



# Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter

"Helping Others Learn to Grow."



## JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING: A Great Start for a New Year

January's general meeting, conducted by president **Phyllis Barks**, included attendance of 44 Master Gardeners, and one guest. The meeting was kicked off with introductions that included graduation dates from the Master Gardener program. Many people have been MG's for so long, they were unsure of their graduating year! Also in attendance were several



from the most recent graduating class of Fall '05.

Committee chairs briefly described their committees, and sign-up sheets were passed around the room. There's still time to sign up, and committees and chairs are listed inside this issue.

Service on a committee is another great way to accumulate volunteer hours. (It's also a requirement) **Don Day** strongly encouraged the group to diligently submit these hours. *His message is inside this issue.*

**Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer's** outstanding program featured slides of the diverse

flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands. Hsiao-Mei captured the breathtaking beauty of the area.

Also noted was the recent illness of **Jim Wilson**. Jim is now recovering nicely at home, after his hospitalization. He plans to be digging in the dirt as soon as weather permits.

**Mary Jane King, Kay King, and Debbie Scholes** provided snacks and drinks.

January meeting minutes are inside and also available online at:

[outreach.missouri.edu/](http://outreach.missouri.edu/)

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### Special points of interest:

- Visit the "Wild Thing" link at [muextension.missouri.edu/](http://muextension.missouri.edu/)
- Master Naturalist Program begins Feb. 21st. Online schedule and registration available; call Don for details.
- State Master Gardeners Conference-Sept 15-17th, Springfield, MO, Clarion Inn; Sponsored by MG of Southwest MO.

## History Matters

The Master Gardener concept began over 25 years ago in Washington state. From that first class of Seattle area Master Gardeners in 1972, the concept has now spread to all 50 states and several Canadian provinces.

The Missouri Master Gardener program began in

St. Louis in 1983, offered jointly by MU and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Other areas of the state followed suit, with Master Gardener programs in Kansas City and Springfield beginning a few years later. These new programs were sponsored by MU Extension and the local county ex-

tension centers. By 1994, 400 Master Gardener volunteers were serving 12 communities in the state. Today, over 2,500 Master Gardeners serve as MU Extension volunteers in 110 counties around the state.

Excerpted from: <http://outreach.missouri.edu/mg/history.html>

## Don's Dilemma

Most of us know Don Day as an easy going man who is always quick with a joke or two. Now he must play a difficult role in his attempt to do his job of administering our Master Gardener Program.

### Dear Master Gardeners:

Many of you have sent in your hours. However, a number of you have not, even after multiple reminders. We now must start trimming our list of Master Gardeners. To remain an active Master Gardener, you must complete twenty hours a year. We have not enforced

that strictly and I don't really want to, but if we don't hear from you with an indication that you intend to remain active we are going to remove you from the list. You can always become active again. Send us your hours, even if you completed less than the required amount.

Please let me know if you have questions.

### Don Day

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Online timesheet:

<http://muextension.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/2005rtimesheets.htm>

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## Help Wanted

Do you need to thin out your plants but don't have the time or energy to prepare them for the plant swap or Earth Day? **Call Laura Redfield-Jacobs, 445-8099.** I will dig up the plants for you if you allow me to donate them to a single mom who asked me to help her redesign her landscape. She likes hostas, peonies, iris, lilies, ground covers...pretty much anything. She has a shady front yard, but a sunny southside area in her backyard. If you don't have any plants, but have a lot of ideas, I could use those, too.

I am also working on several projects for the Hamlet Homes Association (HHA) in Columbia, off Scott Blvd. and I could use some help. We're redesigning the landscapes at the entrance and at the park, as well as planting a natural area along a creek in the common area with the help of the Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project. If you would like to design an English garden landscape for the front (or if you like to design natural waterfalls), please call **Laura Redfield-Jacobs, 445-8099.**

I need to submit several ideas to the HHA for consideration. Lighting and an irrigation system are already on site. I hope to install a rain garden at the Hamlet Park, if the adjoining neighbors agree. Anyone who would like to contribute to this project is welcome. Thanks!

