



# Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."

## APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING: When it rains...

When it rains, most gardeners think about how the rain affects our gardens. Too much is not good...too little, well...that's a too recent memory. But Scott Hamilton, as he shared during his presentation, will take rain any way he can get it. While it's raining, Scott is busy dreaming up new rain gardens. Scott knows how rain affects gardening, but his primary concern is how rain—and the resulting runoff—affects our water-

sheds. The city of Columbia has 14 streams running through it, with about 60% of Columbia drained by Hinkson Creek. Scott's work through Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project (HCWRP), helps deal with the quantity and quality of runoff into the "Hink" as it's known locally. One way to deal with runoff is to construct a rain garden designed to reduce the problems. For those who live within the Hinkson Creek

watershed, the HCWRP will even give a homeowner \$100 toward the construction of a rain garden. Scott will visit your site and share his expertise. Rain gardens quickly become havens for wildlife as well. In addition to all the environmental benefits to our steams, rain gardens are beautiful, as we saw in Scott's photographs. For more information visit: [www.helpthehinkson.org](http://www.helpthehinkson.org) or contact Scott at [scott.hamilton@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:scott.hamilton@mdc.mo.gov) 573-882-9909, ext. 3257.

## AWARD BESTOWED ON OUR OWN DON DAY

Much to his surprise, and much to our pleasure, Don Day, Cental Missouri Natural Resource Engineering Specialist has been selected as the 2006 C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship recipient. On May 4, the Board of Curators will bestow the award in St. Louis.

The C. Brice Ratchford award is "established to recognize a University of Missouri faculty member

who demonstrates commitment, dedication, and effectiveness..." and is awarded to a faculty member who "personifies the creativity, vision, and leadership exhibited by the late Dr. C. Brice Ratchford, President Emeritus of Univ. of Missouri & Dean of Cooperative Extension." The award includes \$5000 (minus taxes).

Todd Lorenz, Mary Sobba, Dave Baker, Mark Stillwell and others nominated

Don. Biographical information and a maxium of 10 current supporting letters were part of the nomination. Don said, "I am humbled that so many supported the nomination and that I am getting the award. I really never expected to receive it. Now I am motivated to work another ten years." We Master Gardeners can only hope he's serious. Congratulations, Don!

<http://provost.missouri.edu/faculty/awards/memorial.html>



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### Points of Interest:

MU's Garden Calendar of the Month: <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/gardencalendar.htm>

Grow Native: [www.grownative.org/](http://www.grownative.org/)

Living Museum: <http://gardens.missouri.edu/>

Master Naturalists: <http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/index.html>

## Volunteer Opportunities

**School Tours:** The Gelder's Walk-About Acres are once again hosting their school field trips. Volunteers are needed May 2-5, and May 10-26th. Shifts are about 2 hours long and involve sitting with a group of approximately eight K-3 graders eager to learn about the display of vegetables provided by Art and Vera (along with a "cheat sheet.") Bring yourself a bottle of water & snack, and MG name badge, arrive a bit early for instructions, and prepare to have fun with kids. Call Vera at: 573-474-8837 or email:

[walkabot@midamerica.net](mailto:walkabot@midamerica.net)

**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](mailto:conklinsk@health.missouri.edu)

**Plant a Tree:** Come to a tree planting **Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m.** at the entrance to the Hamlet Subdivision off of Scott Blvd. Bring gloves, a shovel and/or wheelbarrow for planting 27 good-size trees with Scott Hamilton of the Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project. Folks can park at Laura's at 4416 Shoram Ct. & take a short cut with her to the commons area. A group of Boy Scouts will be there to help (they are looking for more projects to help with, if anyone needs helpers) **Volunteers can call Laura Redfield-Jacobs, 445-8099, or email at: [lauraredfield@mchsi.com](mailto:lauraredfield@mchsi.com)**



## Advanced Master Gardener Training: May 31-June 1

Hosted by Mary Kroening at the Upper Crust Bakery, Elm St. Columbia, MO. \$85 will cover workshop, breakfast and lunch both days.

