



August 2006

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July's General Meeting: Flutters on the MU Campus

Nearly forty Master Gardeners enjoyed July's meeting on the MU campus. It was a HOT summer evening, but the meeting, held indoors at Eckles Hall, was full of interesting information about the campus's development into an official botanic garden and the integration of the Plants of Merit program. Included was a tour conducted by Rich Friedan of the lovely butterfly garden outside Eckles Hall. A few butterflies were spotted, but it was decided that it was too hot for even them.

MU's director of landscape services, Pete Millier, explained some of the history

of the Mizzou Botanic Garden and the efforts to expand the Plants of Merit (POM) program to other areas in Missouri. The Mizzou Botanic Garden (or MU-Bot, as I like to call it), began with the idea that because the campus is centrally located it serves as a nice link between Powell Gardens in Kansas City and Missouri Botanic Garden (MO-Bot) in St. Louis. Now Mizzou Botanic Garden is open year around, is free, and is home to thousands of plants. Many of those plants are part of the Plants of Merit program.

These plants are considered to be underutilized, but outstandingly dependable in our Midwest environs.

Interested in building a strong volunteer base, Pete encourages Master Gardeners to assist in the many opportunities to expand the POM program into the region as well as continue with the beautification of Mizzou Botanic Garden. A special annual MU-Bot calendar is planned, so photographers are always encouraged to capture a special photo and submit it. Who knows, perhaps a shutterbug will be successful at the butterfly garden in capturing a shot of an elusive butterfly, as it flutters to a nearby flower. It's a great place to visit, and don't forget your camera. Thanks Rich and Pete. For more info: gardens.missouri.edu

Points of Interest:

Missouri State Fair:
www.mostatefair.com/

Missouri Master Naturalist:
extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist

Missouri State Parks:
www.mostateparks.com/

Illinois Master Gardeners:
www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/

Plants of Merit:
www.plantsofmerit.org

Friends of the Big Muddy:
www.friendsofbigmuddy.org/

August's Program: Squiggly Fun at the Worm Farm and a Worthwhile Project for September

For August's Program Don Day has arranged a visit to the fascinating "Felicity Farms: Institute for Global Worming." Gerald Gaylord and Laurie Trask operate the farm. Sterling Kelly is the owner. They started with a ton or worms and who knows how many there are now. For driving directions, see page four. Please join us for an interesting program.

Joyce Marienfeld is asking MG's to collect any dried or fresh (she will dry them) herbs, flowers, scented petals, etc. for projects she will do for her work at Children's Hospital. Bring the plant material in ziplocks or shoeboxes, identified as to content, to September's meeting where Joyce will share her program plans for her work at the hospital. Questions: Joyce Marienfeld, 447-2031.

Volunteer Opportunities



State Fair

MU Extension will host a Master Gardener Day at the State Fair, August 18th. Master Gardeners will be featured at the College of Ag. booth and an "Ask the Expert" table. Displays to help decorate are welcomed as well. Admission for that day for the Master Gardener volunteers will be covered. Contact Mary Kroning: 573-882-9633 kroningm@missouri.edu

Youth Gardening

The Gardening with Youth committee needs more members. Contact Lea Langdon if you want to help plan youth activities for The Intersection after school program. Planning does not necessarily mean presenting, so bring your ideas to the committee! Lea can be reached at: langtrea@yahoo.com 573-864-7647

Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Four to six Master Gardeners are needed to help new Habitat families at Norbury Hill plant trees and shrubs. Two pickup trucks are needed to haul mulch. At least one wheelbarrow, buckets, shovels, pitchforks and rakes will be needed. Contact Brenda Jones if you can help, jonesbj@missouri.edu; 573-884-6190 (day)

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Ray Rothenberger, Sunday, July 30th. A Master Gardener permanent endowment, named for Ray and Jim Wilson, was established in March. Ray retired in 1998 as chair of the MU horticulture department. He was a key organizer of the first Missouri Master Gardener program in 1984 and helped lead it for many years. Ray will be missed by many people. Our condolences to his family.

