

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER August 2005



“ Helping Others Learn to Grow . ”

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

A special thank you goes to **Carolyn Bening** and **Felicia Poettgen** for their wonderful talk and tour of the Lewis & Clark Gardens in Jefferson City last month. The **Central Missouri Master Gardeners** should be commended for their hard work in making this excellent community resource possible.

For a plant list of the Gardens or information about bog plants, contact **Don Day**.

“Our thanks to the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners for taking the time to tour our new demonstration gardens. We feel complimented that the Columbia gardeners drove down in the hot afternoon to hold their meeting here and hope they all enjoyed the visit.

“Please visit our gardens any time! And feel free to pull those weeds as you walk through!”

Best Wishes,
Carolyn Bening
Lewis & Clark Garden Chair

The June and July meeting minutes are available online at <http://outreach.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5th-Aug. 26th: “Visions of the Prairie Garden” exhibit. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Ridgway Center. Photography exhibition by Henry Domke features native plants, birds and butterflies that inhabit the Prairie Garden Trust, a nature restoration project on a Central Missouri farm. For more information, visit <http://www.mobot.org/events>.

August 11th-21st: Missouri State Fair. For more information, visit <http://www.mostatefair.com/>.

August 14th-15th: 5th Annual Heirloom Garden Show. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Baker Creek Farm near Mansfield, MO. For more information, visit <http://rareseeds.com/index.php?page=summer>.

August 27th: Central Missouri Daylily Society annual plant sale. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Boone County Farmers Market and 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Columbia Farmers Market. Take advantage of great deals on a large variety of bare root plants. For more information, contact **Marie Pasley** at (573) 474-5245 or SMPASLEY@aol.com.

September 16th-18th: 11th Annual Missouri State Master Gardener Conference – “Goin’ To Kansas City.” Independence. For more information, visit <http://outreach.missouri.edu/gkcmg/events.html>

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Library Series at the Daniel Boone Regional Library

August 18th: “Beneficial Insects in Your Garden” with Celeste Mazzacano. 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room. “Your garden needs insects. Learn how to identify and keep the beneficial ones and safely destroy the real pests.”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

State Fair Judges Needed

We are in need of Missouri Master Gardeners to serve as judges for the **FFA Fruit and Vegetable, Horticulture, and Field Crops** divisions at the **2005 Missouri State Fair** on August 11th in Sedalia, MO.

Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. and if we have enough assistance we will be finished by 3:00 p.m. The event takes place in the new air conditioned FFA building. Judges receive a free lunch, entry tickets and parking tags.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Jim Bells** at (417) 678-5467 or jim.bellis@dese.mo.gov as soon as possible.

Muscles Needed!

The **Community Garden Coalition (CGC)** is working with a farmer in Boone County who has a half acre of corn that he wishes to donate to the local food bank. Volunteers are needed immediately to help weed and later on to assist in the harvest. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Karen Dwyer** at (573) 442-3911 or **Lea Langdon** at (573) 447-1257.

Garden Book Group Leader Needed!

Do you like to read books about gardening and wish you had other folks to discuss them with? Then let's start a book group!

Barnes & Noble (2208 Bernadette Drive) needs a Master Gardener to lead the group. Duties would include choosing the books to discuss, promoting the group to others and leading the discussion at regular meetings (monthly or bimonthly). The facilitator will receive a copy of each chosen book and assistance in publicizing the group to other readers in the community. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours, gain new gardening friends and add to your library. If you are interested, contact **Kathy Richmond** at (573) 445-4528.

Local Gardens Wanted for 2006 Tour

Tiger Pilot Club, the local affiliate of **Pilot International**, is seeking local gardens to include in the **June 2006 Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour**. The group would like to have at least eight gardens on the tour. If you are interested in showing off the "fruits" of your landscaping work, please contact **Phyllis Barks**. Pilot International is an international service organization focused on assisting people affected by brain-related disorders.

MENTORING COMMITTEE NEWS

The following are the proposed mentoring criteria for the Heart of Missouri Master Gardener chapter discussed at the July meeting.

Mentor Criteria:

1. A mentor should regularly attend the monthly general meetings.
2. A mentor should be active in at least one other standing committee.
3. A mentor should have a working knowledge of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners and State Master Gardener By-laws.

4. A mentor should be a certified active Master Gardener; meaning they have completed the volunteer service hours required for certification.
5. A mentor may not have more than three interns at any one time.

