

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

"HELPING OTHERS LEARN TO GROW"

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Newsflash!!

This Newsletter Contains Actual News!

I don't know if this is due to sunspots or the lively group discussions at our January meeting, but we have a veritable cornucopia of news this month!

- Educational events for both Advanced Training and Continuing Education!
- Volunteer activities!
- New committee chairs!
- New mission statement in the works!
- New officers!
- Free buckets!
- Free beer! (okay, that was just to see if you were still paying attention...☺)

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The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners are creating a 2009 Pictorial Directory of active members, so when you attend a meeting, you may get your picture taken! We will also want to know when you became a Master Gardener, and your special areas of interest in gardening.

Jim Wilson Conducting Course on Vegetable Gardening

Jim Wilson, former co-host of PBS's "The Victory Garden" series, will be conducting a 5-week course on home vegetable gardening based on his upcoming book Reduce Your Food Bills: Plant a Recession Garden.

The course guide will be an advance copy of the book (I bet you can get him to autograph it for you!). The cost of the course is only \$10, which is simply to cover the expense of making the copies. The course is sponsored by Jefferson Farm and Gardens.

The course will meet on Thursdays for 5 weeks, starting February 12th, from 7-9 pm at the Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building on the MU Campus, Room 123. Parking info available when you enroll.

All interested gardeners are invited to attend.

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners will receive continuing education credit, and certified HMMGs may also receive Advanced Training hours for attending the course.

(Secretly, Jim Wilson hopes that this course will not only help attendees become more successful vegetable gardeners but also encourage and enable them to mentor local churches, schools and community groups on how to start a "victory garden", to provide food for the needy. But if you just want to grow yummy produce and eat it all yourself, that's okay; you can come, too!)

To sign up for the course or get more information, contact Catherine Bohnert at Jefferson Farm and Gardens, phone 573-441-2745.



Mary Jo Morris, a HMMG member who works at Boone Hospital, has food-grade buckets (with lids) in 2, 3, and 5 gallon sizes. She wants to make them available to us for a nominal fee, 50 cents or \$1, depending on the size you need. If you're interested in getting some great buckets at a great price, call her at work at 815-2515 and leave a message.

Gardeners on a Mission

A Mission Statement can provide direction and inspiration, and at the January meeting, we broke into discussion groups and came up with lots of great answers to the questions: What purposes does the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners serve? What are our values? We will present a brief summary of our discussions at the February meeting, along with a couple of Mission Statement options that we can vote to adopt, or to keep "tweaking". Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

- 2/3 - Greenhouse Growers School** at the Days Inn Conference Center (1900 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri) This annual event includes presentations by greenhouse growers, horticulture industry representatives and MU Extension staff, providing valuable information on plants and plant growing techniques. Registration fee is \$10. Advanced registration is not required. For more information contact David Trinklein, State Floriculture Specialist, at 573-882-9631 or trinkleind@missouri.edu
- 2/7 - Slow Food Chocolate and Wine Tasting** at the Wine Cellar and Bistro (505 Cherry Street, Columbia, Missouri) Alan McClure, local chocolate maker and owner of Patric Chocolate will explain micro-batch chocolate making and Sommelier Sarah Cyr will discuss pairing wines with chocolate. Seating is limited. Slow Food members \$25, non-members \$35. For more info go to slowfoodkatytrail.blogspot.com
- 2/13 - 2/15 Herb and Garden Show** in Mount Vernon, Illinois. This outstanding show has extensive exhibits of fresh herbs for culinary, medicinal, and decorative use; bulbs, seeds, herbs; books on herb gardening and cooking with herbs, and much more. See www.midwesternherbandgardenshow.com. Also, our HMMG member Carolyn Oates is interested connecting with others who want to make the trip (she says it is well worth the drive!) so contact her at 443-3057 to coordinate.
- 2/17 HMMG Monthly Meeting** This month's meeting should be especially fun and interesting because we will have Jack Stanley, professional photographer, discussing how to photograph flowers. He will have demonstrations as well as hands-on, so bring your camera and get ready to SNAP! To see some samples, check out his blog at www.jackartphotography.blogspot.com.
- 2/22 Community Garden Coalition** is having their annual Spring Thaw at the library on Sunday, February 22nd from 2-4 PM. Join other gardeners, volunteers, and others to learn about community gardens and giving gardens in Columbia. Sign up for a garden plot or volunteer!
- 2/28 Spring Creek Cleanup** This rather strenuous volunteer project will assist the City of Columbia with basic maintenance of an area known as the Spring Creek Conservation Easement. In 2004, trees were planted along Hinkson Creek to provide a stabilizing buffer area. Many of the trees have died and the tree protection equipment (aka, chicken wire) needs to be removed. Many surviving trees have been damaged or are smothered in weeds. City Arborist, Lou Phemister, will be onsite to provide instruction on pruning and specific direction on tasks. About 10 volunteers are needed on 2/28, from 8:00 am to noon. To sign up, contact Laura Redfield-Jacobs at lauraredfield1@centurytel.net or call 445-8099. She will provide you with complete information on what equipment to bring and how to get to the site (it's near Scott Blvd and Vawter School Road.)
- 3/14 Demolish the Mound** Join in the "Demolish the Mound Party" on March 14 starting at 9 am at the Boone County Extension Center. Our primary goal for the day will be to remove the mound area and cover with weed barrier and mulch. If we have enough people, we will also prune and trim back the shrubs around the building. **Please join in this effort.** It will give participants a great opportunity to mix and get to know fellow Master Gardeners. Since this will last through the lunch hour we will have a carry-in lunch at the work site. Contact Marie Pasley at 573-474-5245 or mpasley@aol.com to sign up.



