



Master Gardener Newsletter

June 2006

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."

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Points of Interest:

- Selecting Roses: cafnr.missouri.edu/
- MU Ag School news: agebb.missouri.edu/news/cafnr/
- Missouri Environment and Garden News: agebb.missouri.edu/hort/meg/index.htm
- Water-Wise: www.gocolumbiamo.com/WaterandLight/Services/xeriscape.php

May's General Meeting: Adaptations

May's meeting was well attended with 32 Master Gardeners showing up to hear **Don Day** and **Betty Gayle Smith** present strategies for adaptive gardening. The program featured highlights from a seminar on assisting gardeners with physical or mental challenges. Gardening is therapeutic for everyone, and if the interest exists, there is an array of procedures and techniques that allow "every body" to reap the benefits. Don explained that some components needed for success are: an audience, a leader, a suitable area, and a way

to sustain the effort. Careful site assessment is important before efforts are made to plant an area, and not all raised beds were created equal. It was pointed out that often elements are in place, but without strong leadership and a degree of patience, frustration may set in. **Betty Gayle** talked about the numerous ergonomic tools available, plus the simple adaptations we can make for our existing tools. In spite of her limitations after suffering a stroke, **Betty Gayle** actively gardens. Also, **Barb Kribbs** shared her success with providing a raised



bed planter for her mother by using a large horse trough, completed with soil and drainage holes punched in the bottom.

For some interesting websites on the topic see:

<https://fsb.missouri.edu/gardenweb/>

<http://www.gardenscape.on.ca/pages/enablingtools.htm>

Paradise Found at Friendship Farm

MG's enjoyed the beautiful gardens of **Jim Wilson** and **Janie Mandel**. Following are a sample of some paraphrased quotes: "I would love to curl up with a book." "Jim is so lucky to have found Janie. They're lucky to have each other." "I could see how

Janie's mind works with the flowing transitions from area to area." "What a showplace." "Everywhere you turn there's beauty." "The yard art objects are so perfect." "Elegant yet 'homey.'" "I've never in my life seen anything like

that yellow peony." "This place rivals MoBot on a small scale." Of course many "oh's and ah's" floated through the air, as it was obvious to everyone that Friendship Farm is indeed a special piece of paradise. Thanks to Jim and Janie for sharing.

Volunteer Opportunities



“No, I’m not sure how to make it rain, but I’ll let you talk to Don Day.”

Hit the Hotline: Emily Bonwich needs some help with the Hotline. The shifts are Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. Don’t worry...you don’t need to have the entire “Grounds for Gardening” memorized. Instead, we take phone numbers and addresses and give out only re-searched information. Contact Emily: 573-449-0444; or ebonwich@coin.org

The McCambridge Center, a local drug and alcohol rehabilitation center,

would like to have Master Gardeners help the women residents learn gardening skills. They are interested in container gardening, starting and caring for flower beds, and possibly vegetable gardening in the future. Contact Phyllis: barksp@missouri.edu or 573-698-3845.

Plants of Merit Nominations Sought

If you would like to assist the Mizzou Botanic Garden in nominating plants for the Plants of Merit pro-

gram, please contact Phyllis Barks, barksp@missouri.edu or 573-698-3845.

Can you believe the year is half over? Do you have half of your volunteer hours for the year? If not, don’t worry, you still have plenty of time. Contact one of the committee chairs if you need ideas for volunteer opportunities. Don will need the 2006 record sheets by November 30. P.B.

Committee News: Sharing the Bounty

“We take our produce to the Mid-MO food pantry as we know this should go pretty quickly into local tummies.” BGS

About five years ago, Betty Gayle Smith became interested in supplying fresh produce for the Central-MO Food Bank and the group, Plant a Row for the Hungry (PAR). Heart of MO Master Gardeners soon began a concerted effort with raised beds that have grown beautiful produce. This spring 22 lbs. of spinach and 104

lbs of lettuce was harvested. Generous donations of supplies and time by folks too numerous to mention in this space, and Youth Gardening & Columbia Garden Coalition are among those whose united efforts help. Betty Gayle says, “Much thanks to the PAR team members...there will still be much to do...”