Mentor Duties:

1. A mentor will participate in orientation session(s).
2. At least one mentor will act as host for each training class session.
 - a. Mentor will introduce him or herself and the speaker for the evening. They will encourage interaction among the group and answer questions.
 - b. They will also go over one or two of the standing committee descriptions, familiarizing the trainees of potential volunteer opportunities.
 - c. Mentor will act as facilitator for evaluation and feedback to instructor.
3. A mentor will make initial contact, when possible, with new interns before the first meeting and give out names and contact information for future questions.
4. A mentor will make contact with each intern after the first three training meetings; asking if they are doing ok, do they have questions, concerns, etc.
5. A mentor will make contact prior to the first monthly meeting after training classes are completed to go over standing committees again; who is the chair, what the committee does and answer any questions so that interns are prepared to sign-up for volunteer service.
6. A mentor will invite interns to volunteer opportunities and accompany them to some of the intern's first volunteer outings.
7. A mentor will assist interns in documenting volunteer hours and continuing education hours and make sure total volunteer hours are turned in on time.
8. A mentor will maintain contact with Extension staff and other mentors on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, or are interested in becoming a mentor to a new Master Gardener, please contact **Marie Pasley**.

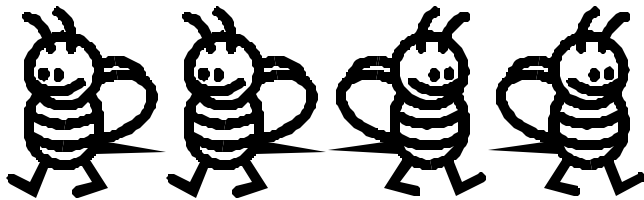


GARDENING TRIP TO SCOTLAND

We are diligently working on putting a trip to Scotland together and have set a departure date of July 21st, 2006! We have one problem however, we cannot cover all the wonderful locations in Scotland, including the Highlands, and still manage England. Thus, we are limiting this trip to Scotland only. We will offer a three day add-on for London and since you will have airfare covered you can easily take the train from Scotland to London. Scotland has too much to see!

We are working with Nancy Luechtefeld of Coronet Travel (St. Louis) who is also a gardener. Her work number is (314) 721-1170. I have received a lot of interest in this trip, so if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible so I can add you to our list. We will run two trips if need be as we want to keep the numbers limited to 16 plus myself and Nancy.

For more information, please contact Mary Kroening at kroeningm@missouri.edu or (573) 882-9633.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to the Mentoring Committee for developing criteria, duties and orientation activities for our new mentoring program. Members of the committee were Marie Pasley, Celeste Mazzacano, Cindy Deegan and Barb Kribbs.

State MG Conference Scholarships

At the July meeting, we voted to offer two \$75.00 scholarships toward the \$110 registration fee for the 2005 State Master Gardener Conference. If you are an active member and have never attended the State Master Gardener Conference, but would like to this year, you are eligible to register for the \$75.00 scholarships. Two names will be drawn on August 8th. To register for the drawing, contact me by August 7th.

Registration information for the September 16th-18th conference in Independence is available at <http://outreach.missouri.edu/mg/conference/05%20MG%20Conf%20Reg.pdf>. Deadline for early registration is August 15th, after that the cost goes up to \$135.00.

~ Phyllis Barks
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What can you make from baked beans and onions?

Tear gas

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The committee will meet **Thursday, August 18th** at 7:00 p.m. at Cherry Street Artisan, 111 S. 9th Street, Suite 10 in Columbia. Everyone is invited to participate. We will develop a reader's survey and continue planning for the September issue.

Submissions for the next newsletter are now being accepted. Please send us your photographs, original artwork, jokes, quotes and upcoming events by **Friday, August 26th**.

Copies of the newsletters are available online at <http://outreach.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>.

~ Tony White
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What do you call two young married spiders?

Newly webs

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Tour of the **City of Columbia Composting Program**

Come see where yard waste, used building materials and hot dog casings are composted and then sold to commercial users and homeowners. A trip to a compost operation may not sound very exciting, but you won't be disappointed!

We will meet at the City's Sanitary Landfill and Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, at 6:30 p.m. From Columbia, go north on Paris Road/Route B to North Brown Station to Peabody Road. If you would like to carpool, meet at the Gerbes parking lot on north Route B at 6:15 p.m.

After the tour, we will find a shade tree and hold our business meeting. Please bring your lawn chairs and we will provide tables for the refreshments. Remember to bring last month's meeting minutes and please wear your Master Gardener nametag!

Refreshments will be provided by **Sandy Perley** (drinks) and **Barbara Ball** (snacks).

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

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12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Visit the Heart of Missouri chapter website at <http://muextension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>