

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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Spring Creek Project Helps Trees

On April 11th, seven intrepid Master Gardeners joined City Arborist Lou Phemister near Vawter School Road, where Spring Creek joins Hinkson Creek, to free nearly 100 trees from debris and choking weed growth.

These trees were planted about 5 years ago by the City of Columbia, with volunteer assistance. Since then, however, some of the trees have died, due to heavy deer browsing and frequent flooding in the area.

With guidance from Lou, the group worked for 4 hours on the site, removing wire cages (installed for deer protection) and support stakes from the dead trees, to keep them from washing downstream.

The Master Gardeners were *delighted* to also be able to improve the living conditions of the many trees that had survived. They removed piles of flood debris, vines, and weed growth from the trees' deer-protection cages, did some light pruning where needed, and even heaved a HUGE log off of one tree that had narrowly escaped certain death! It was hard work, but very rewarding.



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Above: Pam Nichols (left) clears debris from a tree cage, while Laura Redfield-Jacobs and Cindy Deegan prune lower branches. The "mess" in the foreground is a tree that hasn't been rescued yet.

Left: Carlene Griggs and Jerry Heymeyer discuss a tree's condition with Lou Phemister, City Arborist.

Other volunteers on the project were Craig Hosey and Linda Christensen.

Congratulations, Kent and Family!

Our fearless leader **Kent Shannon** is now the proud papa of **twin boys**, born **March 27, 2009**. Their names are Waite Donald and Irl Marlyn.

We have it on excellent authority (Frankie) that these boys are absolutely adorable! Best wishes to all of you from all of us!

Gardener's Grub and Gab Potluck Dinner

Thursday, May 7, 6:00–8:00 pm

Bring a dish to share and come hang out with your fellow master gardeners. Talk about gardening, work, kids, the weather, gardening, food, and gardening!

It will be at Linda Christensen's house, **1412 Saint Andrew Street**, in Columbia. Directions: From Stadium Blvd, turn onto West Blvd. Take the first left on Westwinds, then the first right on Saint Andrew. Go straight thru the Yield sign, and it's about halfway down on the left. Linda will provide drinks, ice, and BBQ pork for sandwiches—RSVP to Linda via email at christer@columbia.k12.mo.us and let her know what you're bringing (if you can't cook, bring chips ☺)

On Saturday, April 25th, despite the excellent gardening weather that morning, the **Advanced Landscape Design** class was held at the MU Extension Center, with 31 unusually attractive and intelligent Master Gardeners in attendance. Many thanks to Michelle Jansen of Rost Landscaping for a fun and informative workshop on the principles of residential landscape design! Julie Fisher, our Advanced Training committee chair, may bring Michelle back for a "part 2" workshop in the fall.



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now. ~Chinese Proverb

Date	Event	Info
May 7	Greenhouse Plant Sale at Missouri Botanical Gardens	Annuals, and large, unusual stock plants used in propagation, plus many perennials, tropicals, ferns, orchids, and interesting woody plants. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Greenhouse Complex.
May 9	Plant and Herb Fair	In Terre Haute, Indiana. Features herbs as well as plants, crafts, and gifts. In Fairbanks Park from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Free!
May 9	Annual Spring Garden Show	In lovely Arrow Rock, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. at the Old Schoolhouse. More than 2 dozen vendors will be there to offer plants, outdoor accessories, Missouri-produced food products and unique crafts.
May 8 & May 16	Gardener's Vineyard Tour	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on 5/8; 10:00 am to noon on 5/16. Visit at least two vineyards at Les Bourgeois to discuss different aspects of vineyard cultivation. Cost is \$5, call 573-634-2824 to register.
May 23	Make Your Own Compost Workshop	At Capen Park (off Rock Quarry Rd) 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Offered by the City of Columbia. Reservations: 573- 874-6271. (Counts as 1 hour of Advanced Training.)
May 23	Herbs 101	At Superior Garden Center, 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Register online a www.superiorgardencenter.com . \$25 fee, must pre-register.
June 4	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Freezing and Drying Fruits and Vegetables	This series of 3 workshops will be taught by Vera Massey at the Boone County Extension Center. Each workshop will be offered at two different times on each date: 9:30 am-Noon <u>or</u> 6:00-8:00 pm.
June 10	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Water Bath Canning	The registration fee is \$10/person/workshop, or \$25 for all 3 workshops. Class size is limited so register early!
June 24	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Pressure Canning Workshop	For more info, contact Vera Massey at (573)442-9792 or masseyv@missouri.edu .
June 13	Make Your Own Compost Workshop	At Capen Park (off Rock Quarry Rd) 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Offered by the City of Columbia. Reservations: 573- 874-6271. (Counts as 1 hour of Advanced Training.)
June 13	Pots to Planks Recycling Event	At Superior Garden Center, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Drop off <u>clean</u> plastic pots and trays for recycling. For more info: www.superiorgardencenter.com .
June 13	Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour	In Columbia. Volunteers are still needed to host. Tickets are \$10 to tour six lovely gardens. Contact Rose Mayfield to volunteer or to buy tickets. Email: Mayflower812003@yahoo.com .
June 14	Heartland Harvest Garden public grand opening	Visit www.powellgardens.org for complete information about the grand opening festivities!

**Our next meeting will be on May 19th, and will start at 6:30 pm at Carolyn Oates' home
1363 South Mesa Drive, in El Chaparral East.**

Here's how to get there: Go east on Broadway, which becomes Route WW. After 3-4 miles, watch for Casey's General Store on the right. At Casey's, turn right onto El Chaparral. Turn right on Mesa. The house is 1363 South Mesa Drive; it is a duplex with orange doors and a big blue spruce in the front yard. Parking may be an issue; if so, park behind Casey's and a shuttle will pick you up and deliver you to Carolyn's! Carolyn's cell phone is 424-3308.

Committee	Chairperson / Contacts	The Latest Scoop!!
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	Be sure to pre-register for the "Preserving the Harvest" workshops—they will fill up fast!
Adopt-a-Spot	Carolyn Oates 443-3057 Carolyn.Oates@USOncology.com	
Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 eichenp@missouri.edu	Great job at our Earth Day booth, everyone! Thanks to all who helped out with our display, and who donated plants and seeds!
Extension Grounds	Open	
Farmer's Market Booth	Marie Pasley 474-5245 smpasley@aol.com	HMMG at the Columbia Farmers Market on the 2 nd Saturday of the month, and at the Boone County Farmer's Market on the 1 st Saturday from May through August.
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 May and/or early June to assist families with trees and shrubs.
Hotline	Emily Bonwich 449-0444 ebonwich@mchsi.com	Many thanks to all the people who came to the April meeting early to learn about and discuss the Hotline!
Mentoring	Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997 turtleisland@tranquility.net	
Mizzou Botanic Gardens	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry	Evette Nissen 474-3055 Evette1357@msn.com	Surplus produce? Take it to Betty Gayle Smith's house at 200 Maplewood for donation to a local food pantry.
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I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth? ~Edward Giobbi

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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 May 19th at 6:30 pm
Location: Carolyn Oates' Home
(Directions inside newsletter)

Special Program:
Kokedama Gardening Demonstration



May Refreshments Provided By:
Snacks - Betty Gayle Smith, Carolyn Oates
Drinks - Julie Fisher

**Please bring your own chair
to the May meeting!**

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