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“Helping Others Learn to Grow”

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Exotic Thailand Highlights Meeting

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Points of Interest:

- * Organic Farms by State: localharvest.org/organic-farms
- * Missouri Heirloom seeds: rareseeds.com
- * Find a Flower Show: ahs.org
- * Audubon by State: www.audubon.org/states/index.php

Our first Master Gardener meeting for the new year was kicked off with a **slide show presented by President Rich Friedan and his wife, Kathy Brown**. The slides were stunning photos the couple took while they spent two weeks in **Thailand** visiting relatives. It was a nice boost of color to brighten our otherwise mostly dreary icy cold winter days.

Despite the weather, we still managed to have a decent turnout, with **32 MG's, including some from the most recent graduating class**, in attendance.

The general meeting then included **committee chair reports** and descriptions of projects. **Sign up sheets** were available and will also be posted at the next meeting. Meanwhile, you can find the **committee contact information on page three** of this newsletter and read committee descriptions online (see link on page.3)

Don Day also expressed his continuing **concern that he is not receiving hours from all Master Gardeners**. It is vital that we send our hours to Don, whether we do it monthly or wait until November for his end of the

year report. These reports also go to the state officials concerned with appropriations. We must **work hard to report every single hour** we can, as well as include a brief narrative of comments, if possible, we hear from those we help on a project. All this tells how we are successfully fulfilling our mission. (At least one state official has questioned the need for MU to have such a program). Those who don't report hours will be moved to inactive status, and will be notified in writing. Concerned? Contact Don:

Soil Amendments

Soil amendments are one way of improving plant growth. MG **Janet Jackson** has had lovely results with **Haydite** mixed into her mostly clay soil. Janet has shared photos of her beautiful gardens and now wants others to jump onto the Haydite bandwagon. She

bought a small pickup load (1-2 cu. yds.) a few years ago and **it's time for more**. Also available is **cotton bur** (mulch) and **corn gluten** (weed control). These amendments must be purchased in bulk and we'll need trucks as well. Orders must be paid for in advance. So, if

you're interested, and you have a friend who might be interested, we will be compiling a list at the next meeting and hopefully ordering **no later than March**. Contact: Janet Jackson, 573-884-8661 (day) 474-4703 (eve) or email at: jacksonjh@more.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Tiger Pilot Club's Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour, June 9th, will need volunteers to help make the tour a success. If you know of a **distinctive garden** that would be a good addition to the tour, or you would like to volunteer, contact **Kay Conklin** at: conklinsk@health.missouri.edu or 474-0361.

Jefferson Farm and Gardens will need volunteers to **help plant plugs in wildflower meadows**

sometime in May or June. We will have a representative from the Farms give us more information. Meanwhile, see:

<http://www.jeffersonfarm.org:80/>

and:

<http://www.jeffersoninstitute.org/>

Gardening with Youth needs more volunteers. There are many opportunities to help. (Read article below on the CARE Garden). For more info: Lea Langdon 573-447-

1257, or langtrea@yahoo.com

As you sit with seed catalogs in your laps, think about ordering just a few extra packets. The **Plant-a-Row** group can always use extra produce. Then, as you plant, water, weed and harvest for PAR, also gather up your hours...they count toward volunteer hours...For more info: Betty Gayle Smith at Turtleisland@tranquility.net Also visit the PAR website at: <http://www.gardenwriters.org/par/>

Propagate Your Knowledge Base

While we dig out from the aftermath of the latest Mid-Missouri winter storms, it's hard to think that **in a few short months we'll swap our shovels for lawn care tools**. And one of the best tools we can have is education. A valuable **Show-Me Yards Workshop** will give us information on how to save time

and money on environmentally friendly yard care. The workshop is a **3-week session**, Wednesdays, February 7th, 14th, and 21st, 6:30-9 p.m. at the ARC in Columbia.

It's **free**, but you must register by calling 573-874-7616 or email at:

mona.menezes@gocolubiamo.com

Advanced Training: Mary Ann Gowdy will conduct a **2 hour plant propagation advanced training workshop, Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m.** The class will be held at the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 3215 B, LeMone Blvd., Columbia..** To register, call **Don** at: 573-445-9792. (Class is free, but space is limited!) Map to Osher:

muextension.missouri.edu/lifespan/map.htm

The C.A.R.E. Garden Project

Catherine Gleason shared an important project she is heading up as a city of Columbia effort for "at risk" youth. Here's some info:

The **CARE Garden** will be a job site for **5-10 youth, ages 14-18**. They'll work for 8 weeks from June 11 to August 3 and earn \$6.50/hour. The teenagers are considered "at risk" for a variety of rea-

sons, however, they must all have passing grades in school. **The Garden strives to teach youth the joy of gardening and connect them to food, nature, and community. They will employ organic methods, raised beds, grow vegetables, herbs and flowers for sale and donation.**

Catherine will need help with: De-

signing the Garden (Feb-Mar); Creating a planting calendar (Feb-Apr); Working with youth in the Garden (June-Aug). She also needs advice and help with: Installing raised beds (Mar); Starting seeds and obtaining plants (April-summer); Planting (April-summer). **Contact: Catherine Gleason, 573-874-6300.**

Events Calendar

Master Wildlifer Program: Begins Feb. 27.

http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ex/t/showcur.asp?story_num=4006&iln=29 Contact Don Day.

Compost For Sale: February 7, 14, 21, 28th; 1-5 p.m. Columbia Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Rd. 474-9145.

The Art of Orchids: Jan. 27-Mar. 11; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MoBot, Ridgway Center. For more info: www.mobot.org/events/annualorchidshow/annualorchidshow.asp

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More workshops at Bradford Farms:

Pruning Workshop: April 5th, 5-7 p.m. Shrubs, Roses and Ornamental grasses.

Rose Workshop: May 24th; 3:00-7:30 p.m. To register or for more information: Tim Reinbott: 573-884-7945 or Beverly Spencer: spencerb@missouri.edu

Free Mulch Giveaway: April 7, 7a.m. to 3 p.m. (while supplies last), Capen Park Mulch Site; 874-6291.

Native Plant Sale: Saturday, April 14th. Bradford Farms.

Clean up Columbia: Saturday, April 14. For more info: 874-7499 or go to their web site at: http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer/Opportunities/clean-up_columbia.php



"Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you."
Maori Proverb

Committees

We are required to join at least one committee. Descriptions of the committees are online at: oureach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittee_s2005.doc

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Web Page/Plant Protection Grant: Don Day, daydr@missouri.edu

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 7:00 pm

Join us for a presentation by:

Gene Busteed, City of Columbia Arborist

Gene will present information on Columbia's efforts to preserve trees and tree planting considerations for home gardeners.

Meeting held at: Boone County Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy. UU, Columbia, MO

Refreshments provided by: Hsiao-Mei, snacks; Betty Gayle Smith, drinks

Remember to wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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