

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners is a fun, vibrant group that brings together gardeners of all levels by providing engaging educational opportunities and meaningful volunteer projects that enhance and sustain our communities.

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A Few Minutes from February

On Feb. 17, 2009, the HMMG meeting was held with 33 members in attendance. Following the presentation "The Art of Photographing Flowers" by Jack Stanley, announcements were made and the group broke into committees for project planning. Proposal to allow committee chairs to spend \$25/year was approved.

Committee updates included a presentation by the Advanced Training (AT) Committee regarding current AT guidelines. AT Documents will be sent out via email to all HMMG members and posted on the web for review and discussion at March meeting.

The theme for 2009 was adopted by the group (see newsletter header, above) and MU Extension budget cuts were discussed, reiterating the need to report all volunteer hours.

See *February Minutes* on page 3.

Colorful Combination Planters

By *Laura Redfield-Jacobs, President*

Vaughn Fletcher, midwest sales manager for McHutchison Horticultural Distributors, gave a great presentation on colorful planters at the Greenhouse Growers School in February. He says grey is one of the most powerful colors in a container.

These planter combinations will survive hot Missouri summers and provide color until frost:

- Cordyline Red Star in the center with Zinnia Profusion Orange at the base.
- Dichondra, Silver Falls with Lantana and Salvia, black and blue.

Free to a good home?

Bob McDonald, a new Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, has a 120-foot area on Forum in the Highlands. If you have any daylilies, iris, black-eyed Susan, etc. that you will be thinning, call him at 673-1372.

We also need plants for the **Earth Day** booth, the **Lee School** project, and other **Adopt-a-Spot** folks, so start eyeing your perennial beds for potential clean-out, and when the weather warms, divide and share!!!

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The **Community Garden Coalition** needs HMMG volunteers in 2 areas:

- **Paquin Towers** needs mentors for the gardens and their disabled gardeners. Volunteers would answer questions and provide guidance and assistance.
- **Friendship Baptist Church** on Smiley Lane is planning a new garden project. They have lots of energy and excitement, but little gardening know-how.

Contact **Lea** at the Community Garden Coalition; email cgardenc@yahoo.com or call 864-7647.

- Chrysocephalum, Flambe Yellow (his favorite) with Salvia, Golden Delicious and Dahlia, Mystic Illusion.
- Mandevilla with Vinca, Pacifica Halo and Agelonia, Serena Purple.

More tips: For baskets, he said Surfinia varieties of petunias are very heat tolerant. He also said Plumbago, Imperial Blue is one of the best plants available for a container. When considering the use of Pennisetum, he recommends using only the dwarf varieties. The larger varieties lose their color because the container gets too hot.

A good combination for a shady spot is pink Caladium with pink New Guinea Impatiens. Or, go with white Caladium and New Guinea Impatiens. Another good combination is Alternanthera, Cognac in the center with Helichrysum, White, which trails. Vinca, Mediterranean Peach, can fill a pot nicely by itself. Petunia, Surfinia Baby Red is great in a hanging basket.

**St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time –
a day to begin transforming winter's
dreams into summer's magic.**
~Adrienne Cook

Upcoming Events

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 also have a **potluck lunch**. Contact **Marie Pasley** at 573-474-5245 or mpasley@aol.com to sign up.

3/28 5th Annual Native Plant Sale at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City from 10 am to 3 pm. Stop by and purchase beautiful, hardy flowers and shrubs from Missouri vendors. Presentations will focus on forests and invasive species. Activities include tree planting walk and woodland wildflower walk. For more info call 573-526-5544.

4/19 Earth Day festivities will take place in Peace Park, just south of downtown, from 12 noon to 7 pm on April 19th (rain date April 26th) and we need volunteers to assist with the HMMG booth and displays. We would also like to collect plants and seedlings to sell, to attract people to the booth. Contact **Peggy Ann Eichen** to volunteer or donate. eichenp@missouri.edu or 660-841-5253.

4/25 Wildflower Walk at Rock Bridge State Park on Saturday April 25 from 1-4 pm. Approximately 2-mile hike through the Gans Creek area, with wildflower identification, edibles, and park ecology. For more info and to reserve a spot, call 573-449-7400.