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture reports that 1 in 10 U.S. families experiences hunger. About 25 million, including 9.9 million children, have substandard diets or use emergency food supplies. PAR was started by the Garden Writers’ Association. For more info see: www.gardenwriters.org/Par/index.html

“For Every Season...”



Time of Sorrow

We extend heartfelt sympathy to our fellow Master Gardener, Sandy Deraps and her family, on the tragic loss of their son, Leon. Last month, Leon was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. We are truly sorry for your loss

and want you to know you have been on our minds and in our hearts. (P. Barks)

Deraps Memorial Fund

At the May meeting, a memorial fund was established to honor Leon Deraps. The funds will be used to create a memorial

at the Deraps farm. More details will be provided at upcoming meetings and in this newsletter. If you wish to contribute, send your donation to: Debbie Scholes, 885 E. Rte. M, Hartsburg, MO 65039 scholesd@missouri.edu

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Upcoming Events</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Our Officers</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Committees & Projects</h2>
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June 2: State Master Gardener Advisory Board Meeting; Columbia.

June 4: "An Old Fashioned Evening," Tour & front porch decorating contest, Boonville, 5 pm til dusk. Cooper Co. MG; Info & tickets: (660) 882-5661.

June 12: Advanced Training, (see below)

June 7: Speaker's Bureau: Alice Havard, Butterfly & Bird Gardening, Columbia Regional Library, Friends Room, 7 p.m.

June 15-17: Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference; Marriott, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

June 16 & 17: A Gardener's Journey, 9am-4:30pm; tour 10 distinctive Gardens of Greater Kansas City, MO. MG of Greater KCMO. Tickets & Info: 816-252-5051.

June 23: Native Plant Field Day, 9 am to noon. Bradford Research & Extension Center; Rangeline-2 miles east of WW. Info: ReinbottT@missouri.edu.

July 6: Speaker's Bureau: Marie Pasley, day lilies, Col. Library, Friends' Rm. 7 pm.

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Secretary: Mary Jane King (573) 474-2489

Treasurer: Debbie Scholles (573) 657-9731

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Advanced Training!!!



<p>Join us June 12 at Bradford Farm for an advanced training on insect ID, including classroom ID, hands-on ID, & a sweep for insects in the field. Please sign up by June 9th. Send your \$10 check, made to Boone</p>	<p>Co. Extension, to: Boone Co. Ext. Center, 1012 N. Hwy. UU, Columbia, MO 65203, or pay the night of class. Info: Marie Pasley, 474-5245, smpasley@aol.com or Don Day, 445-9792, daydr@missouri.edu</p>	<p>Directions to Bradford Farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-70 to Hwy. 63 • South on 63 for 1 mile to Broadway/WW exit • Turn left (east) on Broadway/WW for 6.5 miles • Turn right on Rangeline Rd. (watch for sign) for 2 miles. Hdqtrs on right.
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Hallsville Picks an MG!

<p>Nancy Franklin, Master Gardener, was recently elected as the fourth President of the Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber comprises about 80 businesses</p>	<p>and Nancy, whose term begins June 1, says, "I am very proud of this election and would like to share the news with all my Master Gardener friends." Way to go!</p>
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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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Plant-a-Row for the Hungry: Betty Gayle Smith, turtleisland@tranquility.net

Speakers' Bureau: Alice Havard (573) 445-4624

Web Page/Plant Protection Grant: Don Day, daydr@missouri.edu

***Plants of Merit: Chairperson needed**

Oak Towers: Don Day (573) 445-9792, daydr@missouri.edu; Sue Popper (573) 874-2543

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We're on the Web at:

mu.extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.

SHELTER GARDENS, with Jeff Zimmerschild

Learn how the gardens and grounds have gone *totally organic* under Jeff's supervision.

Shelter Gardens, East Entrance, Columbia, MO.

Refreshments will be provided by: Norma Mountjoy, snacks; Pam Sample, drinks

Wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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