

# HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

November 2005

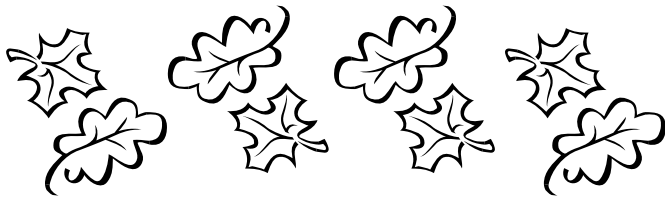


" Helping Others Learn to Grow . "

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Approximately 50 Master Gardeners, guests and students from the 2005 Master Gardener class came together at the Boone County Extension Office on October 18th for the annual Harvest Dinner and membership meeting. It was a time of good food and great conversation!

After dinner and door prizes, Phyllis Barks called the group to order for an abbreviated meeting to discuss a few items of business and announcements. This was followed by a Power Point presentation and slide show by Don Day highlighting the major events and accomplishments of the Heart of Missouri chapter in 2005.



### Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September and October meetings will be inserted into the November newsletter.

### Thank You

Thank you to Art and Vera Gelder and Jim Wilson for their donation of \$100.00 to the Heart of Missouri Master Gardener chapter in appreciation of all the Master Gardeners who helped out at Walk About Acres in 2005.

### Volunteer Hours Due

Please record and submit your volunteer hours for 2005 to Don Day by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact him as soon as possible.

Blank report forms are available at the Extension Office or at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>. Click on "2005 Time Sheets."

## Upcoming Election of the 2006 Officers

Nominating Committee members Barb Kribbs, Tony White and Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer announced that all current officers have agreed to serve another term if elected. The elections will take place during the November general meeting where additional nominations may be received from the floor. The slate of candidates is as follows.

### Phyllis Barks - President

The president will chair all meetings; will call all general meetings and notify the membership in due time; and will act as a mentor to the membership or will delegate the mentoring responsibilities.

### Betty Gayle Smith - Vice-President

The vice-president will act as president pro-tem in the absence of the president; will coordinate programs for the monthly meetings; will encourage all members to participate in community service and education projects; and will act as a liaison with other community organizations for the ongoing development of the Master Gardener program.

### Mary Jane King - Secretary

The secretary will take minutes and attendance at both general membership and Executive Committee meetings. All minutes will be published and records will be open to members at all times. The secretary will maintain a current roster of active members; and all past and present meeting minutes; and will see that the general correspondence of the organization is issued in a timely manner.

### Debbie Scholes - Treasurer

The treasurer will be responsible for all funds received by the organization; will coordinate payments; will act as financial liaison between the Extension Office bookkeeper and Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners. No purchases or reimbursements will be made without prior approval from the majority of the active membership.



**Plant & Seed Swap**

Are peonies taking over your front yard? Did your blazing star produce more seeds than you need? Do you want to fill in the holes in your perennial beds without leaving holes in your wallet? Then get in on the *Plant & Seed Swap!*

Here's how it works: send me a list of seeds and/or plants that you would like to share with your fellow gardeners. They can be annuals or perennials, natives or non-natives, anything you have in excess but can't bring yourself to kill (well, no exotic invasive species, please—we have to draw the line somewhere!). Please include the common plant name (and scientific one if you know it); color; whether it is a seed, bulb, or division; general growth habits; and any other information you think is vital to pass along. I will assemble a database to be printed in an upcoming newsletter and posted online, and at appropriate times throughout the year, those interested in swapping can meet to exchange materials. Tentative scheduling would include a late winter swap for seeds that need stratification, a spring swap for newly sprung plants, and a fall swap for divisions and bulbs. For more information or to participate, contact Celeste Mazzacano at [dsearles@coin.org](mailto:dsearles@coin.org) or (573) 489-6888.



**New Master Gardener Class Update**

There are currently 29 people enrolled in the fall 2005 Master Gardener class. The interests of the students are quite varied and some have already started their volunteer work. They are presently completing their first test. The class meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Boone County Extension Office.

Thanks to all of you who have taught classes or assisted in some way. They include Phyllis Barks, Don Day, Art & Vera Gelder, Jim Jarman, Todd Lorenz, Paul Morris, Marie Pasley and Simeon Wright.

**Mentoring Program Off to Hot Start!**

The Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Mentoring program is off and running. Eleven mentors have paired up with the 29 new trainees to alleviate concerns and answer any questions about the Master Gardener program. New trainees attended the "Harvest Dinner" in higher numbers than ever before. Several trainees have already started volunteering and their enthusiasm is contagious. We are excited to show new trainees the opportunities that Master Gardeners in Mid-Missouri have to educate our community about the gardening world.

