



Master Gardener Newsletter

Harvest Dinner a Scrumptious Success

The October 2007 annual Master Gardener Harvest Dinner was a big success with over 40 MG's and guests attending. The usual great food offerings filled the table and our plates with scrumptious selections, many from home-grown ingredients. What a wonderful tradition to help us celebrate the end of the growing season.

Another tradition at the dinner is the silent auction. This netted us just over \$130.

Phyllis Barks donated two beautiful plants, a schefflera and cliva, won as door prizes.

Don's PowerPoint presentation of some of our projects helped us remember why we became Master Gardeners in the first place. Our projects serve the community in a unique and important way. His reminder about hours is important so that we can continue growing a strong program. He would appreciate hours by next month.

(see article, "Count 'em up..."; page 2)

Thanks to everyone contributing to our Harvest Dinner, and to Barb Kribb's annual contribution of beverages. Her cinnamon-spiked punch was a real hit.



Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie. ~Jim Davis

Last Program of the Year

Join us for next month's program, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., for a presentation by Dr. Chris Starbuck on selecting trees and shrubs. Dr. Starbuck is an MU Associate

Professor and the State Extension Specialist for Woody Ornamentals. He's a wealth of knowledge and will be a great resource. After this past April's weird

freeze, many of us are bound to need good information that will help us wisely replaced lost trees and shrubs. Now is a perfect time to do so.

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Special points of interest:

- *Nemotode*: http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/ext/showall.asp?story_num=4189&iln=791
- *Fall News*: <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/seasonfall.htm>
- *City Events*: http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/calendar_events.php

Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program was started 3 years ago to better communicate with our Master Gardeners in training and to encourage retention in the Master Gardener program. We contact the new class members to encourage them in their studies, answer any questions they might have about the Master Gardener program, and invite them to become active in the Heart of Missouri organization.

The Mentoring Committee becomes active with the beginning of a new MG class. This has



Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
~Albert Camus

been in September the past several years. We try to limit 2 trainees per mentor; this has required we have between 10 to 15 mentor volunteers the past 2 years. This year we have 9 mentors with 2 trainees per volun-

teer. Mentors are expected to work with their trainees for approximately 1 year.

Criteria for volunteering to be a mentor is that you have completed the initial 30 hours of training, have knowledge of the Master Gardener state and local by-laws, encourage trainees to write down and turn in volunteer hours and are willing to work with trainees for approximately one year.

Submitted by: Marie Pasley, Chair:
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Count 'em Up & Send 'em In

Please begin **sending in volunteer hours for 2007, now, and by Dec. 1st**, for our annual report. The service record form is online or we can mail one to you:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/MG%20Time%20Sheets.htm>

(Send in your completed forms by regular mail or email).

The **"Hours" heading** has generated some questions. Under

that heading are three columns. **"Volunteer"** column: record hours spent on projects. **"Educ"** column: hours at programs, such as meetings (other than Advanced Training). **"Advanced"** column: hours at MG approved Advanced Training classes. Also, use the **codes listed on the back of the form** to indicate project names under the **"Project Code"** column. The

"Number of Contacts" heading allows you to give headcounts, either exact or estimated.

Helpful for our reports are any evaluations or your written narrative if people have described how your projects impacted their lives. **Reporting your hours is vital in documenting the importance of our program.**

Questions: Don Day: (573) 445-9792; daydr@missouri.edu

Volunteer Opportunities

The **Plant A Row** committee has "inherited" some abandoned gardens from Columbia Garden Coalition and need some **extra help harvesting** for about an hour once/twice a week. I will take produce to the pantry, but we need help harvesting. **Betty Gayle Smith: 573-874-3997.**

Columbia's City Manager invites interested people to discuss plans for identifying major roadway entryway sites into Columbia and landscape enhancements that would provide a more pleasing



Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.

~Elizabeth Lawrence

visual welcome to the city. The workshop will be held on **Thur., Nov. 1, 7 to 9 p.m.**; Activity & Recreation Center (ARC); 1701 W. Ash St. **Info: Asst. City Manager Tony St. Romaine at (573) 874-7214.**

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A Special Thank You

As most of you know, Phyllis Bark's father, Paul Barks, recently passed away. Phyllis sent us a thank you card that reads:

"Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners,

Thank you so much for the

lovely plant. I appreciate your kind thoughts and notes. Thanks too for picking up the slack in my absence for projects."

Phyllis

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven..."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

All of us at Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners want Phyllis to know, she and her family continue in our thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events

National Small Farm Today Trade Show and Conference

Nov 1-3, 2007; Boone County Fairgrounds, Columbia, MO

Fee: one day ticket \$8, two day ticket \$15, three day ticket \$20 to attend seminars, Farmers Forum and trade show. Info & registration: 800-633-2535.

<http://www.smallfarmtoday.com>

Free Mulch: November 3: Free Mulch Giveaway, 7 am-3 pm while supplies last, on-site loader provided, Capen Park mulch site only.

Know about an event of interest to Master Gardeners? Con-

tact the newsletter editor, Julie Fisher at: 573-445-3488 or julie8401@tranquility.net



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Join Us for the Dr. Chris Starbuck presentation on:
Selecting Trees and Shrubs

November 20th, 7:00 P.M.

Boone Co. Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy UU, Columbia

Refreshments provided by: Snacks, E. Nissen & P. Barks; Beverages,
D. Chancellor

Remember to wear your Master Gardener Nametag!

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