**Needed:** Speakers for Master Gardener presentations at Daniel Boone Regional Library, for June & August. Contact **Alice Havard** with your suggestions. (573) 445-4624

## The Importance of Reporting Hours

We know the value of the Master Gardener Program. Reporting our hours is one way we can let others know. County program directors write annual reports that include volunteer hours. **County commissioners** read the reports. The state Master Gardener Coordinator writes a state report that is sent to **state legislators**. We do have a great story to tell, so send in those hours to help spread the good word.

The MG program requires **20 hours** of approved volunteer service per year. **That's just a little over 1½ hours per month!** A variety of opportunities exist to accumulate hours. Look through the committees and projects list on the following page and find one that interests you. Then write your hours on a calendar, record them in your gardening journal, keep a computer log...find a way that works for you.

## Newsletter Editor

Thank you to Julie Fisher for volunteering to chair the newsletter committee and be the editor/designer. If you have information for the newsletter, please send it to Julie within one week following the monthly Master Gardener meeting. You can reach Julie at [Julie8401@tranquility.net](mailto:Julie8401@tranquility.net) or (573) 445-3488.

~Phyllis Barks

## Our Officers

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*"Action is the proper  
fruit of knowledge."  
Keats*

## 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 info: John R. Wilkerson, MOA VP, 636-940-0521; [jrwstc@aol.com](mailto: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 info.

**February 17-19: Specialty Mushroom Workshop,** Columbia, MO. For more info: Julie Rhoads at [rhoads@missouri.edu](mailto:rhoads@missouri.edu) or 573-882-3234. <http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/events/>.

**February 23: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts,** 11:30 Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All invited!

**February 20-22: Missouri Small Fruit and Vegetable Conference.** Springfield, MO. Call 417-547-7500.

**February 24-25: Missouri Tree Farm Conference.** Columbia, MO. Info at: [www.moforest.org](http://www.moforest.org).

**March 4: Kansas City Garden Symposium** at the Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, KC, MO. Full day: \$84 ½ day, \$49. Tickets limited. Call Powell Gardens at (816)-697-2600.

**March 16: Speakers' Bureau:** Columbia Library, Friends Room. Starting Seeds, Paul Morris

**March 17-19: "Art in Bloom" Museum of Art & Archeology.** Contact Bruce Cox: 573-882-6724 [museum.research.missouri.edu](http://museum.research.missouri.edu)

## Projects and Committees

Below are the committee chairs and contact information. Some committees still need chairs or co-chairs. **Contact Phyllis Barks** at (573) 698-3845, [barksp@missouri.edu](mailto:barksp@missouri.edu) if you'd like to chair. Our by-laws require that we join at least one committee. **Call the chair to join.** Descriptions of the committees are on the Heart of Missouri Website at: <http://outreach.missouri.edu/boone/Master%20Gardeners/MGcommittees2005.doc>

**Advanced Training:** Vera Gelder (573) 474-8837, [walkabot@midamerica.net](mailto:walkabot@midamerica.net); Marie Pasley (573) 474-5245, [smpasley@aol.com](mailto:smpasley@aol.com)

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**\*Jr. Master Gardeners: Chairperson needed**

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**\*School Gardens: Chairperson needed**

**Speakers' Bureau:** Alice Havard (573) 445-4624

**Web Page/Plant Protection Grant:** Don Day, [daydr@missouri.edu](mailto:daydr@missouri.edu)

**\*Plants of Merit: Chairperson needed**

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**We're on the Web!**

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boone/mg.html](http://Mu.extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html)

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Unity Center-1600 W. Broadway (Manor and Broadway) in Friendship Hall**  
**Program: Plants of Merit, by Chris Starbuck**  
**Refreshments will be provided by: Pamela Sample, snacks; Rich Frieden, drinks**  
**Remember your Master Gardener name tag!**

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