### Wednesday, May 31, 9:00 - noon:

**Concurrent Sessions:** Don Day: Internet for Master Gardeners; Mary Ann Fink: Plants of Merit  
**1:00 - 4:00 Concurrent Sessions:** Steve Stacey: Mosses; Speaker TBA: Organic Gardening

**Evening session:** (optional): Mary Kroening: Insect Diagnostics

### Thursday, June 1, 9:00- noon:

**Concurrent Sessions:** Julie Abendroth: Safe Handling of Garden Chemicals; Bruce Barrett: Insect Pests of Trees

**1:00 - 4:00: Concurrent Sessions:** Simeon Wright: Disease Diagnostics; Anne Premont: Effective Presentation Styles

Info: [kroeningm@missouri.edu](mailto:kroeningm@missouri.edu)

## Committee News: What's Going On...

### The Master Gardener Hotline

chaired by Emily Bonwich, now has a co-chair, Monica Frank. It was suggested that we all try to get the word out about the Hotline by distributing our bookmarks & flyers at events, (available at Extension office or contact Don Day)

### Speaker's Bureau

Alice Havard has put together some

exciting presenters and is pleased that the numbers of attendees is growing. May 23 features Carolyn Doyle on Perennials; June 7 is Alice Havard on Bird & Butterfly Gardening; July 6 highlights Marie Pasley sharing her expertise on Day Lillies, all at Columbia Regional Library, Friends Room, 7 p.m..

### Plant a Row for the Hungry

Now that garden season is here,

please plant an extra row of vegetables for those less fortunate. Contact Betty Gayle Smith: 573-874-3997 or [turtleisland@tranquility.net](mailto:turtleisland@tranquility.net)



## Chapter News: Special Outings...

Master Gardeners have opportunities to enjoy some travel to special events. So plan a carpool trip or strike out on your own.

Not to be missed is the May 13, 1:30 pm Garden Tour of Jim Wilson (of PBS Victory Garden fame) & Janie Mandel. 4200 Richland Rd, Jane's Lane, Columbia. Carpool from Patricia's IGA, 1:15, (or check last month's newsletter for driving directions.)

June 15-17: Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference; Marriott, Cedar Rapids, IA; <http://mastergardener.hort.iastate.edu/>.

September 15-17, 2006: State Master Gardener Conference; Springfield, MO. "Get Your Kicks on Root 66!" Sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Southwest Missouri. Clarion Inn & Conference Center. [Http://outreach.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/](http://outreach.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/)

## Our Officers

President: Phyllis Barks (573) 698-3845

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## Upcoming Events

**May 13: Tour of Friendship Farm**, Gardens of Jim Wilson & Janie Mandel, 1:30. 4200 Richland Road, Jane's Lane, Columbia.

**May 13: Arrow Rock Spring Garden Show & Antiquarian Book Fair.** 9am to 5pm. State-wide garden dealers and booksellers of rare and collectible books.

**May 6 & May 20: Compost Sales** (while supplies last). 8 a.m.-noon. 5700 Peabody Rd. Loader on site or bring garbage bags & shovel \$12.88/cu.yd. 573-445-9145.

**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)

**May 23: Speaker's Bureau: Carolyn Doyle**, Perennials. Columbia Regional Library, Friends Room, 7 p.m.

**May 31-June 1: Advanced Master Gardener classes;** 9am-4 pm; Columbia, MO. Four different sessions offered. Includes breakfast, lunch, handouts, etc. Cost is \$85.

**June 2: State Master Gardener Advisory Board Meeting;** Columbia.

**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.

## Noteworthy:

**Trade-A-Tree:** If a mature tree is growing too close to the power lines, call Gary Maiden, Columbia Water & Light, 874-6205. He will visit to see if the tree qualifies for the Trade-A-Tree program. If so, his crew will remove the tree for free, plus give you a voucher for your choice of a low-growing ornamental tree or shrub. You take the voucher to the nursery, pick your plant, and the nursery will deliver and plant the tree for free wherever you want. What a deal!

**Missouri One Call:** Call 1-800-Dig-Rite to have the location of all utilities marked before digging.

## Projects and Committees

**Chair needed for Plants of Merit Committee:** If interested contact Phyllis at: [barksp@missouri.edu](mailto:barksp@missouri.edu).

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](mailto:walkabot@midamerica.net); Marie Pasley (573) 474-5245, [smpasley@aol.com](mailto:smpasley@aol.com)

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**Plant-a-Row for the Hungry:** Betty Gayle Smith, [turtleisland@tranquility.net](mailto:turtleisland@tranquility.net)

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

**Web Page/Plant Protection Grant:** Don Day, [daydr@missouri.edu](mailto:daydr@missouri.edu)

\*Plants of Merit: *Chairperson needed*

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

**"Gardening for Everyone" with Don Day & Betty Gayle Smith**

This program will feature highlights from a seminar on assisting gardeners with physical or mental challenges

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

Refreshments will be provided by: Nancy Franklin, snacks; Celeste Mazzacano, drinks

**Wear 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.