- Marie Pasley

**2005 State Master Gardener Conference**

This year the conference took place September 16th-18th in Independence, MO. Organized by the Greater Kansas City MG chapter the gathering was themed "Goin' to Kansas City!"

"Attending the Master Gardener conference was a wonderful experience. The best part was meeting with other fellow Master Gardeners and sharing our interest in plants. Also I learned a lot about different types of gardens and also about different types of plants. I wish I could have gone to more of the presentations. With the garden tours I had the opportunity to see plant combinations and landscaping that was not only beautiful but sensible and environmentally friendly. The whole experience was heart lifting, but again the best part of all was the people."

- Elizabeth Hoyos

"I want to take this moment to thank the Heart of Missouri chapter for making it possible for me to attend the state conference. As one of two recipients of the registration scholarship I felt very humbled to be representing our chapter. The conference was well organized and offered something for all types of gardeners. My favorite part was the tour which focused on organic gardening, heirloom varieties and native plants. The people I met and the things I saw happening in those communities reenergized me and made me, once again, optimistic about the role of gardening toward positive social change."

- Tony White



**Advanced Training Classes Begin**

The first advanced training class was held on October 1st. Kate Pyatek, a Master Naturalist and forestry student lead the group in learning the differences in the red oak and the white oak trees. For example, one has hairs and the other does not. The class on tree I.D. was very informative and enjoyable. We later hiked the Rock Hill City Park and put some of our newly acquired skills to use. It was a great day for learning and we thank Kate for a wonderful class. The next advanced training will be in January. More specific information will appear in the December/January newsletter.

- Marie Pasley & Vera Gelder

**Community Garden Coalition**

The CGC Harvest dinner was attended by approximately 30 people. There was great food, decorations and anticipation as to who was going to win what prize. Even though it was a rainy, dreary evening, the atmosphere inside was one of fun. A good time was had by all celebrating the year's harvest.

- Barbara Michael

## Gardening Book Group

Though the turnout for the first two meetings of the book group were low, the discussions were lively and optimism for the future of the project remains high.

The first meeting took place in September and saw 3 people participate in a discussion of Alan Titchmarsh's book, *How to Be a Gardener*. Afterwards, participants shared their personal triumphs and troubles in their gardens.

In October, the book *The Master Book of the Water Garden* by Philip Swindell was discussed. Again, 3 people attended - eating cookies and discussing aquatic plants, drainage problems and rain gardens.

The next book discussion will take place on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Columbia. Organizers have chosen *Insect, Disease and Weed I.D. Guide: Find-It-Fast Organic Solutions for Your Garden* by Linda A. Gilkeson, Jill Jesiolowshi Cebenko and Deborah L. Martin. Rodale Press is the publisher. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

- Paul Morris & Kathy Richmond

## Habitat for Humanity Work Day

On Saturday, October 29 volunteers gathered to weed and replenish the mulch for the living fence border between the Habitat Norbury Hill development and Confederate Hill historic property in Columbia. The project is progressing well.

Special thanks to Phyllis Barks, Paul Hayden, Elizabeth Hoyos, Brenda Jones, Mary Jane King, Paul Morris, Evette Nissan, Marie Pasley, Debbie Scholes and about 6 community volunteers who worked on the project.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Youth Gardening Education Opportunities

The **Intersection** is a non-profit organization in Columbia that provides after-school care and activities for disadvantaged youth ages 5 through 17, with the majority in the 10-14 age range.

The staff there is interested in helping neighborhood children learn about gardening and are looking for volunteers to assist with after school sessions during the winter. The children have expressed interest in bees and honey, starting seeds indoors, attracting hummingbirds and planting annuals outdoors. Any gardening topics however, would be appreciated. Sessions run 20 to 40 minutes in length and volunteers can facilitate alone or in pairs. If you are interested in volunteering or have program ideas, contact Phyllis Barks.



## Perennials Needed for Habitat for Humanity Project

Kellen Rotert is an Eagle Scout who has worked on several landscaping projects with Habitat for Humanity houses in Columbia. He is in need of perennial plants and is looking for donations. Any type of plants would be appreciated and used. Kellen would be glad to assist in digging up and dividing them if necessary. The actual planting will take place during the third week in November. Plants can also be dropped off at the Boone County Extension Office. For more information contact Betty Gayle Smith at [Turtleisland@tranquility.net](mailto:Turtleisland@tranquility.net) or (573) 874-3997.

