

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

September 2005



“ Helping Others Learn to Grow . ”

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

A special thank you to **Richard Wieman** for his wonderful presentation and tour of the **Columbia Sanitary Landfill and Compost Facility**.

His talk focused on the history of the composting program, the complex steps involved on making compost on such a large scale, and some of the exciting technological innovations of the future. Richard is the manager of **Columbia's Solid Waste Utility** and can be reached at rlw@gocolumbiamo.com or (573) 874-6291.



2005 Fall Master Gardener Classes to Begin

Classes start September 19th and run every Monday until November 28th. Each session will last from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and take place at the Boone County Extension Center, 1012 Highway UU in Columbia. For more information or to register, contact Don Day at (573) 445-9792.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Hoyos** and **Tony White!** They each won last month's drawing for the \$75.00 scholarships toward the 2005 State Master Gardener Conference registration.

2004 State Conference Funds

At the July general meeting, the following recommendations for use of the conference funds were approved.

- Banner, yard signs and exhibit signs for the Heart of Missouri chapter - up to \$400.00
- A contribution toward a shed for the Community Garden Coalition - \$250.00
- Two \$75.00 scholarships for Heart of Missouri members who have not attended a state conference before - \$150.00
- Seed money for the next time our chapter hosts a state conference - \$500.00
- Deli and/or fruit tray for Image Technologies for providing free color copies of newsletter for Habitat families for the past 4 years - up to \$60.00
- Invest funds in money market and/or short-term CD to earn interest for future projects

The following recommendations were tabled for further discussion.

- MU Horticulture student scholarship
- Collaborate with Master Naturalists to enhance Extension grounds
- Requests from committee/project chairs for funds to support projects

The following was not approved:

- Shredder/chipper

Visit the Heart of Missouri chapter website at <http://outreach.missouri.edu/boone/mg.html>

Attending the 2005 State Conference?

If you are planning to attend the upcoming state Master Gardener conference, please let me know ASAP as I would like to know how many people will be representing our chapter at the event. Also if you are interested in carpooling or sharing a hotel room, please indicate that also.

~ **Phyllis Barks**
barksp@missouri.edu

CHAPTER NEWS

New Additions to the Master Gardener Library

Mary Lu Parks recently donated 25 booklets, 20 books, and Ortho's Computerized Gardening CD to our Master Gardener library. They will be catalogued and available soon. Master gardeners are welcome to use the library at any time. If you do check-out any resources, please use the card file to check them out.

Master Gardeners in the News

Who says Master Gardeners aren't photogenic? An article about volunteers at the Mizzou Botanic Garden appeared in the August 17th issue of the *Columbian Missourian*. Those quoted include *Heart of Missouri* members **Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer** and **Elizabeth Hoyos**. In addition, **Hsiao-Mei** and **Angela Nance** appeared in an accompanying photograph. To read the article and see the photograph, visit <http://columbiamissourian.com/news/story.php?ID=15440>.

Upcoming Training Workshop

For those interested in teaching Master Gardener "core classes" **Mary Kroening** will facilitate a "Train the Trainers" workshop on November 2nd and 3rd. The training will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **The Upper Crust** on Elm St. in Columbia. Registration is \$85.00 and includes resource materials, parking tags, and breakfast, lunch and snacks both days. For more information, contact Mary at (573) 882-9633 or kroeningm@missouri.edu.

Input Needed on 2006 Programs

It is time to begin thinking about what kinds of topics or programs you would like to see in 2006. Bring names, topics, phone numbers, etc. to the September general meeting or contact **Betty Gayle Smith** at (573) 874-3997 or turtleisland@tranquility.net.

Gardening Book Club to Begin in October

The first book chosen is *How to Be a Gardener* by **Alan Titchmarsh**. Mr. Titchmarsh was on the BBC America show, *Groundforce*, and served as director of the Kew Garden near London.

Paul Morris has graciously accepted the position of Book Club facilitator. Thanks to everyone who enquired about the project.

So pick up your copy today and get reading!

