



Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."



FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING: Meriting Attention

Chris Starbuck, associate prof. of agriculture at MU, gave a presentation on the Plants of Merit, (or POM). Plants chosen for POM often are not well known to the residential gardener and homeowner but are acknowledged for their **outstanding qualities and dependable performance**. The POM program began at the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis. Chris is interested in **expanding the program to mid Missouri and state-wide**. If you'd like to help expand the program by **spreading the word about POM**, contact Chris at: 573-882-9630, or starbuckc@missouri.edu

And the Gold Goes to...
By Barb Kribbs
Last meeting, **The Golden Trowel award** was presented to **Art and Vera Gelder by Melissa Hough**, the former recipient. Melissa's presentation focused on her own love for children and gardening. She sees that love expressed with the Gelders **Walk About Acres farm**. They host numerous school tours for garden, greenhouse/nursery, barnyard animals and beekeeping. Melissa also said that when you see one of the Gelders you usually see both. They garden together

and support each other. **Art was MG President for two years** during our planning and hosting of the State Master Gardener conference in 2004. She joked that Vera probably served as co-president during that time and that Art probably depended on her organizational skills! The Gelders are also involved in other youth programs such as the Juvenile Justice Center.

(For a history of the Master Gardener Golden Trowel Award see page 2)

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Points of Interest:

- *Say It Properly:*
<http://www.taunton.com/finegardening/pages/spg017.asp#top>
- *See Tiny Beauties at:*
<http://donnaBrunet.com/>
- *Robot website for POM:*
<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/Merit-2005.asp>
- *MoBot Calendar:*
<http://www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/CalendarMenu.asp>

DIG INTO A PROJECT

Extension Grounds Work Days: Saturday, March 4, 1:00-3:00 pm; Thursday, March 23, 5:00-7:00 pm. Bring gloves, buckets, tools and wheelbarrow, if available. Dig in and earn some volunteer hours. For more info: Don Day at: 573-445-9792, dondr@missouri.edu

"Spring Begins" at Oak Towers-Join us in a gathering of gardeners living in city housing, **Monday, March 20, 10am-4pm**, Oak Towers, to celebrate the 1st day of Spring. You'll have the opportunity to volunteer in the gardens. Contact: Sue Popper: (573) 874-2543

Volunteer Hours are trickling in. Don has received hours from **51 people** for a total of **1819 hours**. Hours for the last few years: 2004: 2481 (state conference) 2003: 1193, 2002: 1440. Don says he appreciates everyone turning in hours. (More volunteer opportunities, page 2.)

Volunteer Opportunities

Some exciting volunteer opportunities exist at the MU Botanic Garden. Please contact Phyllis Barks barksp@missouri.edu 573-698-3845, or Hsiao-Mei after April 6.

***Trail Monitors** - weekly inspection of trails to identify need for cleanup, repairs, add or replace tree labels, label native plants.

***Tree Trail** - monthly check of signage on tree trails.

***Label Plants** - general need for help with labeling

***History of the Gardens** - 2 to 4 MGs to research historical aspect of some gardens and landscape structures.

***Adopt a Spot** - MGs adopt a few small beds or one larger bed.

Calling all Shutterbugs: Plans are underway for an annual calendar featuring photos of the MU Botanic Garden. If you enjoy nature and taking photos, this may be your chance for fame. Themes being considered include **Trees on the Tree Trail, Plants and Architecture, People Interacting with the Gardens, Perennial Gardens, Annual Gardens, Campus as Outdoor Classroom, and Plants of Merit.** However, any photos can be submitted for consideration. Specs and other details from

Don Day, Phyllis Barks or Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer, 573-445-4735, WiedmeyerH@health.missouri.edu

Tiger Pilot Club: Volunteer to assist with tours and questions at the **4th annual Tiger Club Garden Tour, June 17, 9-3 pm.** Shifts are from 9-12 and 12-3. Volunteers will receive a free pass for the tour as well as volunteer hours. Volunteers and garden hosts will meet prior to the tour for info sharing. MG volunteers and hosts will be invited to the **Tiger Pilot Club Thank You reception.** Contact: Kay Conklin: 573-474-0361, conklinsk@health.missouri.edu

Chapter News

The Earth Needs Us

Earth Day, 4/23, Columbia Peace Park, noon to 6:30, needs volunteers for the booth, field questions, set-up & tear-down. Save your plants, seeds, garden décor, and pots for the fundraiser sale. (rain date 4/30)

We will have an educational display for Earth Day, and **Peggy Eichen** is looking for simple, fun learning activities for kids that can be incorporated. We have won a few past prizes for best display, but we need new ideas. **Contact Peggy at: 660-841-5253, eichenp@missouri.edu**

The Golden Trowel

A few years ago, Barb Kribbs read an article in "Fine Gardening" magazine about a Golden Trowel Award given to an upscale garden owner or prestigious landscaper. Thinking it a clever idea she decided to put a new twist on the concept for our Master Gardener group. Barb purchased an ordinary garden trowel, spray painted it gold and had Charles, her husband, design a stand to hold it. She then chose the first recipient. Each recipient then selects the next

recipient and presents the award. There's no time limit or rules on how to select the next recipient. "Seasoned" and new Master Gardeners have been awarded. Obviously, it is quite an honor to be chosen by a peer Master Gardener.



"No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted."

