

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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Columbia/Boone County Rain Garden Program Reaches Out to Community

By Katrina Thomas and Rebecca Spicer

Missouri River Communities Network has been promoting rain garden education through a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as part of the Clean Water Act. The Columbia/Boone County Rain Garden Program was created to educate and raise awareness of the growing problem of storm water runoff and ways to reduce our impact on streams, rivers, and lakes through the use of rain gardens. The program is implemented by AmeriCorps Members completing a year of community service with the organization.

One of the goals of the program is to install 15 demonstration rain gardens with selected and qualified homeowners receiving a \$100 subsidy to assist in building a rain garden on their property. However, the grant only runs through the end of the year, and planting season is rapidly coming to a close. Interested homeowners should act now to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

If you would like to participate in the Columbia/Boone County Rain Garden Program, receive technical and financial rain garden assistance, or if you would like more information on the program and

Rain Garden Barrels For Sale

The Missouri River Communities Network has rain barrels for sale to the public. The blue plastic barrels are recycled and sales are a means of fundraising for the organization.



Cost for the barrel only is \$35. Rain barrel kits are \$50.

The barrels should be placed on cinder blocks or a platform of some kind.

To order, call Missouri River Communities Network at 256-2602.

rain gardens, contact Missouri River Communities Network by visiting their Web site at www.moriver.org/raingardens.html, e-mailing them at booneraingardens@gmail.com or calling 256-2602.

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*For man, autumn is a time of harvest,
of gathering together. For nature, it's a time of
sowing, of scattering abroad.*

— Edwin Way Teale
American naturalist and writer
(1899-1980)

Committee	Chairperson	Latest news
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	If Master Gardeners spot an event that may be worthy of advanced training credit, they should please contact Julie Fisher so that we can approve the event or class and let others know. As a reminder, advanced training credit is awarded to any active Master Gardener who is certified (completed core training and fulfilled 30 hours of approved volunteer service within 12 calendar months). Advanced training should be more in depth than core training and a minimum of one hour; each hour of instruction equals one AT credit.
Adopt-a-Spot	Carolyn Oates 443-3057 Carolyn.Oates@USOncology.com	
Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 (Home) (660) 537-5744 (Cell) eichenp@missouri.edu	The Master Gardeners will have a display at the Chestnut Roast, at the horticulture farm at New Franklin, Saturday, Oct. 17. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will set up our display about 9 or 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to answer questions, hand out information and generally promote Master Gardeners. Anyone who wants to help can volunteer for just an hour or two, a few hours, or all day. Displays of garden produce and plants are welcome, as are samples of food and drink, seeds or small plants to give away, etc. The more "stuff" we have, the more interesting and attractive our booth will be. It has always been a fun event, inside a tent, so inclement weather is not a problem.
Extension Grounds	Robin Wilcox lilredhippie@centurytel.net	
Farmers' Market	Marie Pasley 474-5245 smpasley@aol.com	
Gardening with Youth	Lea Langdon 864-7647 langtrea@gmail.com	See article "Help Build a Rain Garden" on next page.
Habitat for Humanity	Phyllis Barks 698-3845 BarksP@missouri.edu Brenda Jones 884-6190 Jonesbj@missouri.edu	Habitat for Humanity Committee is scheduled to assist three new homeowners with landscaping on Oct. 10. Shrubs have been donated by Piotter Nursery. Anyone who would like to put in service hours can contact Brenda Jones or Phyllis Barks for details.
Hotline	Emily Bonwich 449-0444 emmylou1@mchsi.com	
Mentoring	Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997 turtleisland@tranquility.net	We have 21 HMMGs who have agreed to mentor our 21 new trainees. Thank you to those folks for volunteering, and we will be assigning the mentors to their mentees by the October meeting to get them off to a good start.
Mizzou Botanic Garden	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry	Evette Nissen 474-3055 Evette1357@msn.com	
Plants of Merit	Donna Puleo 882-1989 puleod@missouri.edu	
Speakers' Bureau	Alice Havard 445-4624	

Upcoming events

<p>Oct. 17 Chestnut Roast New Franklin 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Missouri Chestnut Roast at MU Horticulture and AgroForestry Research Center, New Franklin. The 7th annual festival allows visitors to enjoy samples of sweet, Missouri-grown roasted chestnuts, along with a variety of products featuring Missouri-grown black walnuts and pecans. More information online at www.centerforagroforestry.org/events/chestnut/index.asp</p>
<p>Oct. 20 HMMG Harvest Potluck Dinner</p>	<p>All HMMG members and guests are invited to this potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share and also bring your own table service (silverware, plate, napkins, etc.). Drinks will be provided, and we will be giving away door prizes.</p>
<p>Oct. 20 Hillel Center 1107 University Ave. Columbia 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grow your own food in your own yard Adam Saunders, director of The Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, will discuss urban gardening. Everyone is invited to this free meeting. Refreshments provided. Presented by Osage Group, Sierra Club. More information online at ColumbiaUrbanAg.org or call 573-356-9392.</p>
<p>Oct. 24 Salt Creek Farm Fayette 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Fall Tree Days, the 15th annual event sponsored by Superior Gardens. Learn more about trees that thrive in Missouri and enjoy the fall colors.</p>

Volunteer opportunities

Help Build a Rain Garden

Thursday, Oct. 1: 3:30-6 p.m.
Rock Bridge High School rain garden

Monday, Oct. 5: Noon-3 p.m.
Rock Bridge Elementary outdoor classroom

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Noon-2 p.m.
Capen Park Compost Demo

Site rain garden

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Noon-2
Bethel Park rain garden

If you can only come for part of the time, come anyway. If you want any more information, call Lea Langdon at 864-7647 or e-mail her at langtrea@gmail.com.

Get Involved in a New Project this Fall

Take advantage of the lovely fall weather and get in a few more volunteer hours before the winter.

Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity Committee is scheduled to assist three new homeowners with landscaping on Oct. 10. Shrubs have been donated by Pioter Nursery. Anyone who would like to put in service hours can contact [Brenda Jones](#) or [Phyllis Barks](#) for details.

Chestnut Roast
Master Gardeners have a display at the annual Chestnut Roast in New Franklin. Volunteers are needed for just a few hours or for the entire day. Help answer visitors questions, hand out information and promote Master Gardeners. Display items, such as plants and produce, also are needed. If you are interested, contact Peggy Eichen at eichenp@missouri.edu.

Harvest Dinner on Oct. 20

The October meeting will be a potluck-style harvest dinner. Members and guests are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share, and your table service. Drinks will be provided. Door prizes will be given away, too. Join us for some good food and conversation.

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners – 2009 Officers

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Officer Elections

At the November HMMG, we will be electing a new vice president and secretary. If you are interested in serving as an officer for 2010, please contact Betty Gayle Smith, Barb Michael and Chrissy Combs.

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

Next Meeting: Annual Harvest Dinner

Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at MU Extension Center
Bring a dish to share and table service (plates, utensils, napkins). Drinks will be provided.

**Golden Trowel Award
Recipient Named**

Rose Mayfield was honored with the Golden Trowel Award at the September meeting.

She was chosen for her work in providing interesting and informative programs as vice president of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners.



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

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