Blooms & Benevolence

The 7th annual Blooms & Benevolence Garden Tour put on by Columbia Tiger Pilot Organization is set for **Saturday, June 13, 9-3**. They again need HMMG volunteers. Six hours can be split up between two or more volunteers.

ALSO, if you are interested in hosting a tour or have a recommendation, please contact Fred Berry at cty56140@centurytel.net, 573-446-4429, or 573-474-6391.

The Tiger Pilots are focused on supporting organizations which help individuals affected by brain-related injury/disease and were chartered in 2002. One of the many local projects they support is Brain Minders, a public service educational campaign geared toward children to prevent brain injury.

Committees and Leadership

Committee	Chairperson / Contacts	The Latest Scoop!!
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	Greenhouse Growers and Jim Wilson's class will both count as AT. Send Julie any ideas you have. They're currently checking into some "field trip" ideas, too!
Adopt-a-Spot	Carolyn Oates 443-3057 Carolyn.Oates@USOncology.com	On January 29 th , they had their big kick-off meeting with their Adopt-a-Spot folks, with presentation. Can't wait to hear how it went!
Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 eichenp@missouri.edu	
Extension Grounds	Open	Big cleanup March 14 - Contact Marie Pasley at 474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com to sign-up.
Habitat for Humanity	Phyllis Barks 698-3845 BarksP@missouri.edu Brenda Jones 884-6190 jonesbj@missouri.edu	
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Mizzou Botanic Gardens	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry	Evette Nissen 474-3055 Evette1357@msn.com	Will have 2 beds this year. Will need people on a weekly basis to weed and water.
Speakers' Bureau	Alice Havard 445-4624	Looking for people who want to make presentations for the Library series. They're putting the calendar together now, so contact Alice ASAP.
Plants of Merit	Donna Puleo 882-1989 puleod@missouri.edu	

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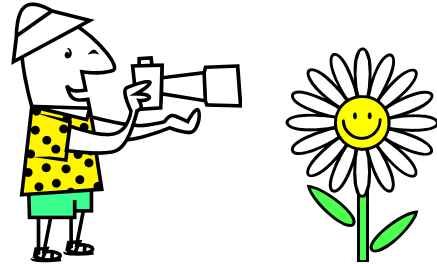
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Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 17th at 7:00 pm
Location: Boone County Extension Center

Special Program:
The Art of Photographing Flowers

By Jack Stanley
Jack Art Photography
Bring your camera for hands-on learning!



February Refreshments provided by:

Snacks - Debi Ball
Drinks - Marie Pasley

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