



Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."



FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING:

February's MG meeting was a big success with 40 Master Gardeners in attendance. Gary Busted, City of Columbia's arborist and enforcer of regulations concerning developments and trees, gave an insightful and interesting program. Gary told us that Columbia is one of only a few cities in Missouri that has regulations about the number of trees that must be left on properties developed as subdivi-

sions or commercial buildings. Columbia has the added benefit to have Gary, with his knowledge as an arborist, helping enforce these regulations. His slides demonstrated the lack of knowledge too many have about how to maintain healthy trees and the extent to which some will go in order to get around the regulations. Many of our group found some of these flagrant examples quite dis-

turbing, especially when a huge beautiful tree is either removed or compromised to the point of certain death. Gary does not have an easy job trying to satisfy all interested parties, but hopefully his good sense of humor helps him to continue doing all he can to ensure a green and beautiful Columbia.

Thanks Gary!



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Next Month: A Premier Attraction

Jennifer Smith, from Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute, is next month's guest speaker. Jennifer will present an overview of a new attraction coming to Columbia—Jefferson Farm & Gardens. Expected to be one of the premier educational farms in the country, the Farm & Gardens is slated to open in 2008. Its mission

will be to inform and inspire visitors on contemporary Midwest farming and gardening topics. Located on 67 acres at the MU South Farm, the grounds will include: Children's Garden; Demonstration fields of traditional & alternative crops; Demo areas of grapes & berries; Native and ornamental plantings. **Join us next month!!!**

Points of Interest:

- Garden Calendar: agebb.missouri.edu/hort/meg/archives/v13n2/meg7.htm
- Heirloom Seeds: www.rareseeds.com/
- Grow Your Own Mealworms: audubon-omaha.org/bbbox/bbrp/mealworm.htm

Volunteer Opportunities

Want to accrue some volunteer hours and help your newsletter editor? Your newsletter editor is looking for some assistance for next month's newsletter: If you can send her some potential articles, events, news ...just look through your past newsletters for ideas...that would be great. Julie is taking a vacation just around the time she would normally be slaving away putting together the newsletter. Send your ideas, preferably in Word format, to Julie at julie8401@tranquility.net Don't forget to count your time! Thanks.

ByLaws Update

At the February meeting, the by-laws were amended to permanently establish a three-member Board of Trustees to oversee and make recommendations for our investments (as recommended by the bank that set up our certificates of deposit). One new member will be elected each year in November when the Executive Committee officers are elected. Current Trustees are Angela Nance, Carolyn Doyle, and Nancy Franklin.

International MG Conference

As Master Gardeners, we have an exciting opportunity to travel a relatively short distance to participate in the International Master Gardener Conference. This year it is in Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted by the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Master Gardeners, and will take place during their peak garden season, May 2-5. For more info, visit their lovely website at:

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

Once Again, the Trowel is Passed...

A few years ago, Barb Kribbs read an article in "Fine Gardening" magazine about a Golden Trowel Award given to an upscale garden owner or prestigious landscaper. Thinking it a clever idea she decided to put a new twist on the concept for our Master Gardener group. Barb purchased an ordinary garden trowel, spray painted it gold and had Charles, her husband, design a stand to hold it. She then chose the first recipient. Each recipient then selects the next recipient

and passes on the award. There's no time limit or rules on how to select the next recipient. "Seasoned" and new Master Gardeners have been awarded. Obviously, it is quite an honor to be chosen by a peer Master Gardener. Our newest honoree is none other than Alice Havard. The award was passed to Alice by last year's recipients, Art and Vera Gelder. Vera made the presentation and, before revealing the name, described the all the quiet and humble work done

by the newest recipient. The fact that Alice was completely surprised when Vera finally revealed her name is a testament to the humble way in which she contributes so very much to all she does for our group. Congratulations Alice...very well deserved!



Those who can, do.
Those who can do
more, volunteer.
-Author Unknown

Committee News: Exciting Advanced Training Sessions in the Works

The folks on the Advanced Training Committee have done a great job of lining up some interesting & beneficial advanced training. They are also trying to pair AT sessions that will help with other ongoing projects.

Here's the deal for Advanced Training: To be eligible, you first need to complete 1 yr. of ser-

vice; Any advanced training content must be more in depth than basic MG training; Training outside of approved AT classes must be submitted to the committee for credit approval; Content should be researched based; Training should be at least 60 minutes per topic; 30 hrs. AT for Level 2, with up to 10 hrs on one

topic counting toward the 30; Training should reflect a variety of topics; AT participants are encouraged to share how training has been applied toward a volunteer project. Questions? Vera Gelder, chair: walkabot@midamerica.net or (573) 474-8837.

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Upcoming Events

March 10, The Power of Green, Kansas City Public Library: Registration and info:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/gkcmg/events.html>

March 11, 1-3 p.m., Annual Spring Thaw, sponsored by The Community Garden Coalition, Shakespeare's downtown. Come for pizza and info about the Coalition. Suggested donation: \$5.

March 11, 7 p.m. Speakers Bureau; Columbia Public Library; Barb Kribbs and Carolyn Oats; "Annuals"; featuring everything you need to know about growing successful annual plants for your garden and containers.

March 16-18, Art in Bloom, MU Museum of Art and Archaeology, Columbia, MO. Free admission. Showcase a variety of fresh-cut floral arrangements paired with specific pieces of artwork for the Museum's collection. Demonstrations and Lectures on Saturday and Sunday. More info: <http://maa.missouri.edu/>

March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: 3rd Annual Native Plant Sale; Runge Conservation Nature Center, Jefferson City. Programs scheduled include: Backyard Plant Communities; What's in your backyard? (11a.m. - noon), Glade Hike (noon to 1 p.m.), Landscape with Native Plants (1 - 2 p.m.).

New Time Sheet

The new 2007 hourly volunteer hour submission form as well as list of project codes and descriptions will be available online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/mg>

Committees

We are required to join at least one committee. Descriptions of the committees are online at:
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Smith, Communications and PR Specialist, Thomas Jefferson Agriculture Institute

Boone County Extension Center

Come enjoy Jennifer's presentation on the upcoming Jefferson Farms and Gardens. This 67 acre farm is expected to be one of the premier educational farms in the country. Jennifer will tell us all about it and give us info about exciting volunteer opportunities.

Refreshments will be provided by: Alice Havard, snacks; Tom Marrero, drinks

Remember your Master Gardener name tag!

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