



# Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."



## MARCH'S GENERAL MEETING: Jefferson Farms

Attendance was great, once again, for the meeting and excellent program by Jennifer Smith PR specialist from the Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute. **38 Master Gardeners** enjoyed Jennifer's presentation on a terrific new addition to Columbia, **Jefferson Farm and Gardens**.

The farm is located on **67 acres** near MU Bradford farms on East New Haven Road and is an amazing un-

dertaking. When the farm opens in 2008, it will include over **30 distinct outdoor areas** for exploration as well as an indoor visitors' center. One of their educational objectives is to demonstrate a variety of native species of trees, shrubs, flowers, fruits and vegetables, as well as lovely ornamentals. Animals such as a Jersey cow and calf, Shetland sheep and goats will grace the premises while

providing learning opportunities for adults and children.

Jefferson Farms needs **volunteers** all summer, and **May 5th** is a big planting day. They are also into their **capital campaign** with memberships and donations welcomed.

For more info:  
[www.jeffersonfarm.org](http://www.jeffersonfarm.org)  
or 573-449-3518.

There is not a sprig of grass  
that shoots uninteresting to  
me.  
Thomas Jefferson

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## Next Month: A "Superior" Field Trip

Join us next month for our program to be held at **Superior Garden Center**, 3100 Old Hwy 63 South, Columbia. Amy Craighead, Superior's General Manager, will be conducting a presentation on Shade Gardening. Amy will discuss plant selection and conditions and will discuss using native plants. **We will meet at Superior at 6:30**, in the main building. Amy will also give us a tour of the facility and

we will conduct a brief business meeting afterwards. For driving directions and info on Superior Garden Center visit their website at:  
[www.superiorgardencenter.com/](http://www.superiorgardencenter.com/)

"No matter how long  
the winter, spring is  
sure to follow."

Proverb



### Points of Interest:

- Vegetable Planting: [muextension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/agguides/hort/g06201.pdf](http://muextension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/agguides/hort/g06201.pdf)
- Plant a Row: [www.gardenwriters.org/Par/index.html](http://www.gardenwriters.org/Par/index.html)
- Soil Testing Lab: [soilplantlab.missouri.edu/](http://soilplantlab.missouri.edu/)
- MU Botanic Gardens: [gardens.missouri.edu](http://gardens.missouri.edu)

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Habitat for Humanity needs...** volunteers for two opportunities to assist 6 Habitat families with planting trees and shrubs. Proper planting, care, & mulching will be discussed and demonstrated.

**April 14**, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Norbury Hill development (off Oakland Gravel Rd). Contact Brenda Jones, [jonesbj@missouri.edu](mailto:jonesbj@missouri.edu) or (573) 884-6190. **May 12**, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Worley and Garth St. area. Info: Phyllis Barks, [barksp@missouri.edu](mailto:barksp@missouri.edu) (573) 698-3845 (H), (573) 882-0580 (W).

**Celebrate Earth Day at...** Columbia's Peace Park on Sunday, **4/22**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. MG's are

needed for set up (begins at 10 a.m.), shifts in the booth, donation of plants, seeds, & ideas for the educational display competition & dismantle. Rain date: Sunday, 4/29. Contact Peggy Ann Eichen at [eichenp@missouri.edu](mailto:eichenp@missouri.edu) or 660/841-5253.

**Mizzou Botanic Gardens has...** some adopt-a-spot volunteer opportunities. Some MG's have already signed up for certain spots. Any other interested MG's should contact Hsiao-Mei:

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**Walk About Acres is...** hosting field trips for area school children, Kindergarten to 1st grade.

MG's needed for stations to where the supervised kids rotate in small groups, spending about 15 minutes per station. Materials provided. Bring drinking water, snack & wear weather appropriate clothing. Dates available: **4/20**; arrive 9 a.m. **5/5**; **5/10**; **5/18**, arrive 9:30 a.m.. Contact Vera Gelder: 573-474-8837; [walkaboutmidamerica.net](http://walkaboutmidamerica.net)

### Boys' & Girls' Club

Help is needed to spruce up the house on Fay St. Educate the 50 to 100 children about gardening while designing, preparing and planting the landscape. Contact: Jacquie Dunn: [jacquedunn@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquedunn@yahoo.com) or 573-424-2885.