## Mizzou Botanic Garden - Campus Trail

The Mizzou Botanic Garden volunteers are currently working on a butterfly garden, a campus exercise trail and the landscape nursery. We have also assisted in giving tours of the campus gardens. All activities are open to Master Gardeners though they need to notify me first.

The butterfly garden group meets on Wednesdays, but is currently full. The landscape nursery group meets every Friday at noon in front of the University Landscape office, located at University Garage near Hearns building. There are openings for others to participate. Any tours on campus are open to Master Gardeners as needed. We are planning more regular working groups in 2006.

-Hsaio-Mei Wiedmeyer

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Copies of the *Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter* and meeting minutes are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>. Click on "Newsletters" or "Master Gardener Minutes."

Photographs, short articles, jokes, quotes, upcoming events and other items for the December/January issue of the newsletter should be submitted to **Tony White** in person or by e-mail at [green\\_places\\_forever2003@yahoo.com](mailto:green_places_forever2003@yahoo.com) by **Wednesday, November 23**.

For e-mail or mailing address changes, additions or deletions, contact **Teresa Torres** at [TorresT@missouri.edu](mailto:TorresT@missouri.edu) or (573) 445-9792.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 11 (Fri) - "Decorating Naturally"

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. "Now is the perfect time to decorate naturally for the holidays. We'll hike the trails at Runge to learn what plants make good decorations. Then we'll come inside to create a wreath using what nature has provided." This is a program of the Missouri Department of Conservation. Reservations are required. For more information or to register, call (573) 526-5544.

**November 12 (Sat) - Composting Workshop**

10:00 a.m. at the Compost Demonstration Site at Capen Park just off Rock Quarry Road in Columbia. This is a project of **Columbia's Solid Waste Utility** and is free to the public. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 874-6271 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

**November 12 (Sat) - Compost for Sale to the Public**

8:00 a.m. to noon at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill & Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, in Columbia. This is a program of **Columbia's Solid Waste Utility**. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 474-9145 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

**November 13 (Sun) - "Using Orchids in Flower Arrangements"**

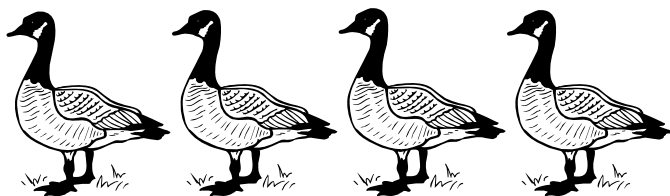
3:00 p.m. at the Rock Quarry House in Columbia. Sponsored by the **Central Missouri Orchid Society**. "Darla Manly from Allen's Flowers will talk about and demonstrate the art of incorporating orchid flowers in arrangements." For more information, contact Barbara Giles at (573) 999-7833 or [GilesB@missouri.edu](mailto:GilesB@missouri.edu).

**November 14 (Mon) - "A Grand Tour of Kew Garden"**

1:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, in Columbia. Amy Craighead, manager of Superior Garden Center, will speak on this topic at the **Columbia Garden Club** monthly meeting. For more information, contact Norma Mitchell at (573) 474-7353.

**November 14 (Mon) - "Crazy Birds!"**

7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Boulevard, in Columbia. Jean Leonatti will present a program and slideshow on bird watching in Missouri at the **Missouri Native Plant Society's (Hawthorne Chapter)** monthly meeting. For more information, contact Paula Peters at [PRPeters@aol.com](mailto:PRPeters@aol.com) or (573) 474-4225.



**November 16 (Wed) - Community Garden Coalition board meeting**

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Oak Towers, 700 N. Garth Avenue, in Columbia. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Michael at [bam626\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:bam626_us@yahoo.com) or (573) 445-0661.

**November 16 (Wed) - Compost for Sale to the Public**

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill & Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, in Columbia. This is a program of **Columbia's Solid Waste Utility**. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 474-9145 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

**November 17 (Thur) - "Nature's Needlers"**

10:30 a.m. to noon AND 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. "Join us as we learn about some of Missouri's wild edibles and interpret the persimmon tree and its fruit through fabric and thread." This is a program of the **Missouri Department of Conservation**. Reservations are required. For more information or to register, call (573) 526-5544.

**November 17 (Thu) - "Invasive Plant Control"**

1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Whitman Wildflower Garden at **Shaw Nature Reserve** in Gray Summit. "Outdoor session focuses on controlling the most common woody, perennial and annual invasive species. Demonstrations include spraying herbicide, stump treatment and mechanical removal. Audience participation encouraged; bring questions, comments, photos and drawings. Reservations are required. There is a \$12 fee for the class. The fee for members of the Missouri Botanical Garden is \$8." For more information, call (636) 451-3512.



