

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWS

APRIL 2004

NEXT MEETING -APRIL 20, 2004

6:30 p.m. Extension Center

5:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can arrive) - work on Extension Center grounds

7:00 p.m. Growing and Using Herbs

Amy Craighead, Superior Garden Center, will talk about growing herbs; Barb Kribbs and Carolyn Oates will share recipes and tips for cooking with herbs.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Bob McConnell for presenting the program on perennial plantings including information on division of root systems. Thanks to Bob for simplifying the process so we could all understand.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 16

6:30 p.m. (note earlier start time) Location:

Walk About Acres - The Gelders

Program: How to Successfully Include Native Plants in Your Garden - Vera Gelder and Judy Allmon. Carpool information and directions will be provided in May newsletter.

June 15

Prairie Garden Trust Tour (Callaway County) -

Lorna Domke - **6:30 p.m.** Bring lawn chairs.

Carpool information and directions will be provided in June newsletter.

July 20

Barb Kribbs' Labyrinth (Centralia) 6:30 p.m.

Carpool information and directions will be provided in July newsletter.

August 21

State Conference Preparations

September 21

Last Minute State Conference Preparations

6:30 p.m. Extension Center

October 19

Harvest Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Extension Center

November 16

All About Bees: From Hives to Products - Art Gelder - 7:00 p.m. Extension Center

Pictures Wanted: Don't forget to take pictures of your volunteer activities and give copies to Don Day for the Harvest Dinner presentation of reflections on 2004.

MASTER GARDENER POLO SHIRTS

It is nice to wear a shirt that recognizes the group you are working with when attending an event. Many of you may not be aware that the Heart of Missouri Master Gardener group has its own logo. It looks similar to the state MG logo except that ours has a heart in the center of it.

I have several polo style short-sleeved shirts with our club logo on them. They are a neutral color of putty, a beige gray color. We are asking that members helping with the state conference on September 24th, 25th, and 26th wear them during the conference. The cost of the shirt is \$10.50 with a \$2 discount to anyone working the conference. This is a nice shirt to wear at any MG event. If you are interested in purchasing a polo shirt please bring either \$10.50 or \$8.50 (if working the conference) to the April or May monthly M.G. meeting. Thanks, Marie

CRAFT SUPPLIES FOR CONFERENCE CENTERPIECES

Please bring any craft supplies you may have to donate towards the clay pot painting project. The kids at JJC have offered to paint the clay pots for the State Conference. Art supplies such as stencils, stamps, craft paint, patio paint, foam/regular brushes, or finishing spray will be very useful. We have material, textured wallpaper, napkins for decoupage, etc. If you have paint or acrylic sprays or stickers you'd want to get rid of . . . anything we can use to decorate the pots. Just bring it to Vera Gelder at the next meeting or call her at - 474-8837. The Decorating Committee is also looking for "garden art" to decorate around the registration table, the dining room, etc. Needed are such things as garden gates, benches, stepping stones, and/or a canoe would be good!

STEERING COMMITTEE

MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE

The Steering Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m., just prior to our regular meeting.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

We will have a booth at Earth Day, which is noon to 6 on Sunday, April 25 in Peace Park. The rain date is the following Sunday. As usual, we need lots of people to set up, tear down, man the booth throughout. Also, we need plants, seeds, bulbs, etc. for our sale. Houseplants, blooming things and herbs are always in great demand. Excess garden magazines and catalogs, and clean plastic pots to give away will be welcome. And, any ideas for a good educational display/activity are needed, since there is a \$\$\$ prize competition involved. Call Peggy Ann Eichen for more information.

We will also have a display in conjunction with the City of Columbia so if some of you want to help with plants with kids, call Don Day at 445-9792

FARMER'S MARKET

If anyone would like to assist with a display at the Columbia Farmer's Market, please call Don Day at 445-9792.

PILOT GARDEN TOUR

June 19 will be the date for the second annual Pilot Garden Tour. This is a fund-raiser to aid people with brain injuries. Once again the organization would like Master Gardener volunteers to be present at the tour sites. If you are interested, please call Barb Devine, 474-6798 for more information.

EGRET

Exploring Global Resources Through Extension Training

HORTICULTURE STUDY TOUR TO COSTA RICA

January 13 - 22, 2005

Join us on this 10-day study trip to Costa Rica. We will visit places such as the famous Poas Volcano, the protected turtle nesting grounds of Torguquero National Park, Carara National Park, and the rainforest ecosystem of La Selva Biological Station. We will have many private tours of locations such as a commercial butterfly farm, an orchid exporter and women's cooperative markets. We will have the opportunity to raft a famous river in Sarapiquis, or horseback ride to a spectacular waterfall, and visit a rainforest skywalk. We will also visit both the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. The primary objectives of this study tour are to provide participants with the opportunity to experience global horticulture and tropical horticulture production systems, and gain a new perspective on how the economy in another country and culture faces the issues of a global society.

\$2,595.00 (this price is currently tentative) per person includes:

- Nine nights accommodations
- Airfare

- All meals and lodging, including taxes and tips for maids, porters, and waiters
- All ground transportation as per itinerary
- All admission fees or entrance fees as shown on itinerary
- Private driver and botanist guide and their trip related expenses
- All taxes

Price is based on double occupancy, Single Supplement \$250.00. A deposit check of \$1,000 per person will hold your reservation. Final payment will be due by late November, 2004. There is a full refund of your deposit, less a \$100.00 handling fee, if you cancel on or before November 1, 2004.

For more information contact:

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SNACKS

The following people have volunteered to bring snacks or drinks:

April - Carolyn Doyle (drinks)

Alice Havard (snacks)

May - Nancy Franklin (drinks)

_____ (snacks)

June - _____ (drinks)

Barbara Ball (snacks)

July - Betty Smith (drinks)

Barbara Michael & Betty Smith (snacks)

August - Barb Kribbs (drinks)

Jackie Thomas (snacks)

September - H. M. Wiedmeyer (drinks)

_____ (snacks)

October: Harvest Feast

November - _____ (drinks)

Sandy Deraps/Peggy Ann Eichen (snacks)

OFFICERS FOR 2004

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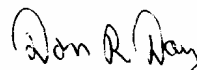
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