

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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State Master Gardener Conference Has Something for Everyone

This year's **Missouri Master Gardener Conference** is **September 18-20** at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. We are so fortunate to have this lavish feast of fun and education close to home this year! Grab your buddies and make plans to attend now!

Here's a brief outline of each day's events:

Friday, 9/18 - Advanced Training

- Orchids
- Moss
- Grant Writing
- Shitake Mushrooms
- Plant Propagation
- Using Natives in your Home Landscape
- Organic Vegetable Gardening
- Starting Wildflower Seed and Growing Wildflowers

Saturday, 9/19 - Tours, tours, tours

- **Horticultural walking tour** of the Capitol grounds, Veterans Memorial, Lewis and Clark Trailhead, Carnahan Memorial Gardens, Governor's Mansion.
- **Runge Conservation Nature Center**, as well as a greenhouse and raised vegetable beds, and an outstanding private home garden.
- **Sinquefield Reserve Grounds and Gardens**: A rural retreat and ecological preserve on 700 acres of working farmland
- **Alice Hansen's magnificent garden** overlooking the Missouri River; Central Missouri Master Gardeners' **Demonstration Garden and greenhouse**; the **Sod Farm** of Jim Keevan.
- **Lincoln University**: Composting, vegetable gardening, and hydroponics.

Sunday, 9/20 - Education Classes

From 8:00-11:30, attend 3 different 1-hour sessions on an amazing variety of topics.

For complete information on the conference schedule, visit <http://conference.missourimastergardener.com>

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Conference Keynote Speaker: The Renegade Gardener



Don Engebretson, a nationally-recognized authority on landscape and garden design, is this year's keynote speaker at the Missouri Master Gardener Conference.

Don has published 5 books on gardening and landscaping. He is the field editor and garden scout for *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine. He has also been a gardening expert on an HGTV series, as well as

the landscaping consultant for the PBS series *Hometime*.

Don's topic at the Saturday night banquet will be "**10 Gardening and Landscaping Blunders—and How to Avoid Them.**" His topic for the Sunday luncheon will be "**Crafting Cool and Creative Containers**".

For more info about Don and his humorous, irreverent approach to gardening dogma, visit: www.renegadegardener.com

My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view.

