

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

January 2006



" Helping Others Learn to Grow . "

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Approximately 27 Master Gardeners, guests and students from the 2005 Master Gardener class came together at the Boone County Extension Office on November 15 to hear Columbia's own Jim Wilson, author and master gardener in eight states, present the program "Contain Yourself." Jim showed colorful and exciting container plant combinations, tips for growing, and plant medium characteristics. Thanks, Jim, for an informative and entertaining presentation.

The current officers were re-elected by acclamation:

Phyllis Barks - President
Betty Gayle Smith - Vice President
Mary Jane King - Secretary
Debbie Scholes - Treasurer

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November meeting included for the printed version of this newsletter and on the web for electronic readers.

Thank You

Thank you to Jim Wilson for contributing \$105 in book sales to Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners at the November 15 meeting.

CHAPTER NEWS

Volunteer Hours Due

Please record and submit your volunteer hours for 2005 to Don Day ASAP—it's not too late. Blank report forms are available at the Extension Office or at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>. Click on "2005 Time Sheets."

January Meeting at Boone Electric Cooperative on Rangeline (see back page)

2005...It Was a Very Good Year

Congratulations Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners on such a successful and very busy year! Looking back we had some major achievements—supporting community projects with donations from our 2004 Conference revenue, establishing a mentoring program, establishing an advanced training program, and a host of activities conducted throughout the year by each committee. I am constantly amazed at the variety of volunteer projects in which our members are involved. Give yourselves a pat on the back for the impact you have on our community!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Scholes, Mary Jane King and Betty Gayle Smith for their hard work as officers this past year and for agreeing to serve again in 2006. Thanks to all the members for your wonderful participation in monthly meetings and your vote of confidence in re-electing us as officers. Please feel free to share your thoughts for our chapter with any of us. I also want to thank Don Day for his continued leadership and support for our chapter.

I look forward to 2006—Betty Gayle has an exciting slate of programs lined up and committee chairs are gearing up for a host of events. I hope even more of you will join in the fun this year!

-Phyllis Barks



Newsletter Editor Needed

Due to the exciting birth of his daughter, Sophia, and the huge responsibilities of parenthood, Tony White as stepped down as chair of the newsletter committee.

Tony was also the editor and designer of the newsletter.

The chair is responsible for organizing a committee to help gather and write articles and doing the layout of the newsletter. Previously the layout has been done in Microsoft Word, but other options may be possible. If anyone has some experience with newsletter layout and design and using graphics, please contact Phyllis, barksp@missouri.edu, 573-698-3845, or Don, daydr@missouri.edu, 573-445-9792.

Congratulations, Tony and a hearty thank you for your leadership in enhancing the look and content of the newsletter this past year!



2005 Treasurer Report Summary

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners Account

Beginning Balance		1072.42
Expenses		
MG Banner	72.00	
Supplies	343.05	
Income		
Raffles	157.12	
Earth Day	129.75	
Walk About Acre Donation*	100.00	
Ending Balance 11/30/05		1044.24

*Jim Wilson donation was deposited in December

Master Gardener State Conference Account

Beginning Balance		6433.13
Expenses		
Two MG awarded \$75 each to attend State Conference	150.00	
Donation Community Garden help build shed	250.00	
Gift Certificate/Thank you		
Image Tech	40.00	
Donation to Wilson/Rothenberger		
Endowment Fund	500.00	
Opened two CD Accounts		
Shelter Bank* (investment)	3000.00	
Ending Balance 11/30/05		2493.13

*When we opened this account we were required to get an Employer Identification Number. We formed a Trustee Committee to oversee these funds.

Master Gardener Advanced Training

January 31, 2006, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Center - \$10.00

"Managing Wildlife in the Backyard and Garden"

Topics will include:

- Solving nuisance wildlife problems around your home - Bob Pierce
- Habitat Enhancement Practices in Backyards and in Urban Areas - Charles Nilon
- Establishing Butterfly gardens and habitats on your property
- Techniques for Butterfly Identification - Donna Brunet
- Using native plants for wildlife benefits - Nadia Navarrete-Tindall

Send payment and registration information to Don Day.

Plant & Seed Swap

Below is the current list of plants to share. The first seed swap is tentatively scheduled for February 21 at 6:30 p.m. To add new items to the list, contact Celeste at dsearles@coin.org or (573) 489-6888.

NAME	SEEDS	PLANT/ROOT DIVISIONS
Celeste Mazzacano	red castor bean; white hibiscus; native <i>Baptisia</i> (false indigo), milkweed, sensitive plant	Rudbeckia (black-eyed Susan); purple Siberian iris; lily of the valley; orange daylily; purple/pink hollyhock; garden chive; lemon thyme
Vita Collins	zinnia (require warm soil to germinate); cosmos; cleome	tuberoses
Cindy Deegan	Red castor beans	
Nancy Franklin		White Siberian iris; oregano; hosta
Cedar Albert	Datura	
Peggy Ann Eichen		Daylilies; iris
Barb Kribbs		Mixed iris
Monica Frank	Mixed hollyhock	White and mixed iris
Judy Turner		Oxalis (green leaves, white flowers); aloe vera

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10 & 11 - 2006 Annual Missouri Organic Association (MOA) Conference
Lincoln University Carver Farm, 3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. For registration information, contact: John R. Wilkerson, MOA Vice-President, (636) 940-0521; or jrwstc@aol.com.

February 13: Seed Propagation Workshop led by Ann Wakeman
Sponsored by Missouri Native Plant Society, contact Paula at 573-474-4225 for more information.

March 4: Kansas City Garden Symposium at the Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, KC, MO.

Morning Session Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

- Jazzing up the Garden with Color and Contrast - Karen Bussolini
- Great Gardens Start with Great Bones - a look at shrubs and the role they play in creating a garden oasis - Seve Vander Woude
- Design for the View from Within - Carol Reese

Afternoon Session beginning at 1:00 p.m.

- Creative Twists with Hardscape and Plants - Carol Reese
- Designing with Elegant Silvers - Karen Bussolini
- Design 101: Realizing Your Oasis - Tres Fromme

Full day, \$79 before Feb. 1; \$84 after; ½ day, \$44 before Feb. 1, \$49 after. Tickets will be limited. Call Powell Gardens at (816)-697-2600.

2006 OFFICERS

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Extension Grounds - Carolyn Doyle (573) 445-1381 and Mary Jane King (573) 474-2489
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Missourian Articles - Don Day (573) 445-9792
Mizzou Botanic Garden - Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer (573) 445-4735
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Plant-a-Row for the Hungry - Betty Gayle Smith
School Gardens - Melissa Hough (573) 696-0198
Speakers' Bureau - Alice Havard (573) 445-4624
Web Page / Plant Protection Grant - Don Day



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Boone Electric Cooperative on Rangeline**

" Flora and Fauna of Galapagos Island "

Join our own Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer for a first-hand look at this enchanting island as she shares slides from her recent visit. For more information about this month's educational program, contact **Betty Gayle Smith**.

- Refreshments provided by Mary Jane King and Kaye King (snacks) and Debbie Scholes (drinks).
- Remember to wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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