management. In my time not working with Master Gardeners, I work with farmers in the fourteen county Central Missouri region on Ag Engineering related topics. These include such things as farm buildings, grain drying and handling, livestock housing and handling, farm safety, energy conservation and many other topics.

**DG: How many children do you have, how many years have you been married?**

DD: My wife, Fran, and I have three children. They all live in Columbia. We also have two grandchildren (I am sure most of you know that). We feel really fortunate to have all of our children close and espe-

cially enjoy having our grandchildren close. Fran and I were married on August 2, 1969. Fran's Dad and my Granddad were both ministers and both participated in the ceremony at Arrow Rock Federated Church.

**DG: Hobbies?**

DD: I enjoy gardening, photography, reading, and doing things with our grandchildren. We are active members of Broadway Christian Church. Fran and I have both been elders and I co-teach an adult Sunday school class. Fran and I exercise regularly (well, almost regularly) at Health Connection.

**DG: What would you like MG to know about you?**

DD: After answering all these questions, you probably know more about me than you want to. I started working for University of Missouri Extension in 1967. This year will be my 39<sup>th</sup> year. I have seen a lot of change in our programming. The thing that doesn't change is the wonderful people we get to work with. I have worked with people in every county in this region. Some of them I have worked with for over 35 years. I enjoy seeing them implement the things we discuss and seeing the difference our programs make in their lives.

**DG: And finally, what was your funniest moment in MG?**

DD: There are a lot of these. At the meeting Tuesday, I mentioned that Sue Popper got me into another project and I really didn't feel I was qualified for it. She said, "Well, you just have to work with what you have." I think her performance at the graduation last fall was probably the funniest though. I really got so tickled I couldn't talk that night.

## Our Officers

President: Phyllis Barks (573) 698-3845

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## Upcoming Events

**April 7-9: Bloom'n'Garden Expo III**, Franklin Tennessee. [www.wcmga.net](http://www.wcmga.net) or call 615-790-6521.

**April 8: Rain garden construction workshop**, 10 am, with Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project:

<http://wildones.missouri.org/calendar.html>

**April 13: Speakers' Bureau: Basic Flower Arranging**, Carolyne Anderson. Columbia Regional Library, Friends Room, 7:00 pm.

**April 15: Free Guided Hikes, Lewis & Clark Trail of Discovery, Arrow Rock, MO**, 10 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm:

[friends@friendsofbigmuddy.org](mailto:friends@friendsofbigmuddy.org)

**April 23: Earth Day**, Peace Park-Downtown Columbia, noon to 6:30 pm. Please plan to help with the booth. (Rain date April 30)

**April 23: Central MO Orchid Society's Orchid Repotting Clinic**, Superior Garden Center, Lecture: 10 am, Repotting: 11-3.

[www.superiorgardencenters.com/Events/events.htm](http://www.superiorgardencenters.com/Events/events.htm)

**April 25: Albrecht Lecture**, 3:30 pm, Conservation Hall, (ABNR-MU) Balancing perspectives in soil and environmental management. Dr. Bob Sojka, ARS.

**April 28-29: Flat Branch BioBlitz**, ID & record species on the Flat Branch watershed. More info:

[bioblitz.missouri.edu](http://bioblitz.missouri.edu)

**April 29: Free composting workshop; Mulch giveaway**. Capen Park, Columbia. More info:

[gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/calendar\\_events.php](http://gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/calendar_events.php)

**May 13: Tour of Friendship Farm**, Jim Wilson & Janie Mandel, 1:30 pm. 4200 Richland Road, Jane's Lane, Columbia. Or carpool from North side Patricia's IGA at 1:15.

**May 20: Show-Me Yards Field Day**, 11:00 am to 2 pm, special demos at Shelter Gardens parking lot, 11 am, self guided brochure & map at: [Gocolumbiamo.com](http://Gocolumbiamo.com)

**June 16-17: "A Gardener's Journey,"** Greater KC, MO. Master Gardeners' Garden Tour, \$10/advance ticket, 9 am to 4:30 pm. 1-816-252-5051.

## Projects and Committees

Some committees still need chairs! Contact Phyllis.

Descriptions of the committees are on the Heart of Missouri Website at:

<http://outreach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc>

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boone/mg.html](http://Mu.extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html)



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

***RAIN GARDENS, with Scott Hamilton***

Boone County Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy. UU, Columbia, MO

Refreshments will be provided by: Betty Smith, snacks; Tom Marrero, drinks

**Remember your Master Gardener name tag!**

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