



October 2006

Heart of Missouri Master



“ HELPING OTHERS LEARN TO GROW ”

# Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners

## Designing Beauty

In spite of the cool windy weather, 34 MG's, plus 3 guests from the new MG class were warmed by the colorful landscape images of the beautiful MU campus. Joan Smith, Landscape Designer for the campus, used her PowerPoint slides to effectively highlight seven basic principles and elements of landscape design. While Joan says that there are more, she considers the following seven most important: scale-relationship to person or surrounding architecture; balance-central axis with equal sides or asymmetrical or informal; texture-surface characteristics of a plant or object;

rhythm-repetition of color, form, texture to unify garden; form-echo and accentuate certain aspects of landscape; accent-draws attention by abrupt change; color-powerful tool with the ability to grab attention.

In addition to encouraging us to pay attention to these principles, Joan also suggested that here in Missouri, winter interest plays an important role in our landscapes. She likes to use ornamental grasses, flowers that produce attractive dried seed heads, or berries, such as winterberry, or a variety of evergreens, such as pines or hollies.

Even Joan has her challenges and she cited weather and budget being top on the list. Most of us can relate. So, as we move into colder weather and spend our quiet winter days drooling over plant catalogs, we can also keep in mind the valuable information Joan shared. Thanks Joan.



“A garden never knows when it's over.” Paula Deitz

## Harvest Dinner Delights

Welcome in autumn on at our Master Gardener Harvest Dinner, October 17 . We will gather at the Extension Center at 6:00 p.m. and eat around 6:30.

This is a contributive dinner, so please bring

a dish or two of your favorites, as well as your own table service (drinks provided).

A silent auction will take place as a fund raiser, so if you have items to contribute, bring them too.

Don Day will entertain us with a slide show, and would appreciate any photos of projects of the past year, ASAP. For questions (and hopefully answers!): Don at: 573-445-9792 or [daydr@missouri.edu](mailto:daydr@missouri.edu)

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### Special points of interest:

- **Garden Therapy:** <http://archive.columbiatribune.com/2006/sep/20060922life003.asp>
- **Chestnuts Roasting...** [http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story\\_num=3904&iIn=276](http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story_num=3904&iIn=276)
- **Free e-Newsletters:** <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/subscribe/>

## A Bounty of Volunteer Opportunities

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The **MG booth** at the annual **Chestnut Roast, Oct. 14, needs items to help attract folks.** Items might include **fall flowers and produce** or some **good recipes to share, especially those using garden bounty.** Peggy says that the intent is to lure folks to the booth, then **share the joys of Master Gardening.** If you'd like to contribute, please let Peggy Ann Eichen know at: 660-841-5253, or [EichenP@missouri.edu](mailto:EichenP@missouri.edu)

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**Jon Lawson** is working on a project for **Columbia Entertainment Company at 1800 Nelwood.** After attending a theatre performance, Jon noticed the grounds needed some "sprucing-up." He has begun to transform their "blank canvas" and would like **help with ideas, plant selection, etc.** If interested, contact Jon at: [lawsonj@missouri.edu](mailto:lawsonj@missouri.edu)

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The **Mentoring Program** is for all **new Trainee Master Gardeners.** **Mentors can help new MG's** integrated into the group as well as answer ongoing questions about the program. **2005-06 Mentors need to make final contact with your 05-06 trainees & offer help in compiling volunteer hours.** If 05-06 trainees have questions please contact your mentor or me. **2006-07 Mentors & trainees are pared up & should have all made contact by now.** If any new MG class members haven't heard from a mentor, please contact me: Marie Pasley 573-474-5245 or [smpasley@aol.com](mailto:smpasley@aol.com) Thanks mentors!

