

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWS

FEBRUARY 2005

**NEXT MEETING will be
February 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

Extension Office

Alane Dubbert, a representative from the Runge Center, will give a presentation on "Wild Edibles."

THANK YOU

Thanks goes to Jan Sybill-Amelon for presenting an interesting program about bats at our January meeting. We learned about the benefits of bats to us as gardeners through a slide show. Jan brought four different types of bats for us to see and we observed their feeding of meal worms. Bats are small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. Thanks Jan for a very unique presentation.

UPDATED BY-LAWS

The 2005 Master Gardener's officers reviewed the by-laws and made minor updates. We will vote on changes at the February meeting.

Our chapter by-laws indicate that we are to be a member of at least one committee. If you were not at the January meeting, please contact the chairperson of the committee you want to join. If you want to remain on the same committee(s) as last year, please let your chairperson know. We will also have sign-up sheets at the February meeting.

HAYDITE

After a brief presentation, with samples, on the use of Haydite as a soil amendment (as recommended by Charles Paxton, interim director of MU Landscaping) some eight Master Gardeners signed up to purchase at least one cubic yard of Haydite --- if it can be obtained at low cost via a bulk shipment to us. One cubic yard of Haydite will spread over 36 square yards of your soil to a depth of one inch. A cost-optimal shipment is 24 cubic yards at a rough price of \$30/cu-yd plus \$12/cu-yd shipping. Dennis Sentilles (sentillesd@missouri.edu or 445-1263) has offered to arrange delivery of a shipment

if enough purchasers are found amongst us to bring the cost to near the optimal price for all purchasers. An additional half-dozen purchasers would bring us close to achieving this goal.

HOME SHOW

The City of Columbia will have a booth at the Home Show and will be showing how to take a soil test and will be talking some about lawn care. They would welcome help from Master Gardeners. The Home Show is Feb. 25, 26, and 27. They would especially like help on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You could do a two-hour shift. If you are interested, please contact Don Day.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mark Randolph, regional field supervisor for the Bayer Ag Chemical Marketing Program, is bringing a program to Missouri and we are looking to you for assistance. In the past, in other parts of the country, Bayer has utilized the expertise of Extension personnel and Master Gardeners. This program is promoting and selling Bayer Advanced Lawn and Garden products at Lowe's from March/April through July. The positions will work 12 of 16 possible weekends, six hours per day. The pay is \$16.70 per hour with a \$500 bonus upon completion. They had great success in the past hiring Extension personnel and Master Gardeners or people they recommend. They are also hiring in areas across Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. If you are interested contact Mark Randolph at 573-356-8652.

Note: It is not appropriate to advertise yourself as Master Gardeners while getting paid for their services. This is something you cannot do in conjunction with your role as Master Gardeners.

Trip to New Zealand

Next fall, a travel agent in Minnesota is putting together a wonderful garden trip to New Zealand for Master Gardeners. Their proposed dates are late

October to early December. I am curious if there is any interest in visiting New Zealand among Missouri Master Gardeners. Please let me know if you are interested. I know that Wisconsin Master Gardeners are very interested as well, and would like to do a joint Wisconsin/Missouri trip. It would be fun to travel with Master Gardeners from another state. Don Day

INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

The International Master Gardener Conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada from July 24 to 27, 2005. Barb Kribbs and Betty Gayle Smith will be making a presentation. We have information on the conference at the Extension Center. Their website is:

<http://www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca/>

2005 CALENDAR

Jan. 29-March 15, "Orchid Island" annual orchid show, MO Botanical Garden, www.mobot.org

Feb. 5-6, Missouri Orchid Society Sale & Show, MO Botanical Garden, St. Louis.

July 24-27, International Master Gardener Conference – Saskatoon, Canada.

<http://www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca/index.html>

September 16, 17 & 18, State Master Gardener Conference in Kansas City.

<http://outreach.missouri.edu/gkcmg/>

SNACKS/DRINKS

Please contact Phyllis if you can bring refreshments for any of the open dates.

Feb. 15: Tom Marrero (D); Alice Havard (S)

March 15: Debbie Scholes (D); Phyllis Barks (S)

April 19: Mary Jane King (D); Betty Gayle Smith (S)

May 17: Angela Nance & Cedar Albert (D) & (S)

June 21: ???

July 19: Celeste Mazzacano (D); Carolyn Doyle (S)

Aug. 16: Vera Gelder (D); Barbara Ball (S)

Sept. 20: ? (D); Barbara Michael (S)

Oct. 18: Barb Kribbs (D); Everyone bring food for Harvest Dinner

Nov. 15: ? (D); Cindy Deegen (S)

CALENDARS ARE IN

Calendars were developed using a grant from the Plant Protection program. Photographs from Master Gardeners are used for each month. One of our local

Master Gardeners, Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer has several photographs in the calendar. The calendars are free to active Master Gardeners. We will still have calendars available at our next meeting. We will not be mailing them out. We will make a deal with you. We'll exchange a calendar for your hours.

PROGRAMS FOR 2005

March 15, *Gardens Of World*, Hsiao Mei Wiedmeyer

April 19, *Flower Arranging*, Carolyn Doyle

May 17, Garden Tour at Sandy

OFFICERS FOR 2005

President – Phyllis Barks 698-3845

Vice-Pres – Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997

Secretary – Mary Jane King 474-2489

Treasurer – Debbie Scholes 445-1263

St. Region. Rep-Barb Kribbs (573) 682-3980

Natural Resource Engineer – Don Day 445-9792; ext. 310

Horticulture/Agronomy Specialist – Todd Lorenz;(660) 882-5661

PROJECTS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Community Gardens: Barbara Michael 445-0661

Educational Displays: Peggy Ann Eichen 660-841-5253; Melissa Hough co-chair 696-0198

Extension Grounds: Carolyn Doyle 445-1381; Mary Jane King co-chair 474-2489

Habitat for Humanity: Phyllis Barks 698-3845; Brenda Jones co-chair 445-2543

Hotline-Boone Cty.: Monica Frank 446-7508; Barbara Ball co-chair 449-1888

Hotline-Cooper Cty.: Nancy Hendrix 660-848-2357 and Sharon Young 660-248-2356

Jr. Master Gardeners: Lisa Rose 442-1469

School Gardens: Melissa Hough 696-0198

MU Botanic Garden: Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer 808-6307

Newsletter: Barb Devine 474-6798; devinebarb@hotmail.com

Plant a Row for the Hungry: Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997

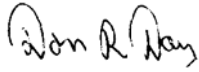
Speakers Bureau: Alice Havard 445-4624

Web Page/Plant Protection Grant:

Don Day 445-9792 ext. 310

Missourian articles: Don Day

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners is published for Master Gardeners in Central Missouri. For more information, contact:



Don Day
Agricultural Engineer Specialist
University Outreach and Extension
1012 Highway UU, Columbia, Missouri 65203
573-445-9792
daydr@missouri.edu



Todd Lorenz
Horticultural/Agronomy Specialist
University Outreach and Extension
Courthouse, 608 E. Spring St.
Boonville, Missouri 65233
573-445-9792
mailto:lorenz@umsystem.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI Extension

University of Missouri, Lincoln University, U.S.
Department of Agriculture & Local University
Extension Councils Cooperating

University of Missouri Extension does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran in employment or programs.

New Office Hours!

The University of Missouri Extension –
Boone County will now close for lunch.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The automated phone system will be
activated if you need to get in touch with
someone in the office during the lunch hour.