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# Master Gardener Newsletter

## Delightful Campus

If you missed our last Master Gardener tour of the MU Botanic Garden campus, I can highly recommend that you make arrangements to stroll through sometime soon. You might not have the benefit of shared expertise from a bunch of great Master Gardeners and the MU Horticulture Services staff, but the trip will be worth your while, nonetheless.

Marsha Bower led 25 MG's through some of the areas visited last June, as well as some new spots. The changes through the summer were in some

cases quite dramatic. The Tiger Eye Sumac, (*Rhus typhina*), located in large permanent pots at Speakers' Circle was noticeably showing fall colors. The annual butterfly weed was blooming like crazy and the butterflies have especially been grateful this summer. Lovely brilliant red Crepe Myrtle, "Centennial Spirit" brightened walkways and the deep purple flowers of the Hyacinth Bean Vine softened the white limestone wall of Green Chapel. Lowry Mall plantings of River Birch, coleus and

ferns looked lush and cool despite the recent drought. The Angel Trumpet (*Brugmansia*) graced us with its sweet fragrance as it did in June.

All this beauty is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Landscape Services. The MU campus is absolutely delightful. Thanks Marsha!



## Annual Harvest Dinner

Next month we will celebrate the arrival of autumn with our annual **Harvest Dinner on October 16**. We'll gather at the Extension Center at **6:00 p.m. and begin dinner at 6:30**.

This is a **contributive**

**dinner** and a great time for everyone to share their favorite delicious foods. Bring along your own **table service**, and if you'd like to share the recipe too, type up a few. (Drinks provided.) Also, gather up an item or two that you'd like to

**donate for the silent auction.**

Don will provide a **slide show of some of our projects** of the past year. **Send photos** to him ASAP. Questions: Don Day: 573-445-9792; [daydr@missouri.edu](mailto:daydr@missouri.edu)

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### Special points of interest:

- List of MU Botanic Gardens: [http://gardens.missouri.edu/garden\\_desc.php](http://gardens.missouri.edu/garden_desc.php)
- Read about webworms, tiny tomato winner and more: <http://plantsci.missouri.edu/>
- Weather links: <http://plantsci.missouri.edu/extension/weather.htm>

## Planting Seeds with the Educational Displays Committee

The **Educational Displays Committee** works to **increase the visibility of the Master Gardener program by coordinating Master Gardeners' participation in organized events and by providing display materials and staffing a Master Gardener booth.** The committee is co-chaired by **Peggy Ann Eichen and Melissa Hough.**

Recurrent educational displays are at **Earth Day** in Columbia in April and the **Chestnut Roast** near New Franklin in October. Other displays have appeared at Columbia's Twilight Festivals, the Boone County



"...Tall Oaks from little acorns grow." David Evertt

Fair, and at farmers' markets. Additional opportunities exist, if volunteers are available. **Displays feature our projects' photographs, info on becoming a Master Gardener, lists of pertinent websites, & hotline info.** Often featured are **plant sales and samples of foods**

using herbs and local produce. The Committee welcomes ideas for demonstrations and information for the display booths. Volunteers help set up and tear down displays and staff the booth during events, suggest or lead activities for children, donate plants and seeds, make food samples, and donate other giveaways. If you wish to volunteer or contribute display materials, contact Peggy Ann at: 660.841.5253; or [ei-chenp@missouri.edu](mailto:ei-chenp@missouri.edu), or Melissa at: 573.445.0661; [mmhough@gmail.com](mailto:mmhough@gmail.com)  
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## Volunteer Opportunities and Countdown for Hours

The **Extension Grounds** need some sprucing up. Contact Kaye King for more info: Kaye King (573) 673-6753, [KayeKing@socket.net](mailto:KayeKing@socket.net)

If you have **need of volunteers** for a project, please contact this newsletter editor or Don Day. We'll get the word out! Julie Fisher, 573-445-3488 or [julie8401@tranquility.net](mailto:julie8401@tranquility.net)

This is a great time to begin counting up your **volunteer hours** for all your efforts with Master Gardeners. Even if you've only tallied a few hours, they count!

Every single hour reported adds up and helps keep our important program going strong. In addition, providing a **brief write up** about how

you felt your involvement made a difference helps tell our story.

Don would appreciate collecting hours from you by November. Find the service record, online in both PDF or as MS Word Document at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/mg/>

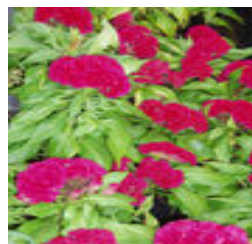
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## Fair Ribbons for Fair Flowers

In July, Master Gardeners visited the lovely cut flower farm, **Heaven Scent, owned and operated by Carolyne Attebery.** We saw a great variety of beautiful flowers, just right for cutting.

We weren't the only ones who marveled at the lovely beauties. **The judges at the Missouri State Fair also thought them quite special.**

The Attebery's came home with several ribbons and a special award called the "**Award of Merit**" for their **Cockscomb or Celosia.** Their lovely tuberose, both single and doubles placed, as did several colors of their Zinnas,



Red cockscomb; *Celosia cristata*

"Basket" seven varieties, three or more flowers; "other" annual and "other" perennial.

Given the hot, dry summer weather, these State Fair accomplishments were indeed special. Congrats Carolyne.

## Upcoming Events

"Fall on the Farm" event to be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site in Lawson.

**Pots to Planks** takes place October 12 - 14, 2007, Superior Garden Center, Columbia; Amy Craighead of Superior Garden Center at (573)442-9499; [superior@tranquility.net](mailto:superior@tranquility.net).

**Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast**, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10-4 p.m.; MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm in New Franklin. Julie Rhoads: 573-882-3234; [rhoadsj@missouri.edu](mailto:rhoadsj@missouri.edu)



### Missouri Master Gardener State Advisory Board Meeting; Kirksville, MO September 7, 2007

**Treasurers Report:** \$4890.71

#### Committee Reports:

Report on 2007 State Conference-Kirksville: 166 people registered

Report on 2008 Conference-Branson; Host: Master Gardeners of Ozarks  
Location: Hilton Hotel in Branson Landing, September 26-28, 2008;  
Schedule will be much the same as 2007. Added self-guided tour; Saturday tours and optional workshops Discussed attractions as well as Dinner Cruise on Saturday night; Sunday workshops and lunch

Midwestern Conferences 2008: Tri-State Conference; Milwaukee, WI.

Midwestern Conference; Oklahoma City, OK

International Conference March 2009 in Las Vegas, NV

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Motion passed to use these funds to off set State Conference fees as well as Endowment fund.

#### Training Fees

Mary Kroening stated that the Training Fee would be raised by \$10.00 starting January 1, 2008.

#### Honorary Master Gardeners

We have two Honorary Master Gardeners, Tom Henderson and Jim Wilson.

Board approved and added a new honorary member: Gaylord Moore, Horticulture Specialist in Springfield, MO

Next meeting will be November 2, 2007.

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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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## Join Us for the Annual Master Gardener Harvest Dinner

Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy UU, Columbia; Oct. 16, **6:00 P.M.**

### Bring:

- Your favorite dish or casserole
- Your own table setting
- Your item to donate for the silent auction (proceeds will help fund a project)
- Your appetite!

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