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**Lea Langdon** can use help with the **Intersection garden project.** Or if you are interested in **other possible youth gardening projects, such as New Haven Elementary,** contact Lea at: [langtrea@yahoo.com](mailto:langtrea@yahoo.com)

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**Rothwell Heights subdivision,** in Columbia needs help with **landscaping around a sign into the subdivision.** If interested, call Val Austin at: 573-356-3318

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The **Heart of Missouri Girl Scouts Council** will host a training conference called "**Girl Scout University**" to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, **November 4,** Columbia. The event is for **adult volunteers & Girl Scouts ages 14-17** interested in learning activities/skills to take back to their Girl Scout groups. They **need individuals who can teach gardening** or other interesting activities to Girl Scout U participants. Facilitators choose the number of participants in their workshops. Most workshops will be **50 minutes long.** Please contact Alisa Long or Tammy Nobles at 573-893-5505 or 800-707-1917 or email Alisa: [along@gshomc.org](mailto:along@gshomc.org)

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## State Conference a Blast

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The state MG conference was a real blast from the past with its "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" theme. Several master gardeners represented our Heart of Missouri Master Gardener group and got as much mileage as possible from the conference by each attending different sessions. Excerpts from Debbie Scholes: En-

joyed a half day tour to Jordan Valley Park which included a new roof top Prairie Garden at the Discovery Center and a Xeriscape Garden that is a public park maintained by MG's. Sunday offered a choice of workshops.

*To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring.*  
*George Santayana (1863-1952)*

Two were Urban Tree Care with Jon Skinner, and Native Fruit with Patrick Byers. Other workshops included bulbs, edible flowers, flower arranging, heirloom seeds, home greenhouses, and more.

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## Tomato Festival a Sweet Success

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Bradford Farms hosted a Tomato Fest on September 7 that was full of yummy samples of tomatoes and peppers, some of which were whipped up into delicious salsas, also free for the dipping.

While tents full of people got acquainted with an amazing amount of tomato varieties (53 to be exact) and peppers (32!), sessions were

conducted covering interesting and useful information about tomatoes and peppers, such as "the history of tomato breeding," "tomato cultivation," and "peppers and their uses."

A tour and history of the ongoing project with Missouri native plants



at the Farms was conducted. The Farms also welcomed browsing through their beautiful tomato and pepper garden. Judging by the number of smiling faces, it would be fair to assume that

the Tomato Fest will ripen into a tradition. For more info: [http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story\\_num=3894&iIn=0](http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story_num=3894&iIn=0)

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## Committees and Projects

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Descriptions of the committees online:

[oureach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc](http://oureach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc)

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**Oak Towers:** Don Day (573) 445-9792, [daydr@missouri.edu](mailto:daydr@missouri.edu)

## Upcoming Events

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**October 14:** 4th annual **Missouri Chestnut Roast, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center, New Franklin, Mo.

**October 17:** **MG Harvest Dinner, 6:00 p.m.** Extension Ctr., Columbia.

**October 26:** **Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts.** 11:30 am at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All are invited.

### Midwest States Master Gardener Tour to Costa Rica

Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio are hosting a Master Gardener tour to **Costa Rica, February 10-19, 2007** for Midwestern states Master Gardeners. 15 are needed for the trip to go, so hopefully by combining efforts, they will get enough. Contact Mary Kroening for an email brochure: [kroeningm@missouri.edu](mailto:kroeningm@missouri.edu)

### Important Signs Along the Way

We now have **yard signs** to use when doing master gardener projects to let folks know who we are. They are light-weight and easy to stick in the ground. The Heart of Missouri set was purchased with 2004 State Conference funds. A generic Master Gardener set was donated by Barb Kribbs and Debbie Scholes. See **Don Day** to use a sign for your project.

## Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Officers

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**President:** Phyllis Barks (573) 698-3845; [barksp@missouri.edu](mailto:barksp@missouri.edu)

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October 20: Average date of first "frost on the pumpkin" in central Missouri

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**We're on the Web:**  
[outreach.missouri.edu/mg](http://outreach.missouri.edu/mg)

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:00 P.M.

## HARVEST DINNER!!!

- Celebrate the end of summer at our Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners' Harvest Dinner at the Extension Center
- Please bring a dish (or two!) of something delicious to share and your own table service (drinks will be provided)
- Participate in our fund-raiser silent auction (contribute items, if desired)
- Enjoy a slide show highlighting our many accomplishments

Remember to wear your Master Gardener name tag!

Held at: MU EXTENSION CENTER, 1012 N. HWY. UU, COLUMBIA, MO

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