**November 19 (Sat) - "Tastes From Nature's Grocery Store"**

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. "Deer jerky in aisle 1. Persimmon cookies in aisle 2. Wild fruit jellies and honey in aisle 3. Stop by the nature center to sample some seasonal wild delicacies from nature's grocery store. We'll also have advice and recipes to help you prepare your own wild edibles." This is a program of the **Missouri Department of Conservation**. No reservations are required. For more information, call (573) 526-5544.

**November 20 (Sun) - "Tastes From Nature's Grocery Store"**

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. Same as above.

**November 20 (Sun) - Pruning Seminar**

1:00 p.m. at Superior Garden Center, 3100 Old Highway 63, in Columbia. "Even though it is late in the year, it is a great time to get your pruning done. Learn the proper way to prune trees and shrubs." Reservations required. For more information or to register, call (573) 442-9499.

**November 23 (Wed) - Compost for Sale to the Public**

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill & Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, in Columbia. This is a program of **Columbia's Solid Waste Utility**. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 474-9145 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

**November 30 (Wed) - Compost for Sale to the Public**  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill & Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, in Columbia. This is a program of Columbia's Solid Waste Utility. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 474-9145 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

**December 7 (Wed) - Compost for Sale to the Public**  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill & Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, in Columbia. This is a program of Columbia's Solid Waste Utility. For more information, contact organizers at (573) 474-9145 or [waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:waste-mgmt@GoColumbiaMo.com).

Announcements and Upcoming Events are posted online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>. Click on "**Announcements**."

### GARDENING RESOURCES

The newest issue (#4) of "Native Notes" is available! Visit the **Grow Native!** website at <http://www.grownative.org> to subscribe to this e-newsletter. Each issue is packed with articles on how local gardeners and conservationists are landscaping and restoring with native plants.

**NEBLINE** is a monthly newsletter published by the **University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension** in Lancaster County. The November/December 2005 issue covers topics such as Tree Planting Guidelines; Swarming Ants or Termites; and Kids, Animals, and Pesticides. It is available free online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/nebline/2005/novdec05/>

The November 2005 issue of the **Integrated Pest & Crop Management (IPCM)** newsletter is now available at <http://ipm.missouri.edu/ipcm/archives/v15n20/index.htm>. It is published monthly as part of the **University of Missouri Extension Plant Protection Program**.

The October 2005 issue of the **Missouri Environment & Garden (MEG)** newsletter is now available online at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/hort/meg/>. It is published jointly by the **University of Missouri-Columbia** and the **Missouri Botanical Garden**. Topics covered this month include pansies, fall-blooming perennials and pumpkins.

The November 2005 issue of **Ag Opportunities** is now available online at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac/agopp/index.htm>. This newsletter is published monthly by the **Missouri Alternatives Center**, a project of the **University of Missouri Extension**.

A new **General Soil Map of Missouri** was published by **CARES**, in cooperation with the **Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR)** and **US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**.

This marks the first update of the map since the mid-1970's. The 28"x40" map is available free of charge through the NRCS state office or at regional MoDNR and NRCS soil survey offices.

Funding for the map was provided by the State Soil and Parks Sales Tax. It is provided as tool to promote soil conservation through education about Missouri's most vital resource.

A printable 28"x40" PDF file of the General Soil Map of Missouri (44MB) is available for download from the CARES website at <http://www.cares.missouri.edu/about/news2005.html>

For more information about upcoming **Native Plant School** classes, visit <http://www.shawnature.org/nativeland/NativePlantSchool.aspx>.

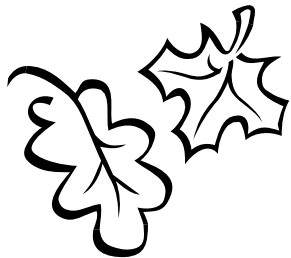
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

# **"Contain Yourself": Everything's Going to be All Right**

Join long-time Master Gardener **Jim Wilson** for an in depth look at the ins and outs of container gardening. Slides and handouts will complement Mr. Wilson's informative and always hilarious presentation. For more information about this month's educational program, contact **Betty Gayle Smith**.

- Refreshments provided by **Cindy Deegan** (snacks) and **Tony White** (drinks).
- Remember to bring a copy of the meeting minutes and wear your Master Gardener name tag!

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