The book club will meet to discuss this book on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at **Barnes & Noble**, 2208 Bernadette Drive in Columbia. For more information, contact **Kathy Richmond** at (573) 445-4528.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10

"1st Annual Bradford Farm Tomato Festival"

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the University of Missouri Bradford Research & Extension Center, just east of Columbia. Join **Walker Claridge** from the Root Cellar as he takes us through a taste test of tomato varieties grown at the farm, as well as several heirloom varieties, and see which were tough enough to survive the extreme heat and drought of July and August and still taste good. Free admission and open to the public. For more information, contact **Tim Reinbott** at (573) 884-7945.

September 12

"High Tunnels: Extending the vegetable growing season and increasing yield" program

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the University of Missouri-Columbia Memorial Union, room S206. **Lewis Jett**, assistant professor of Horticulture will facilitate this Community Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture program. Refreshments will be served at 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact **Jose Garcia** at (573) 884-3794 or GarciaJL@missouri.edu.

September 12

Missouri Native Plant Society (Hawthorn Chapter) monthly meeting

7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church (2615 Shepard Boulevard in Columbia). For more information, contact **Paula Peters** at (573) 474-4225 or PRPeters@aol.com.

September 16-18

"11th Annual Missouri State Master Gardener Conference - Goin' To Kansas City"

For more information, visit <http://outreach.missouri.edu/mg/>.

September 18

"Fall Bulbs" program

1:00 p.m. at **Superior Garden Center**, 3100 Old Highway 63 in Columbia. "With so much variety, let us help you figure out which bulbs do well in your yard. We will also introduce you to our favorites." For more information or to register, call (573) 442-9499.

September 24

Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods Workshop

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the **Boone Electric Cooperative**, 1413 Rangeline in Columbia. Topics covered will include healthy lawn basics, rain gardens and using native plants. Door prizes and free rain gauges will be given out. For more information or to register, contact **Scott Hamilton** at (573) 882-9909, extension 3257 or Scott.Hamilton@mdc.mo.gov.

October 1

"Tree Identification" Master Gardener advanced training

1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Rock Hill City Park. This is a hands-on session with **Kate Pyatek**. Cost is \$10.00 which includes handouts and refreshments. Enroll by September 26th. For more information, contact **Don Day** at (573) 445-9792.

October 2

"Wild Edibles" program

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at **Runge Conservation Nature Center** in Jefferson City. "Nature's bounty is ripe for the tasting! There is a wide variety of delicious edibles to identify and taste at this program. We'll discuss collecting tips, hike to test our identification skills and then return to the nature center for a wild feast. Reservation required." For more information, call (573) 526-5544.

Spring 2007:

"International Master Gardener Conference"
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Spring 2009:

"International Master Gardener Conference"
Las Vegas, NV.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The committee will meet **Thursday, September 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Street Artisan, 111 S. 9th Street, Suite 10 in Columbia. Everyone is invited to participate.

Please send us your photographs, original artwork, jokes, quotes and upcoming events by **Friday, September 23rd**.

~ **Tony White**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grow Native! is sponsoring a **Landscape Challenge** on September 10th in Columbia. We will re-landscape two residential yards with native Missouri plants. We are looking for interested individuals to help with the installation. Times are 7:30 -11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The morning crew will be hauling and spreading mulch. The afternoon crew will be setting in and watering plants. We also will be handing out informational material. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Barbara Fairchild** at barbara.fairchild@mdc.mo.gov.

2005 OFFICERS

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Speakers' Bureau - Alice Havard (573) 445-4624
Web Page/Plant Protection Grant - Don Day

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

“ Wild Edibles! ”

Join **Julie Lunsford**, of the **Runge Conservation Nature Center**, as she shares with us the secrets of nature's wild plant delicacies. For more information about this month's program, contact Betty Gayle Smith.

- * The meeting will take place at the Boone County Extension Center, 1012 Highway UU in Columbia.
- * Remember to bring August's meeting minutes and please wear your Master Gardener nametag!
- * Refreshments will be provided by **Janet Jackson** (drinks) and **Barb Michael** (snacks).

Interested in helping keep the Extension grounds looking their best? Join your fellow Master gardeners between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to pull weeds, trim plants, pick-up twigs and share summer gardening stories.

The *Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter* is published monthly for Master Gardeners in Central Missouri. For more information contact:

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12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.