5/9 Plant and Herb Fair in Terre Haute, Indiana will feature lots of herbs as well as plants, crafts, and gifts. It will be held in Fairbanks Park on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free!

Advanced Training Classes 2009—Current Schedule

Advanced Training credit is applied at a one to one ratio; one hour of actual class time equals one hour of Advanced Training. * = repeats
State Conferences each year hold Advanced Training on Friday afternoon.

**Sign Up
Early!!**

Date	Time	AT	Topic or Title	Description & Fee	Presenter/Reservation	Location
Mar 28	9:30-12 & 1-3	4.5	"Powerful Presentations"	Engage audiences with powerful presentations: structuring speeches & using visual aides	Leigh Britt & Pamela Humphreys; Toastmasters Inc. Reservations: 573-445-9792	Extension Office
Apr 4	1-4	3	"Chasing the Beautiful Butterfly"	Learn about butterflies and moths then participate in an optional survey to catch, id and release of park butterfly species	Roxie Campbell, Park Naturalist Reservations: March 4 573-449-7400	Rock Bridge State Park, Columbia
Apr 21*	6-7 pm	1	"Make Your Own Compost"	Learn how to make your own compost. Free. Attendees may purchase a bin at reduced cost of \$20	City of Columbia Staff Reservations: 573- 874-6271	Capen Park, (off Rock Quarry Rd.) Columbia
Apr 25	9-12	3	Landscape Design	Learn principles of landscape design & apply them to an in-class project	Michelle Jansen, Rost Landscaping; Reservations: 573-445-9792	Extension Office
May 23*, Jun 13*, Sep 22*, Oct 17*, Nov 14*	10-11 am	1	"Make Your Own Compost"	Learn how to make your own compost. Free. Attendees may purchase a bin at reduced cost of \$20	City of Columbia Staff Reservations: 573- 874-6271	Capen Park, (off Rock Quarry Rd.) Columbia

Committees and Leadership

Committee	Chairperson / Contacts	The Latest Scoop!!
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	LOTS of great opportunities coming up. See page 2 in this newsletter for currently scheduled classes. Sign up early – these classes will fill up quickly!
Adopt-a-Spot	Carolyn Oates 443-3057 Carolyn.Oates@USOncology.com	Since their January presentation, they've already gotten several requests for assistance from new participants in the Adopt-a-Spot program. The committee is also looking for free plants , so as you are thinning your perennials this spring, let Carolyn know if you've got some plants they can use.
Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 eichenp@missouri.edu	Earth Day is being celebrated on April 19th in Columbia this year, and they need volunteers to assist with the HMMG booth from set-up to take-down and answering questions in between. Call Peggy Ann to volunteer, or to donate plants for the booth!!
Extension Grounds	Open	Big cleanup March 14 - Contact Marie Pasley at 474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com to sign-up.
Farmer's Market Booth	Marie Pasley 474-5245 smpasley@aol.com	
Gardening with Youth	Lea Langdon 864-7647 langtrea@gmail.com	
Habitat for Humanity	Phyllis Barks 698-3845 BarksP@missouri.edu Brenda Jones 884-6190 jonesbj@missouri.edu	Need help with brief seasonal tips and landscape tidbits to include in quarterly newsletter for Habitat families. Will need planting assistance in April, May, and/or early June to assist families with trees and shrubs.
Hotline	Emily Bonwich 449-0444 ebonwich@mchsi.com	
Mentoring	Betty Gayle Smith 442-3309 turtleisland@tranquility.net	Looking for a few good mentors – if you're interested in getting this committee going, let us know!
Mizzou Botanic Gardens	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	
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February Minutes...

Members were encouraged to participate in upcoming volunteer events. \$20 was approved for Earth Day booth. Volunteers were requested to organize the HMMG library; to be group historian; to create landscape plan for the Lee Elementary School project.

The **Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter** is published monthly for the Master Gardeners in Central Missouri. For more information, contact:

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Boone County Extension Center Office Hours are:
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Special Program:
The Gardens of London
By Lou Phemister
City of Columbia Arborist



March Refreshments provided by:
Snacks - Tanja Patton
Drinks - Debbie Scholes

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