

May 23, 2011

Next meeting: Tuesday June 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Sorry that we could not meet last month due to the high water for some of you and the washed out Highway T for me. We tried to notify everyone but guess we were not successful, sorry. If anyone wants to bring plants to exchange, please do so, we will allow time for the exchange. The topic for this meeting will be two-fold Sarah will discuss "Shade Gardens" and I plan to talk about "Potting Soil and Fertilizers for containers."

Poplar Bluff Beautification Project: The bed is planted. I hope you have noticed the beautiful roses. Please pick a week on the schedule for the watering and care of the plants. We want to be sure that the bed is taken care of and the plants look beautiful. A big THANK YOU to Aaron for the donation of the plants and to those who helped with the planting.

Sierra Osage Girls: This program is moving along and we encourage you to come meet the girls. Check the schedule for the meeting dates and location. The next meeting will be June 3, 9:00 a.m., at the Sierra Osage building.

Advanced Master Gardener Training: The topic will be "Culinary Herbs" taught by Vanessa Mathis. The fee is \$10.00. It will be held Tuesday, June 7, from 9am-12pm at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Fifth and Main in Poplar Bluff. Another opportunity for this program will be Saturday, June 4 at the Jackson Extension Center from 9am-12pm. The educational program will be taught by Don & Carol and Jamie Koehler. The fee is \$20.00

Shirts: We have the design for the Poplar Bluff Master Gardener t-shirts. The cost will be \$10.00 each. If you would like to order a shirt let me (Barb), Chris or Sarah know the size (S-M-L-XL). The color is dark green with white printing. I will try to have a sample at this meeting.

Field Trips: Wildflowers June 9 and 10. Meet at Missouri Wildflower south of Jefferson City at 10:00 a.m. on the 9th and Shaw Nature Center at 10:00 a.m. on the 10th.

Perennial Shade Garden Meet at Homestead Farms in Owensville at 10:00 a.m. on June 30. This is a one day field trip. Call Sarah to sign up for either trip at 573-686-8064.

Recycle & repurpose question—another use for tomato cage and pot saucer
Old satellite dish

What is blooming in your garden? Bring a bouquet.

What is an “Insectary” do you have one? Come to the next meeting and we will find out...

So plan to be at the next meeting...Tuesday, June 7, - 6:30 pm at the University of Missouri Extension office.

This was from the last newsletter:

Don't throw away your Easter Lily after it blooms, but what to do with it...

After the flower has withered, cut off and keep the plant growing. Allow the leaves and stem to die back to store nutrients for next year, then cut the old growth off. After the danger of frost plant in the garden 6-8 inches deep in well-drained soil, sunny location (lilies like their feet shaded and heads in the sun.) Add mulch to conserve moisture. It is unlikely that your lily will bloom this year but look for it in subsequent years to bloom in June-July. Good luck

Events to watch for

Garden Tour:

June 11, 2011--10am to 3pm Saturday

June 12, 2011--1pm to 4pm Sunday

Tickets \$5.00 check with garden club members

Training and Volunteer:

June 3--Sierra Girls @ 9:00a.m.; Tree ID and pruning @ the Osage Center, Poplar Bluff

June 4--Culinary Herbs @ 9:00a.m.; Cape County Extension Center, Jackson

June 7--Culinary Herbs @ 9:00a.m.; First United Methodist Church 500 N. Main, Poplar Bluff

June 9 and 10--Wildflower Field Trip to Missouri Wildflowers & Shaw Nature Reserve

June 17--Sierra Girls @ 9:00 for Roses at Laura Dowd's

June 30--Perennial Shade Garden Field Trip @ 10:00a.m. in Owensville

July 6-9 Butler County Fair (MG work schedule)

Barb Gray
President

