



# Master Gardener Newsletter

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"Helping Others Learn to Grow."

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## June's General Meeting: Smell the Roses

A large group of Master Gardeners, gathered in the parking lot of Shelter Gardens for our June meeting, were greeted by **Judy Tucker** with a truckful of native plants, free for the taking. **Laura Redfield-Jacobs** ended the meeting with an iris giveaway.

The group then gathered inside the lovely Shelter Gardens, at the rose beds, where **Jeff Zimmerscheid** presented interesting information about new gardening methods at the Gardens. Jeff was contracted two years ago to convert the 4.75 acre Shelter Gardens from the use of chemical fertilizers

and pesticides to **organic methods** for the flower beds and turf.

Jeff explained that he began by conducting nearly thirty soil tests in a variety of sites at the Gardens. This is an approach that he usually begins with in his work with clients through his business, The Lawn Company.

After the results of the tests, Jeff then worked to improve the soil, and thereby strengthening the plants' health. Jeff says that plants that are "stressed," more readily succumb to insects and disease. Jeff also imple-

mented cotton burr compost to replace the wood mulch. Jeff's organic practices have paid off: one of the first things that the Shelter Gardens folks noticed was **how much better the roses smelled!** They certainly looked beautiful. Thanks Jeff.

For more info: [www.OrganicLawnCompany.com](http://www.OrganicLawnCompany.com) or call Jeff at: 573-442-5296.



## Points of Interest:

Show me Yards Video: [video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4279981524621549194&q=Show+Me+Y](http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4279981524621549194&q=Show+Me+Y)

Organic Guide for Insects: [www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/resourceguide/](http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/resourceguide/)

See Jim Wilson Smile: [www.progressivefarmer.com/farmer/gardens/0,24664,,00.html](http://www.progressivefarmer.com/farmer/gardens/0,24664,,00.html)

Fall Master Gardener Training Class: Sept. 13-Dec. 6, Wednesdays, 6-9 pm.

## Advanced Training: Insects ID'd



About a dozen Master Gardeners gathered at the recent **advanced training session** presented by **Mary Kroening**. Mary used her entomology degree to teach a crash course in identifying insects. Using display boxes of insects, we referred to an easy

insect ID key that helped designate the "order" of each insect through a hierarchy of questions. Then by referring to several handouts and the "bible" of insect identification, Photographic Atlas of Entomology and Guide to Insect Identification, by

James L. Castner; Feline Press, we quickly sharpened our skills at identifying the little critters. The work was fascinating and the knowledge valuable. Thanks Mary.

Wildthing info: [muextension.missouri.edu/explore/wildthing/](http://muextension.missouri.edu/explore/wildthing/)

## Kiwi Magic: Master Gardener Trip to New Zealand



A Minnesota travel agent is teaming with a New Zealand travel agent to once again offer a wonderful travel opportunity for Master Gardeners in February 2008.

This horticulture tour is being planned to visit the best of New Zealand's unique gardens and natural wonders. Experience colorful gardens, lush temperate forests, high mountain passes and snow-capped peaks, iridescent blue glacier fed lakes, tranquil rolling farmlands

and quaint little towns.

This trip will feature flowers, nature, national parks, botanic gardens and privately owned gardens on both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Botanic Garden sites included are Auckland, Otari-Wilton, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Other sites will include the natural wonders of the Southern Alps and Queenstown, Doubtful Sound, and the Otago Peninsula where the en-

dangered yellow eyed penguin still resides. Other locations we will visit include wineries, Ayrilies Garden, Larnach Castle and Gardens in Dunedin, and Te Anau Wildlife Centre.

The trip is planned for late February, and is subject to slight change of dates or length as the final itinerary is being confirmed.

For more information contact Mary Kroening at 573-882-9633 or:

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## State Conference: Get Your Kicks...



"...although you may be a "frequent flyer" of MG conventions, we know you will leave our conference with new and exciting gardening ideas and knowledge."