~H. Fred Ale

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Info
Aug 5 & 12	Raingarden Installation and Maintenance	Help the Missouri River Communities Network install and maintain rain gardens in Columbia, at Rock Bridge High School (Aug 5) and West Blvd Elementary School (Aug 12) starting at 8:00 am. To participate, call 256-2602 or email booneraingardens@gmail.com .
August 7-9	Powell Gardens Festival of Butterflies	At Powell Gardens, near Kansas City, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Get up close and personal with hundreds of live butterflies in the free-flight conservatory exhibit. Monarch Watch will have an exhibit, and butterfly plants and irises will be for sale. Fee: \$10/adults, \$9/seniors, \$5/children 5-12
Aug 15	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	If you are cleaning out the garden shed and you find old bottles of pesticides, paint, or chemicals, be sure to dispose of them responsibly by taking them to the City of Columbia Hazardous Waste Facility at 1313 Lakeview Ave from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Other disposal dates are 9/5, and 9/19.)
August 22	Powell Gardens Tomato Festival	From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sample a variety of tomatoes from basic red to striped to yellow gold, buy a sack to take home, enjoy a chef's demonstration and pick up expert growing tips. Fee: \$9.50/adults, \$8.50/seniors, \$4/children 5-12, free/members. Purchase Taste Tester Tickets to sample an expanded selection of tomatoes. Call 816-697-2600 x307. For more info: www.powellgardens.org .
August 29 & Sep 26	Mulch Site Volunteer	Mulch Site Assistants are needed at the free mulch give away at the Capen Park mulch site from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will greet and direct public and share information from the Public Works Solid Waste Recycling Program. Volunteers are asked to help for at least two hours, but are welcome to help for longer shifts. To get involved, call 874-6271 or e-mail pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com .
September 5,6,7	Annual Japanese Festival	At the Missouri Botanical Gardens from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Enjoy taiko drumming, traditional tea ceremonies, martial arts, candlelight walks in the Japanese Garden. Buy tickets in advance at www.mobot.org .
September 18,19,20	Master Gardener State Conference	In Jeff City. For complete info on presentations, tours, schedules, cost, etc., go to http://conference.missourimastergardener.com/
September 22	Make Your Own Compost Workshop	10:00 am to 11:00 am. Learn how to make your own compost. Free. Attendees may purchase a bin at reduced cost of \$20. Contact City of Columbia Staff for reservations: 573- 874-6271. Workshop at Capen Park, off Rock Quarry Road, in Columbia.
September 26	Missouri Botanic Gardens: Fall Gardening Blitz	In St. Louis. Learn how to avoid costly gardening boo-boos, save money by growing your own vegetables, add pizzazz to your garden with tropicals, and more through a full day of "top ten" gardening presentations. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kemper Center Classroom. \$40. Advance registration required, via phone (314) 577-5140 or on the web at www.mobot.org/classes .
October 3 & 4	Missouri Botanic Gardens: Best of Missouri Market	In St. Louis. Over 100 Missouri food producers and craftsmen offer fresh produce, baked goods, fresh and dried flowers, herbs, handcrafted items, baskets, wooden toys, custom jewelry and more. Live music and a Kids Corner with cow milking, pumpkin decorating and barnyard animals. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoors under tents, rain or shine. \$12 adults (13-64), \$10 seniors (65+), \$5 children (3-12), \$5 members. Buy tickets in advance online at www.mobot.org starting in September.

Committee	Chairperson / Contacts	The Latest Scoop!!
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	
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Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 eichenp@missouri.edu	
Extension Grounds	Open	The chair position is still open. Anyone can pick up a few volunteer hours by pulling weeds anytime at the Extension office.
Farmer's Market Booth	Marie Pasley 474-5245 smpasley@aol.com	
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Habitat for Humanity	Phyllis Barks 698-3845 BarksP@missouri.edu Brenda Jones 884-6190 jonesbj@missouri.edu	Piotter Nursery donated 12 spirea and three burning bushes for our Habitat for Humanity Projects. We will be scheduling work days for new homeowners this fall. For anyone interested in helping out, it's a great way to get in volunteer hours quickly. Contact Phyllis or Brenda for more info.
Hotline	Emily Bonwich 449-0444 emmylou1@mchsi.com	Reminder: all Hotline volunteers need to send their Client Contact Sheets to Frankie so she can compile FAQs. We would like to put it in the Newsletter so members can get an idea of what folks are interested in.
Mentoring	Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997 turtleisland@tranquility.net	All mentorees should contact their mentor if they are having any problems acquiring their 30 volunteer hours. Or contact Betty Gayle Smith directly.
Mizzou Botanic Gardens	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry	Evette Nissen 474-3055 Evette1357@msn.com	Help Wanted:
Plants of Merit	Donna Puleo 882-1989 puleod@missouri.edu	Looking for someone to take over the HMMG newsletter. Contact Linda C. for info:
Speakers' Bureau	Alice Havard 445-4624	lchriste@columbia.k12.mo.us .

Wear your good hair to the August and September HMMG meetings, because we will be taking photos for our HMMG directory!!



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When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

~Author Unknown

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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 August 18th at 7:00 pm
Location: MU Extension Center

Special Program:
Fall Wreath Arrangements from Missouri Gardens
Presented by Phyllis Barks



August Refreshments Provided By:
Snacks: Elizabeth Hoyos, Marion Walker, John Cunningham
Drinks: Mary Jo Morris

Report your Master Gardener hours ONLINE!
<http://report.missourimastergardener.com/>

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