Committee News

A new Master Gardener training will begin on Sept. 13, and the mentoring committee is gearing up to get started again. Any member in good standing and having returned their initial 30 hours of volunteering can participate in this committee. **PLEASE consider being a mentor.** A survey this

past year said that trainees thought the program helpful. Don also felt it was a worthwhile effort. We need more mentors so that we have a smaller ratio of trainee to mentor (just like in the classroom). It gives the mentors more time to devote to the trainee. Contact me by Sept. 1

to help on this worthwhile committee. Marie Pasley- 474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com



"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm."

Author Unknown

Leon's Memorial



Leon's Garden

A small group of members will work with Sandy Deraps to develop a plan for a memorial for her son Leon, killed in action in Iraq. The memorial will be located at the Deraps home. In the fall, Master Gardener members

will be invited to help by constructing the memorial, donating plants, planting, mulching, etc.

Donations are still being accepted for Leon's memorial. You may give donations to Debbie Scholes or Don Day.

Make checks to Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners; designated Deraps memorial.

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Upcoming Events

August 10-20: Missouri State Fair; Seda-lia, Missouri.

August 15: Deadline for saving \$15 on registration for the **State Master Gardener Conference**, Sept. 15-17. More info: <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mg/g/06registration.htm>

Wednesdays, August 16, 23 & 30th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Show-Me Yards and Neighborhoods Workshop. ARC (Room A): The ARC is located two blocks east of Famous Barr, at 1701 W. Ash, Columbia. Plan to attend any or all three evenings for great prizes and a free rain gauge!

To register: Call 874-7616 or send an e-mail to flgordon@GoColumbiaMo.com

August 31: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts, 11:30 a.m. at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway, Columbia, MO. All are invited.

Monday, September 11th, 7 p.m. The Hawthorn Chapter of Missouri Native Plant Society presents "**Reflections on the Flora of Missouri**," by **George Yatskievych, Flora of Missouri Project**, Missouri Botanical Garden. Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia. Info: Paula at 573-474-4225.

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Treasurer: Debbie Scholles (573) 657-9731

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Planning for 2007

If you have ideas for programs and/or tours for 2007, please share them with Phyllis Barks, barksp@missouri.edu or Don Day, daydr@missouri.edu.

It will be helpful to the 2007 officers to have your thoughts.



Committees & Projects

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

outreach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc

Advanced Training: Vera Gelder (573) 474-8837, walkabot@midamerica.net; Marie Pasley (573) 474-5245, smpasley@aol.com

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Habitat for Humanity: Brenda Jones (573) 884-6190, jonesbj@missouri.edu; Phyllis Barks (573) 698-3845, barksp@missouri.edu

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***Plants of Merit: Chairperson needed**

Oak Towers: Don Day (573) 445-9792, daydr@missouri.edu

Across the River and Over the Pond

The Master Gardeners from several Illinois counties invite you to Moline, Illinois to share "New Ideas in Gardening", Sept. 7-9. The conference will be held at The Mark on the John Deere Commons & Moline Center. Join them for a river boat cruise, glorious garden tours & excellent learning sessions. More info: Monica David, modavid@uiuc.edu or for brochure and registration: www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/

Nancy Luechtefeld of Coronet Travel in St. Louis has organized and led two Master Gardener trips to England in the past. Her trips have been very well enjoyed and popular. She is organizing another trip next summer, July 2007 for Master Gardeners. She is planning the trip to coincide with the world renowned Hampton Court Flower Show - which is considered the world's largest flower show. More info: Nancy Luechtefeld, Coronet Travel; 314-721-1170 or nancy@coronettravel.com

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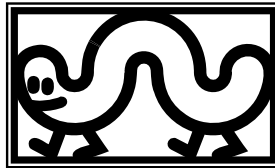
NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Felicity Farms: Institute for Global Worming

I-70 to Rt. Z. North on Rt. Z to Murry. Left on HH at Murry. Turn right or north on the first gravel road to the north (Harley Road). Go one mile. The drive is on the left. There is a stone gate there with a sign saying Felicity. Go past the house and up to the barn. There are no bathroom facilities at the farm.

Refreshments will be provided by: Alice Havard, snacks; Peggy Ann Eichen, drinks

Remember to wear your Master Gardener name tag!



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