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“Helping Others Learn to Grow”

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A Great Start

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With all the new year's **calendars** floating around, now is a great time to dedicate one to your Master Gardener schedule. **Begin** by flipping through each month and **writing in our meetings** which are usually held on the third Tuesday of every month (except December), at 7 p.m. The exact meeting time and place can always be found on the back page of the newsletter. Remember that you can count volunteer hours for attending meetings.

Then, mark up your

committee meeting dates and scheduled or potential dates to complete your Master Gardener volunteer projects. When you're working on a project, it might help to pack along your calendar so that you can remember to record your time volunteering. Too often we forget how long a project took and may even underestimate the time we spent, or worse, not record it at all.

Next, record some **upcoming events** that you might want to attend. If you see something of

interest to other MG's, send them to the newsletter editor for posting.

Last, but not least, mark the date when Don would like to receive your **total hours**. This is usually by the end of November. Sending them in is important to the entire organization. Without a strong record of participation, we might cease to exist, or at the very least, experience funding cuts. So **make a great start** for the new year of Master Gardening. Sit down with your new calendar and a pen.

Points of Interest:

- * MO Environment & Garden January Gardening Calendar: <http://agebb.missouri.edu:80/hort/meg/archives/v12n12/meg5.htm>
- * Order tree seedlings: <http://mdc.mo.gov/forest/nursery/seedling/>

A Review of the Facts

Follows is a summary of MG policies and procedures, found at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/mg/State%20Policies%20and%20Pocedures%20revised%2006-2005.doc>

“Active Status” means that as an MG, you are reporting at least 20

hours of volunteer work and completing 6 hours of advanced training a year. Failing to do so will result in your placement into **“Inactive Status.”** This means that you will **not be invited to special events or receive the newsletter.** When 20

hours of approved service is recorded, your status will once again become active. **“Uncertified”** is the result of inactive status and means you will not be able to use the title of Master Gardener. Contact Don at: DayDR@missouri.edu

Calling All Volunteers

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.

The **Tiger Pilot Club** began in 2002 and works through **Pilot International, which was founded**

in 1921. Their service focus has been helping people with brain-related disorders. Proceeds from their Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour make it possible for the Tiger Pilot Club to **provide education, safety, and scholarships for various organizations, groups, hospitals and individuals.** They conduct skateboard clinics where they donate helmets, support veterans at the VA hospital, give scholarships to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center,

to name a few. This important organization gives much in many ways and illustrates the "power of friendship, service, compassion and respect for all people." Info on Pilot International at: www.pilotinternational.org. Or contact **President Leanna Clayton at 573-808-5886, or any other Tiger Pilot Club member.**

Planning Ahead

Please attend a **brainstorming session and help us explore new ways to utilize the Boone County Extension Center grounds**, at 1012 N. Hwy. UU, Columbia, for the **Master Gardeners educational program.** We'll work to develop some long-range plans and write up a list of priorities to help set our **ideas in mo-**

tion. The meeting will be at the **Extension Center from 9:00 until noon on Saturday, January 13.** Refreshments will be served. **Let us know if you plan to attend so**

we can plan the session and the refreshments. Please call the office at 445-9792 or email Don Day at daydr@missouri.edu

**"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."
Albert Einstein**

Welcome

We begin the new year with **welcoming in the newest graduates** of the most recent Master Gardener training, which ended in Dec. **Now is the time** for new "trainees" and seasoned MG's to find ways to become involved. Our first meeting of the year will feature **committee sign up sheets**, along with **descriptions and so-**

licitations for members.

In addition, we will **welcome** the new MG officers, each serving a one year term, limited to two consecutive terms. **President: Rich Frieden; Vice-President: Julie Fisher; Secretary: Kaye King; Treasurer: Sandy Perley. State Representative: Barbara Kribbs.**



"Peace puts forth her olive everywhere." Shakespeare

Events Calendar

Beginning January 16, Tree Keepers Training; Tuesdays through February 20, 6:00-8:30 pm; ARC, 1701 W. Ash St., Columbia. For more info: <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer/Opportunities/treekeepers.php> or call 573-874-7499.

January 11-12, Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference and Trade Show; St. Joseph,

MO. More info at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/buchanan/index.shtml>

January 19-20, Ag Expo features workshops, trade exhibits and the Show-Me mobile aquarium. Poplar Bluff, MO. For more info: MU Extension Center in Butler County at: 573-686-8064.

February 6, noon-3 pm. Friends of the Library

Book Sale. Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia. Featuring books on Gardening; Antiques.



"The new year begins in a snow-storm of white vows." Geroge William Curtis

Anyone for a Trip?

I have had several requests to offer a garden tour to **New Zealand** again, similar to the one we offered last year. I have secured arrangements for a trip to depart on **February 19, 2008**. I now have people signing up to have me hold space, and hence it is time to advertise statewide. Please let the Master Gardeners know that they can con-

tact me via email to hold space if they are serious about joining the trip. If everyone goes that has expressed interest, space is filling quickly, so the sooner they let me know they are interested, the better. **I do not need registration deposits yet.** I just need to know that they are interested. Traveling with us on this trip will be **Jim Wilson**, former

host of PBS Victory Garden fame, and author of books too numerous to count. Jim has been to New Zealand previously, so I am fortunate to have him alongside me in guiding this tour.

Mary Kroening: 573-882-9633 or KroeningM@missouri.edu

Goodies, Anyone?

After all the holiday festivities, it may be hard to think about **preparing and consuming more snacks**. But our refreshment break will continue to be an **important part of our meetings**.

As you can see, we need to **"fill in the blanks"** on our refreshment list. The list will be posted on the entry table at our next meeting...**eat, drink, come to the meeting, and sign up!**

Month	Drinks	Snacks
Jan. 16	Debbie Scholes	Phyllis Barks
Feb. 20	Betty Gayle Smith	Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer
Mar. 20	Tom Marrero	Alice Havard
Apr. 17		
May 15		
June 19		
July 17		Celeste Mazzacano
Aug. 21		
Sept. 18		
Oct. 16	Barb Kribbs	

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 pm

Kick off our new year with slides of exotic Thailand

Presented by our new President, Rich Friedan

Meeting held at:

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

Refreshments provided by: Phyllis Barks, snacks; Debbie Scholes, drinks

Remember to wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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