



November 2006

Heart of Missouri Master



“ HELPING OTHERS LEARN TO GROW ”

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners

Sharing Food & Fun & Projects

It stands to reason that Master Gardeners would be great cooks. That, at least, was the general consensus after a harvest table of an abundance of food was shared Oct. 17th at our Harvest Dinner.

Much of the food was prepared with end of the summer garden harvests, helping to lend a special flavor flare to recipes. Even the cups of ice cream were made from honey from Art and Vera Gelder's hives.

The silent auction was a fun attraction, adding \$149 to the MG coffers. Don Day's grandson was on the auction block for his service in the highest bidders' garden (yes, child labor laws applied), and in fact brought in the highest

bid of the evening.

Don Day entertained us with a slide show of various Master Gardeners' projects. It was noted that 48 people turned in a total of 1803 hours for the 2005 season, reaching approximately 1900 people. While that's remarkable, it's probably a lower number than reality. Don suggested that far more hours are worked, but people are either not turning in hours or are underestimating their time.

And speaking of hours, now is the time to get hours sent to Don by November 22. Go online to download a timesheet. The "Word" version can be simply completed and emailed to Don at:

daydr@missouri.edu Or either version can be printed and mailed.

Along with your timesheet, try to include some quotes that highlight your projects, especially any that came from folks you worked with that tells how your particular MG project helped them.

Funding cuts always loom on the horizon, and if we cannot paint a significant picture of the importance of what we accomplish, then we may find our program threatened. So, find a way to accumulate, record and report hours, again by November 22.

Timesheets at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/MG%20Time%20Sheets.htm>

November's Program

Join us for the November 21st meeting featuring the outstanding Plants of Merit program. The presenters, Mary Ann Fink and Pete Millier will discuss their joint efforts and enthusiasms for the Plants of

Merit program, now extended from the St. Louis Missouri Botanical Garden to Mizzou Botanical Garden on the Columbia campus.

The Plants of Merit program was established in 1999 and has become a

model for its recommendations of reliable annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and vines that perform dependably in our growing region. Come find out how MG's can help promote this valuable program.

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Special Links of Interest:

- **Flooded with Beauty:** http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story_num=3932&iln=4
- **Wild Ones:** <http://wildones.missouri.org/>
- **E. coli & Composting:** http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story_num=3917&iln=3

Get Involved

Wild Ones

Want to learn more about native plants while helping to restore plant communities where you live and work? Then check out **Wild Ones**, a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating native plants in natural landscapes, preservation & restoration of native communities, and promoting environmental education. Visit the national web site at <http://www.for-wild.org/> for links, tips, publications, membership forms, and discussion groups; or the Mid-MO chapter at <http://wildones.missouri.org/> to see what's happening in and around Columbia. If you want to get involved, come to our next meeting on **Saturday, November 18th** from 10-11 am at the MDC Resource Science Center on College & Stadium. We'll be planning events for 2007; our usual activities include installing, weeding,

and thinning our demonstration gardens around the city (also a great way to take home free plants!), invasive plant removal, a monthly garden video brunch, public displays and outreach, and garden and prairie tours. You can also contact Celeste Mazzacano: cmazzacano@gmail.com or (573) 239-4267 to find out more. Restoring native communities, gaining Master Gardener volunteer hours AND walking away with free plants—how can you lose???? C. Mazzacano

Newsletter

If you have articles, events, volunteer opportunities, or any other interesting news-worthy items, please send them to the newsletter editor by the Tuesday following the regular Master Gardener meeting. While there's no guarantee, I'll do my best to find room. Julie Fisher at: 573-445-3488; julie8401@tranquility.net

Not One, but Two!

New Zealand beckons Master Gardeners with not just one tour option—but two, during not only one season but two.

A Nov. 2007 tour, will be during **New Zealand's Springtime**. The second tour in **February 2008**, will be during their **Summertime**. Both are packed with all the best places to visit on both islands in New Zealand.

The November 2007 tour originates with a Master Gardener group in Wisconsin, but all MG's are invited. It's said that the **rhododendrons** that time of year in NZ are mind boggling.