Aesop

Committee News: Reading Addicts Wanted

Please consider attending the **Gardening Book Group.** More reading addicts are needed to join in their **monthly** discussion of **gardening books.** The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00pm** at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Columbia Mall. The discussion will be led by Paul Morris and the book sounds like a great one: **Perennial Gardener's Design Primer, by Stephanie Cohen & Nany Ondra.** The authors are two top garden writers and teachers who offer fun, organized, and attainable advice on how to create gorgeous perennial gardens. Their step-by-step process of creating new gardens and bringing new life to old gardens contains how to pick suitable per-

ennials, down to earth design solutions, and stunning illustrations and photos. Join the book group and share gardening ideas.

For more information: Paul Morris, (573) 445-7178, ppandt@tranquility.net Kathy Richmond, (573) 441-9903, richmondk@centurytel.net

"**The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer,**" ISBN: 1-58017-545-7.



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

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

The following will be addressed:

- Examples of interactive grouping and activities³
- 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

Proposed
HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENERS
ADVANCED TRAINING GUIDELINES

Guidelines

- To be eligible for advanced training credit, you should be an active Master Gardener who has fulfilled at least the 1st year of volunteer service.
- The content of the advanced training should be beyond (i.e. more in depth) than training in the basic MG class. *Any training taken outside of the HMMG Advanced Training classes will need to be submitted to the committee for credit.**
- Content should be research-based; e.g. based on information from peer reviewed journals, university research, and is statistically valid.
- Training should reflect a variety of topics
- *Advanced training participants are encouraged to share information learned on how training has been applied toward a volunteer project.**
- Documentation of advanced training participation prior to June 2005 can be submitted to Don Day for review and credit.

* items in *italics and bold* are proposed changes from the committee to better reflect what is occurring with this program.

ADVANCED TRAINING SURVEY

Please complete and return at the next Master Gardener's meeting or e-mail to Vera Gelder at walk-about@midamerica.net.

Do you have any suggestions for topics and/or presenters for Advanced MG Training?

Do you have a preference for times and days, i.e. Saturday mornings vs. Tuesday evenings?

Any other comments or suggestions? _____

Our Officers

President: Phyllis Barks (573) 698-3845
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Free: *Datura* seeds, call
Cedar Albert: 573-256-1321

Compost available from the City's Sanitary Landfill and Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, while supplies last. Wed. 1 to 5 pm. Saturdays from 8 to noon: March 25, April 8, April 22, May 6 and May 20. A loader will be on site to load your pickup truck. If you do not have a pickup truck, you can bring garbage bags and a shovel. \$12.88 per cubic yard (plus tax), minimum \$12.88. Single orders of more than 100 cubic yards/month will be discounted and sold for \$8/cubic yard plus tax. More info: call 474-9145.

Upcoming Events

March 18: TUG-A-SUCKLE, Devil's Icebox Parking Lot, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, 1-3 pm. Help tug out invasive plant species and encourage the restoration of native plant species. Register: 573-874-0171

March 16: Speakers' Bureau: Starting Seeds, Paul Morris. Columbia Public Library, Friends Room, 7:00 pm.

March 17-19: "Art in Bloom" Museum of Art & Archeology, Columbia, MO. Contact Bruce Cox: 573-882-6724 museum.research.missouri.edu

April 4th: Gardening Book Group: Perennial Gardener's Design Primer, by Stephanie Cohen.

April 8: Rain garden construction workshop with Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project: Missouri Conference Center of the United Methodist Church, off of Woody Ln, near Bass Pro Shop on Highway 63.

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

April 21-23: State Board Meeting, Roaring River State Park, Cassville, MO.

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

June 16-18: State Board Meeting, Peck Ranch, Mountain View, MO.

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>

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

Community Garden Coalition: Barbara Michael (573) 445-0661, bam626_us@yahoo.com

Educational Displays: Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253, eichenp@missouri.edu; Melissa Hough (573) 696-0198, mmhough@gmail.com

Extension Grounds: Carolyn Doyle (573) 445-1381, carolynddoyle@netscape.net; Mary Jane King (573) 474-2489, mjking@socket.net

Gardening Book Group: Paul Morris, (573) 445-7178, ppandt@tranquility.net; Kathy Richmond, (573) 441-9903, ricmondk@centurytel.net

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

***Hotline:** Emily Bonwich (573) 449-0444, ebonwich@coin.org; *co-chair needed*

***Gardening with Youth:** Note: this is a new committee, combined School Gardens & Jr. Master Gardener, and will design educational gardening activities with youth; *Chairperson or co-chairs needed*

Mentoring: Marie Pasley (573) 474-5245, smpasley@aol.com

Missourian Articles: Don Day (573) 445-9792, daydr@missouri.edu

Mizzou Botanic Garden: Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer (573) 445-4735, WiedmeyerH@health.missouri.edu

Newsletter: Julie Fisher (573) 445-3488, Julie8401@tranquility.net

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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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

City of Columbia Greenhouses at Cosmo Park, 1507 Business 70 West
(directly west of Memorial Funeral Home-plenty of parking in front)

Tour of facility by one of their horticulture staff members-this is where most of the city's plants for the planters, downtown and other public locations are grown

Refreshments will be provided by: Phyllis Barks, snacks; Vita Collins, drinks

Remember your Master Gardener name tag!

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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.