

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER



October 2005

“ Helping Others Learn to Grow . ”

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

A special thank you to **Julie Lunsted** for her fabulous presentation on “Wild Edibles!”

Julie, a longtime volunteer at **Runge Conservation Nature Center**, shared her enthusiasm for all things green and delicious. Her talk focused on common wild plants of Missouri’s fields and forests and their culinary uses - from Wood Sorrel to Chicory, and from Persimmons to Elderberry. Not only were those in attendance treated to an informative presentation full of humorous anecdotes and obscure historic trivia, but Julie also had baked, boiled and canned for us a smorgasbord of “wild edibles.” Truly delicious!

For more information about identifying, collecting and cooking with wild plants, contact Julie at (573) 526-5544.



Update on Recommendations for the 2004 State Conference Funds

At the September meeting, the following purchases were approved:

- Plant-a-Row committee - \$75 to purchase compost and seeds for next year’s space in the Community Garden on Claudell.
- “Ray Rothenberger & Jim Wilson Missouri Master Gardener Endowment” fund was recently established by the State MG Advisory Board to support educational workshops, advanced training, statewide conference and programmatic needs - \$500 donation.
- Invest in two CDs at different time limits - \$3,000.

A 3-member committee was appointed to gather information about the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund. **Betty Gayle Smith**, **Tom Marrero** and **Judy Turner** volunteered and **Don Day** will serve as advisor.

CHAPTER NEWS

Hotline Completes another Successful Season

Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and energy to make the Boone County Hotline such a huge success this year. The feedback we received from callers was overwhelmingly positive. We are already looking forward to next year.

Community Garden Coalition

The Community Garden Coalition’s (CGC) annual Harvest Dinner is Saturday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. at **Broadway Christian Church**, 2601 West Broadway in Columbia. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Music will be played by **Lee Ruth**. A raffle will take place for the following items: a hand-made quilt by **Barb Michael**, a piece of ceramic by **Rena Ruth** and a painting by **Sue Popper**, plus a 50-50 raffle. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The CGC provides garden plots, seeds, plants, tools, water and gardening help for low-income, disabled and elderly gardeners enabling them greater access to nutritious food.

Come be a part of this fun event! For more information, contact Barb Michael.

2005 State Master Gardener Conference

Well, another State Master Gardener Conference has come and gone. This year there was no shortage of laughter, animated conversation and tired, but very happy faces - a combination that can only occur when several hundred dedicated plant lovers come together to “talk shop.”

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!” Next month’s newsletter will include reflections by several members of our chapter who attended.

November Gardening Book Announced

The Gardening Book Group will meet Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at **Barnes & Noble**, 2008 Bernadette Drive in Columbia.

The book selected for next month is *The Master Book of the Water Garden: The Ultimate Guide to Designing and Maintaining Water Gardens* by Philip Swindells. Weighing in at 320 pages, it includes 450 four-color photos and a plant directory and index. The author has won the Quill and Trowel International communications Award from the Garden Writers' Association of America. The book is \$29.95 and published by Little, Brown and Company.

There will be no book group meeting in December so we will choose the January book at the October meeting. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Kathy Richmond** at (573) 445-4528.

Volunteer Hours Due

It is time once again to begin compiling your volunteer hours for 2005. Report forms should be submitted to Don Day by the first of December so they can be included in the annual report. Blank forms are available in the Extension Office or online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>. Click on "2005 Time Sheets."



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to haul and spread mulch on the living fence tree line bordering the Norbury Habitat subdivision and Confederate Hill on Oakland Gravel Road in Columbia

Two to four individuals are needed with pickup trucks to haul the mulch from the Memorial Park mulch site (free loading by city). Other volunteers are needed to help spread the mulch and oversee the clean-up. Bring gloves, garden rakes and mulch forks.

If you are interested, contact Phyllis Barks ASAP.

Local Gardens Wanted for 2006 Tour

Tiger Pilot Club, the local affiliate of Pilot International, is seeking local gardens to include in the June 2006 **Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour**. The group would like to have at least 8 gardens on the tour. If you are interested in showing off the "fruits" of your landscaping work, contact Phyllis Barks.

Pilot International is an international service organization focused on assisting people affected by brain-related disorders.



Youth Education

The Intersection, located on Sexton and Grand in Columbia, is interested in helping neighborhood children learn about gardening. They would like to start with some after-school sessions (20 to 40-minutes long) during the winter on various plant-related topics. The Intersection provides after-school care and activities for disadvantaged youth ages 5 through 17, with the majority in the 10-14 age range. Some topics to be presented include bees and honey, starting seeds indoors, attracting hummingbirds and planting annuals outdoors. Any gardening-related topics are fine. It might be easier for 2 people to partner on presentations.

If you are interested in presenting or helping with a session, contact Phyllis Barks. More details to follow.