## Special Upcoming Events

### Native Plant Event at Bradford Farm

Bradford Farm will host its first 'Native Plant Sale' on Saturday, April 14 from 9 to noon. Available will be local native seed and plant producers, displays and book sales, and interesting programs with Amy Hamilton, Merv Wallace, Scott Hamilton, and Terry Frueh, followed by a rain-garden demonstration. Columbia Audubon will host a special bird watching tour from 7 to 9am. Info: Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at 234-2088 or [navarreten@missouri.edu](mailto:navarreten@missouri.edu)

### Green Lawns/Blue Waters Event

The City of Columbia and MU Extension presents a self guided tour and special demonstrations on May 20, 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. for the ShowMe Yards Field Day. Experts will be stationed at eight different private and public locations throughout the city. See lovely examples of native plantings, wet and dry rain gardens, organic lawn & gardens, & minimized lawn landscaping features. For the maps and info: [www.gocolumbiainfo.com](http://www.gocolumbiainfo.com) (search: ShowMe Yards)

### 2007 Missouri State Master Gardener Conference

Information on the 2007 Missouri State Master Gardener Conference which will be held in Kirksville, September 7-9 is available at: [extension.missouri.edu/adair/MGConf/](http://extension.missouri.edu/adair/MGConf/)

At this site you can find information about the host motel (Days Inn), the conference site (Truman State University), the tours, programs, and menu. The site is being updated weekly, so keep checking back.

## Goodies

Our meetings have become **very popular!** We love that. Due to the high attendance, it was decided that we need **one extra person each month to provide snacks.**

This should take off the burden of one person providing snacks for 30 to 40 hungry Master Gardeners. Also, check the refreshment sheet at the next meeting and sign up if you haven't already (especially people who haven't contributed for awhile). **We have vacancies for May, June, July, August and October.** Thanks!



## Hours

As the gardening season approaches, volunteer opportunities increase. This is a good time to remember to download or request by mail the **new volunteer service record sheet.** Another good idea is to dedicate a calendar specifically for recording your volunteer hours. Don says that it appears **not everybody is reporting all their hours.** This is vital to the continuation and success of the program. See page three for more details.

## Events Calendar

When	What	Where	Who
April 5; 5-7 p.m.	Pruning Workshop; shrubs, roses, grasses	Bradford Farms; 4968 Rangeline, Columbia	Tim Reinbott; 573-884-7945
April 14; 9-noon.	Native Plant Sale: local native and seed producers; rain gardens, nature books & more	Bradford Farms; 4968 Rangeline, Columbia	Tim Reinbott; 573-884-7945
April 14	Bluebirds; 10-11:30 & Wildflower Walk; 1:00-2:30: <b>Reservation Required</b>	Runge Conservation Nature Center, Jeff City	573-526-5544
April 14; 10-11:00 a.m.	Gardening Organically	Superior Garden Center Columbia	573-442-9499
April 19; 7 p.m.	Speaker's Bureau: Cutting Gardens, Marie Pasley	Columbia Public Library, Friends Room	Alice Havard; 573-445-4624
April 21; 10-11:00 a.m.	Landscaping with Herbs	Superior Garden Center; Columbia	573-442-9499

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**We are required to join at least one committee. Descriptions of the committees are online at:**

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

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### The New Record Sheet, New Website

Mary Kroening and her crew have provided us with a **new volunteer service record sheet**. This new form allows us to provide extra information about the service work we do. **Project codes** are used to give a more complete description of our service. The activities' locations, dates the services were performed, and information about the individuals we work with are included, as usual. The project codes, as well as the new record sheet, can be found on the new website at: [extension.missouri.edu/mg](http://extension.missouri.edu/mg)

The new website has some wonderful new links including one to our **Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Website**, located at the top of the page under "county and regional extension centers," or at: [extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html](http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html)

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, April 17, 6:30**

**Amy Craighead, Superior Garden Center, 3100 Old Hwy 63 South,  
Columbia**

For directions: <http://www.superiorgardencenter.com/location.html>

**Meet at Superior Gardens and enjoy a program on Shade Gardening.**

Refreshments will be provided by: Rochielle Goulette & Tanya Patton, Snacks; Rose Mayfield, Drinks  
**Remember your Master Gardener name tag!**

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