



# Master Gardener Newsletter

## Bradford Native Plant Program

Your trusty Vice President and Newsletter editor missed this last meeting. Fortunately, Nadia helped us out by providing the following write-up on the program she hosted. Thanks Nadia!

About 20 master gardeners gathered by the buildings around 6:30pm. We took a wagon and went to see the Native Plant Research and Demonstration Plots that are a few hundred feet west of the main buildings.

There I talked about a poverty grass study, some shrub combina-

tions for quail and other wildlife, and some pruning studies being done on some native forbs, native cool grasses.

We observed plants that have been recently established on a drainage to control soil erosion. Here I have a combination of swamp milkweed, bottonbush, manna grass, false wild indigo, wild senna, and sweet black eye susan.

I also showed them cup plant or carpenter square (*Silphium perfoliatum*), ready to bloom after being pruned.

I explained that one of the goals of these plots is to have different species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses to observe their persistence under little or no management. I mentioned that none of the plants have been watered or fertilized after they were established.

*We appreciate your expertise Nadia. Thanks!*



## MU Botanic Garden Revisited

Our Spring trip to the **MU Botanic Garden**, was such a hit that it was suggested that we revisit. The idea is to **observe the changes** in the areas since our Spring tour, and pro-

vide an opportunity to **anyone who missed** the last visit. In fact, our guide, Marsha Bower, has included some **additional areas**. We'll revisit some of the areas we saw in

June, and added will be the Union beds, Lowry Mall, Ellis perennial beds & additional beds at Jesse Hall. We'll gather at the East side of the Union, at the Arch Tower. **See pg. 4**

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### Special points of interest:

- The International Master Gardener Conference highlights with Speaker & Seminar Presentations: [mg2007.uaex.edu](http://mg2007.uaex.edu)
- All About Chestnuts: <http://www.utc.edu/Faculty/Hill-Craddock/chestnutlinks.html>
- Food Circles Program: <http://foodcircles.missouri.edu/>

## Committee Highlights

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At the heart of **Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners** are our **committees, of which there are currently 14**. These committees organize efforts and provide structure for groups' activities. Members are required to join at least one committee. This is the first of a series of Newsletter features on our committees. If you'd like your committee featured, contact Donald Cunningham at [cunnidh@auburn.edu](mailto:cunnidh@auburn.edu)

### Speakers Bureau

The Speakers' Bureau is a popular event and is chaired by Alice Harvard. Speakers' Bureau presents educational programs to the public, encourages master gardeners to further their own knowledge, and in-

forms the public about master gardener classes and opportunities.

Columbia Public Library hosts the events and helps schedule programs of interest. Gardening topics are generally presented March through July, with our first programs and possible dates set in January.

Organized groups contact us through the extension office or directly to request a speaker. They often have a topic in mind, or are open to suggestion.

Some Chair responsibilities are:

- arranging dates, topics, speakers
- acting as a clearing house for records, member participation,

community resources, and subject resources for speakers

- publicizing events
- providing handouts
- serving as substitute speaker (or finding one)

Many master gardeners specialize in one aspect of gardening and are sought after speakers in their own right. Others are generalists and will research and present a program that is requested. Speakers commit to a date, topic, and time. They arrange for any equipment needs, visual aids, and transportation.

Donald Cunningham

## Volunteer Opportunities

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This volunteer opportunity is from Julie Rhoads, Events Coordinator:

The **Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast** will be held **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm in New Franklin**. Last year's Roast was hugely popular and well attended. With plans for even larger attendance in 2007, **we will need**

**extra volunteers to help on the day of the event this year.**

Volunteers are provided a complimentary lunch and specially designed T-shirt. **For more info on the four hour shifts, contact Julie Rhoads at: 573-882-3234, or [Rhoadsj@missouri.edu](mailto:Rhoadsj@missouri.edu)**

Peggy Ann Eichen, Education Committee Chair needs **help with educational displays at the Chestnut Roast, Saturday, Oct. 13 and at the South Farm Showcase, Sept. 29. Don't miss this volunteer opportunity to get creative.** Please contact Peggy Ann if you can help: [EichenP@missouri.edu](mailto:EichenP@missouri.edu) or (660) 841-5253.

## Head South

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On behalf of the University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener program, we are excited to announce our **annual tour to Costa Rica, January 8-18, featuring exotic and beautiful gardens**. This trip will leave the typical tourist route and head north from San Jose to visit private gardens, agricultural

production locations, a working cattle ranch and pineapple plantation, and various native habitats from cloud forest to tropical rainforest. Although the focus is on plants, **all aspects of the environment will be addressed**. Complete package price including airfare from St. Louis is \$3,195 per person,

double occupancy. Reservation is \$500 deposit; final payment due by Nov. 1. For more info email Bruce and Sharon Beck at [beckb@missouri.edu](mailto:beckb@missouri.edu); or Mary Kroening at 573-882-9633 or [kroeningm@missouri.edu](mailto:kroeningm@missouri.edu). Trip brochure on the website at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/mg>

## Upcoming Events

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**Missouri Cut Flowers: Field to Market: Sept. 5.** Info: [PMayer@MissouriState.edu](mailto:PMayer@MissouriState.edu) 417-547-7533

**Tomato Festival: September 6, Bradford Farm,** Free; Info: Tim Reinbott, 573-884-7945.

**13th Annual Missouri State Master Gardeners Conference, Sept. 7-9th at Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri.** [extension.missouri.edu/adair/MGConf/index.shtml](http://extension.missouri.edu/adair/MGConf/index.shtml) or call: 660-665-9866

**Ozark Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Expo: Sept. 22-23; Les Bourgeois Winery, Rocheport.** Info: [www.OzarkRE.org](http://www.OzarkRE.org)

**MU South Farm Showcase Saturday, September 29, 2007 10 a.m.-4 p.m** Homeowners and ornamental & vegetable gardeners with questions about their lawns & gardens will find MU experts on hand ready with answers. Tour the farm throughout the day & learn about ongoing research on native plants, turfgrass, water quality, alternative fuels, beef and agroforestry. <http://aes.missouri.edu/sfarms/fieldday/index.stm>

**15th National Small Farm Trade Show & Conference: Nov. 1-3, Boone Co. Fairgrounds.** 800-633-2535; [www.smallfarmtoday.com/](http://www.smallfarmtoday.com/)

## Pots to Planks Opportunity

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In June, Superior Garden Center hosted the first “**Recycling Event**” in conjunction with the City of Columbia and Ryan Enterprises. The 3-day event was a huge success as we collected over **4,800 lbs. of plastic plant containers! The plastic was later recycled into landscape timbers.** With such an overwhelming response from the public, and a desire by our staff to continue this event, we are once again host-

ing a recycling weekend now called “**Pots to Planks, Oct. 12-14.**” **We are looking for central Missouri organizations to help collect and process used nursery containers.** We’re excited about the upcoming event and hope that your organization will be equally excited to partner with us. For more info: Amy Craighead of Superior Garden Center at (573)442-9499 or [superior@tranquility.net](mailto:superior@tranquility.net).

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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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## **Next Meeting: September 18, 6:30 p.m. MU Campus Botanic Garden Revisit**

**Join us for a guided tour by Marsha Bower, Horticulturist, of the lovely MU Botanic Gardens. We will revisit some areas and visit new ones.**

**Note: We will start & conclude at the Arch Tower, East side of Memorial Union.**

**For parking: Lot behind Waters Hall, off University, driveway east of Waters Hall; unmetered after 5 p.m.) or University Ave. Garage**

**Refreshments: Snacks: B. Michael, J. Dunn; Drinks: C. Hosey**



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