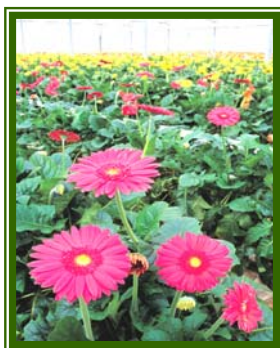
Barb Lucks, Chair

The following is an excerpt of an email to Don Day from Gaylord Moore, Green County Horticulture Specialist: "We have placed the 2006 State Master Gardener Conference information on the Greene County Master Gardener web site. To access the information you will want to go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/> and

click on "Registration Information". It is available in PDF format. The planning committees have worked hard and I think we have an outstanding conference planned for statewide Master Gardeners on September 15, 16, and 17. (Springfield, Missouri) If your MGs do not have access to the computer and internet I would appreciate it if you will

help in getting the word out about the conference and registration. In the past, those in the Greene County MG program who did not have access to pulling registration info off the internet would have an opportunity to receive a hard copy through our office or pick up copies through various MG meetings and "get-to-gathers". Info: 417-862-9284 ext.18

## More Brain Food: Learning Opportunities



Beginning July 17 through July 19, University of Missouri is offering the "2006 Greenhouse Management Short Course." Topics include plant growth and nutrition, water quality, diagnosing plant problems, poinsettia and mum production, to

name a few. Also included are tours of MU Botanic Garden, Sears greenhouse and a commercial greenhouse. Dinner is provided one night. For more info and registration, contact David Trinklein at 573-882-9631 or [trinkleind@missouri.edu](mailto:trinkleind@missouri.edu)

Shaw Nature Preserve presents a sustainable landscape development conference, July 12-13. For a brochure and more info: [www.shawnature.org/register/greening%20flyer2.pdf](http://www.shawnature.org/register/greening%20flyer2.pdf) or Barbara Fairchild: 573-522-4115, ext. 3833 or [Barbara.fairchild.mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.fairchild.mdc.mo.gov)

## Upcoming Events

**July 6: Speaker's Bureau:** Marie Pasley, Day Lilies, Columbia Library, Friends' Rm. 7 pm.

**July 12-13: Native Landscaping Conference,** Shaw Nature Preserve (see page 2 for more info).

**July 17-19: Greenhouse Management Short Course,** (see page 2 for more info). Contact David Trinklein at 573-882-9631 or [trinkleind@missouri.edu](mailto:trinkleind@missouri.edu)

**July 23-26: North America Prairie Conference,** Univ. of Nebraska, Kearney. Info: [www.napc2006.org/](http://www.napc2006.org/)

**July 27: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts,** 11:30 AM at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway, Columbia, MO. All are invited.

**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/06registration.htm>

**April-Nov., 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-1pm: Household Hazardous Waste Collection;** 1313 Lakeview (one blk.west of city power plant), Columbia, MO. Info: [www.gocolumbiamo.com/](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/)

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### Waste Not, Want Not...

If you have more produce than you can eat, don't let it go to waste! A PAR volunteer will see to it that it gets to the food pantry. **Plant a Row can use volunteers for weeding & mulching.** Contact Betty Gayle at: [turtleisland@tranquility.net](mailto:turtleisland@tranquility.net)

## Committees & Projects

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

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## Mizzou: Not Just for Students



Summer company visiting? Take them to Miz-zou Botanic Garden. Among the few gardens in Missouri that you can tour anytime, 24/7, it's also FREE. The University of Missouri Campus grounds are open year-around and many specimen trees, shrubs, perennial, and annual beds are on display. Brochures outlining self-guided tree trails and other garden features are

available at Jesse Hall, Reynolds Alumni Center and at the Landscape Services Main Office East of the General Services Building.

Areas with high concentration of interest include the Francis and Carnahan Quads, Brady and Lowry Malls, and the Memorial Union. Also don't miss Founders Circle, Ellis Perennial Gar-

dens, the Butterfly Garden at Eckels Hall (take a break at Buck's for ice-cream) and Peace Park. Our newest feature is the container garden south of Jesse Hall.

Parking is easiest and free on weekends, but you can always find space at Turner Parking Garage weekdays (D. Massey.)

Visit online at: [gardens.missouri.edu/](http://gardens.missouri.edu/)

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, July 18th at 6:30 p.m.**

**MU Butterfly Garden, with Rich Friedan, Master Gardener & Horticulturist**

Visit the lovely Butterfly Garden on the MU campus

MU Campus, Eckles Hall, Columbia, MO.

For an online map: <http://map.missouri.edu/eastcampus-2a.htm> or from Stadium Bv., turn right onto College Av., right onto Rollins Rd., right into parking lot AV-12.



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