Oak Towers Project

"I have been working with people at Oak Towers in Columbia on a gardening project. We will start having monthly meetings there and work to strengthen their gardening program. I have scheduled the first meeting for October 5. I will discuss some possible directions for the program with them and do a short presentation on composting. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please let me know. I see a need for short presentations on various subjects at the monthly meetings, assistance in developing both indoor and outdoor gardening projects, and assistance in developing committees and work lists for those involved. This project may start out small, but I hope it will grow as residents see some things start to happen. There is a possibility of some cooperative work with The Intersection in some inter-generational gardening projects." If you are interested, contact Don Day.

Mizzou Botanic Garden - Campus Trail

Volunteers are needed to assist with the following projects.

- In two-person teams, taking a golf cart down the trail to pick up trash and cut back low hanging branches. Volunteers will then notify Scott Keith if any section of the trail needs further attention (weeds, excessive mud, etc.). This should be done once a week (if we have at least 4 teams) or every other week. The golf cart is only available between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Easy and fun work!
- Maintaining the current wildflower patch.
- Providing ideas and suggestions on how to improve the trail.
- Planting a rock garden and wild flower gardens along the trail.
- Basic tree ID or suggestion of type of tree to plant.
- Assisting in the landscape nursery near their office.

For more information, contact **Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer**.

Mentor a New Master Gardener

Due to a larger than expected enrollment in the new Master Gardener class that began in September there are ten class members that do not have a mentor assigned to them. If you are interested in mentoring a new MG, please contact Don Day as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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

Photographs, original artwork, jokes, quotes, upcoming events and other items for the November/December issue of the newsletter should be submitted to Tony White by **Friday, October 21**.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10 - "Management of Soil Organic Matter for Sustainable Agriculture" program

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union (South Wing, Room S304) in Columbia. Dr. Peter Motavilli will present this **Community Food Systems & Sustainable Agriculture Program** talk. For more information, contact Jose Garcia at (573) 884-3794.

October 10 - "Miniature Sculpture" program

1:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, in Columbia. Jerry Antel, president of the Mid-Missouri Bonsai Society will speak at this **Columbia Garden Club** monthly meeting. For more information contact Norma Mitchell at (573) 474-7353 or visit <http://garden.columbia.missouri.org>.

October 16 - Missouri Native Plant Society field trip

Fall hike to see the colorful foliage at Painted Rock State Park followed by lunch in Westphalia. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the MDC Resource Center parking lot. Sponsored by the **Hawthorne Chapter**. For more information contact Paula Peters at (573) 474-4225.

October 16 - "Dividing Perennials" program

10:00 a.m. at **Superior Garden Center**, 3100 Old Highway 63, in Columbia. Now is the time to start dividing some of those overgrown perennials. Trained staff will show you how to divide and transplant, and answer any questions you may have. For more information or to register, call (573) 442-9499.

October 29 - 3rd Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the **Horticulture & Agroforestry Research Center** in New Franklin. Cooking demonstrations, educational displays and guided bus and walking tours are just a few of the activities planned. Free admission and open to the public. For more information, visit

<http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/events/chestnut/index.asp> OR contact Julie Rhoads at (573) 882-3234.

November 2-3 - Train the Trainer for Master Gardeners

Upper Crust restaurant on Elm St. in Columbia. For more information or to register contact Mary Kroening at (573) 882-9633 or kroeningm@missouri.edu.

November 3-5 - 13th Annual National Small Farm Trade Show & Conference

Boone County Fairgrounds in Columbia. For more information or to register, call (800) 633-2535 visit <http://www.smallfarmtoday.com/tradeshows/default.asp>.

November 4-6 - 9th Annual Conference on Environmental Education

University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information or to register, call (573) 882-4087 or visit <http://muconf.missouri.edu/eecampus2005/index.html>

September 15-17, 2006 - State Master Gardener Conference

Springfield, MO. "Get your gardening kicks on Root 66!" Sponsored by the **Master Gardeners of Southwest Missouri**. For more information, call (417) 862-9284 or visit <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/>.

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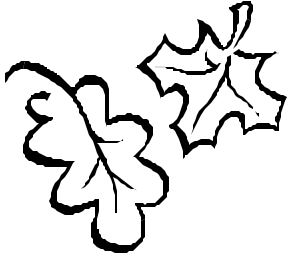
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry - Betty Gayle Smith

School Gardens - Melissa Hough

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Web Page / Plant Protection Grant - Don Day

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.



Harvest Dinner



It is that time of the year again! There's a chill in the air, the leaves are changing colors and birds are heading south. For us, it is time to celebrate our chapter's success, to break bread with new friends and old and to listen to more of Don's many stories. Bring your family and join us for our annual Harvest Dinner at the Boone County Extension Center.

- Everyone is asked to bring food to share and a place setting (plates, cups and silverware). **Barb Kribbs** will provide drinks.
- We will celebrate our successful year with Don's Master Gardener Photo Presentation *.
- We will also have a silent auction. If you have new or very good condition items to donate, please bring them to the October meeting.
- Be sure to wear your Master Gardener name tag and get to know your fellow gardeners.
- The Harvest Dinner is always a highlight of the Master Gardener year - so don't miss it!

* If you have pictures of Master Gardener activities that you have participated in this year, please send them to Don Day as soon as possible so that he can use them for the Harvest Dinner.

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