The February 2008 trip will be during a warmer season, when **annuals** such as **bromeliads, kangaroo paws, elephant ears** are incredible.

For more info & a brochure: Mary Kroening: 573-882-9633; or email: kroeningm@missouri.edu

Go International in Little Rock

For the latest on our IMGC newsletters for the International Master Gardener Conference in Little Rock, May 2-5, 2007, go to: mg2007.uaex.edu/news/default.htm to see the October edition highlighting keynote speakers for the conference.

Some info regarding online registration: You must put a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice in each time slot. Once you're given a tour, you won't be

assigned a seminar. The computer program works that way--it won't accept your form unless you have something in each slot. As the tours fill up, you may be assigned seminars. Online, full tours will be shown as full, and you won't be able to sign up for it. Registrations are entered as quickly possible, and we'll try to give you your first choice. We do have plenty of space on tours now, but they will fill up as it gets closer

to the event. If you have email, you'll get a confirmation soon after registering. You'll also receive a hard copy by mail within 2-3 weeks of your registration. Please review this material to make sure everything is correct.

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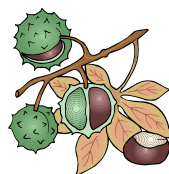
Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire...

Chestnuts were indeed roasting at the **4th Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast**. And while Jack Frost had nipped a few noses already, on October 14, at MU's Horticulture & Agroforestry Research Center (HARC), in New Franklin, Jack was nowhere to be found. Instead the day was a classic Missouri autumn day, cool, crisp and bright. The tantalizing aroma of roasting chestnuts and various gour-

met concoctions, including buffalo and elk burgers, wafted on the gentle breezes.

Inside the tents, chefs stirred up chestnut infused entrees while folks milled around tasting numerous samples of everything from soup to nuts...literally.

Just inside the large "Producer &



Exhibitor Tent," Peggy Ann Eichen headed up a crew of several Master Gardeners. Information about the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners, along with, yes, more food samples, were shared with folks. And there were a bunch of folks at the festival. Nearly 3,000.

The day was full of fun and information and flavorful roasted chestnuts.

Committees and Projects

Descriptions of the committees online:
oureach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc

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***Plants of Merit: Chairperson needed**

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Upcoming Events

International MG Conference: May 2-5; Little Rock Arkansas:

<http://mg2007.uaex.edu/>

National Small Farm Conference: Nov. 2-4; Boone Co. Fairgrounds:

http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac/ago_pp/mac5.htm

Wild Ones Meeting: Saturday, November 18th from 10-11 am at the MDC Resource Science Center on College & Stadium.

<http://wildones.missouri.org/>

22nd Annual Fall Arts & Crafts

Show: Sunday, Nov. 5, 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Hearnes Field House.

Friends of the Library 1st Tuesday Book Sale: Nov. 7, Noon-3 p.m.; Conference Rm. B, Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia.

Visit a Missouri Prairie Foundation prairie this winter: For more info: moprairie.org/user/Winter06.pdf

Mo-Bot exhibit, "Glass in the Garden," by Chihuly held over til Jan. 1: <http://www.mobot.org/chihuly/>

Composting Workshop, Compost Sales, Mulch Giveaway: More info: www.GoColumbiaMo.com and use Go Words: GoComposting and GoPublic-Works.

Landscape Design with Missouri in Mind: Jan. 12-13, Springfield. Register by Dec. 15. Info: Barbara Lucks at: blucks@ci.springfield.mo.us, or 417-864-2500.

MG HOURS DUE: November 22! (see Newsletter's page one for details) daydr@missouri.edu

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"The poetry of the earth is never dead." Keats

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We're on the Web:
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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 P.M.

PLANTS OF MERIT

Missouri Botanical Garden's Plants of Merit program coordinator, Mary Ann Fink and Pete Millier, Director of MU-Landscape Services and Mizzou Botanical Garden

MU EXTENSION CENTER, 1012 N. HWY. UU, COLUMBIA, MO

Snacks: Julie Fisher; Drinks: Kaye King

Wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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