

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWS MARCH 2005

NEXT MEETING

March 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Extension Office

Gardens of the World, presented
by our own, Hsiao Mei Wiedmeyer

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Library Series

Friends Room 7:00 p.m.

March 8 – BEES – Art Gelder

April 26 – GARDEN PREP – Paul Morris

May 24 – LABRYNTHS – Betty Smith

THANK YOU

TO Betty Gayle Smith for a fascinating video presentation on wild edibles at our February meeting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

West Village Manor

Would anyone be interested in working with West Village Manor nursing home on a gardening project? This would be mainly an advisory and teaching role to select types of plants to put in some raised beds and help the staff determine ways of involving the residents in the garden, both in what residents could do to help with the garden and some horticulture therapy with the residents. Please contact Don Day if you are interested.

Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center

The Community Garden Coalition (CGC) is looking for Master Gardeners to help build raised beds for the Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center. They would like the beds to be ready for spring planting. If you can help, please call the CGC Board President, Karen Dwyer at 442-3911.

ALTERNATE WANTED

Seeking an *alternate* to the State Advisory Board. This person would fill in for Barb Kribbs should she not be able to attend a board meeting. They meet for about 5 hours the first Friday in March, June and November and also sometime during the state conference weekend. Contact Todd Lorenz (660-882-5661) or Don Day (573-445-9792) for an application form.

Our fellow Master Gardeners are also volunteering some time to present information at the Sierra Club meetings. Alan Spell will be talking about lawns on April 19; Celeste Mezzacano will be presenting a program on “exotic invasives” (insects) on May 17.

PREACHING TO THE GARDENING CHOIR

This will be a new feature for our monthly newsletter. The purpose of this addition will be to share enthusiasm, give timely garden-related reminders or just pass on interesting tidbits of information. The title comes from the fact that all this information is already part of the Master Gardener repertoire – but we'll print it anyway!

The writer of this new article could be anyone – EVEN YOU! Please feel free to contribute in any way to this article. Send to Barb Devine at devinebarb@hotmail.com or 2709 Pine Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. The contribution could be a whole article or just a few sentences. It will be greatly appreciated either way! THANKS!

PRE-SPRING PONDERINGS

Let's start romanticizing about our 2005 gardens. After all, gardening, as life, is a journey – not a destination. Your garden gives you that elusive opportunity to exercise your personal creativity. Get out your sketchpads and spiral notebooks and document the direction and purpose of your spring garden. Imagine the color, fragrance and awesome beauty you can bring to your yard. Take a walk in your winter garden now and decide what you can do this spring to make your next year's winter garden POP! Maybe plant some red twig dogwoods or

some shrubs planted specifically for berries to feed winter wildlife. ENJOY!

NEW ZEALAND, ANYONE?

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. Mary Kroening is curious if there is any interest in visiting New Zealand among Missouri Master Gardeners. Please let her know if you are interested.

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

July 24-27, 2005 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 Barks (698-3845) if you can bring refreshments: drinks (D) or snacks (S), for any of the open dates.

Mar. 15: Debbie Scholes (D); Phyllis Barks (S)

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

May 17: Angela Nance & Cedar Albert

June 21:

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

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

Sept. 20: Barb Michael (S)

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

Nov. 15: Cindy Deegen (S)

PROGRAMS FOR 2005

April 19 - *Flower Arranging*, Carolyn Doyle

May 17 – Garden Tour at Sandy Deraps

OFFICERS FOR 2005

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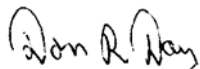
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