Hello, Lake Area Master Club Members.

I'm writing this note on a very cold day in February and hoping warmer weather is coming soon. Enough of winter! All I can think about is what needs to be done in the garden at home and at the Lodge and wanting to get out to do it. I guess we need to be content for now with online garden tours, seed catalog reviews, and planning.

Thanks, everyone, for such a nice meeting in February. We tried new things and I think it went well. I especially liked the answers to the roll call question. And we had many, many awards to present to all those who dedicated many volunteer hours during 2014. Kathy Fayant's presentation and Willmore Lodge garden planning sessions generated lots of ideas as well.

Keep warm and we will see you at the Lodge in March, for our monthly meeting and for a Lodge planning session on the 12th.

Tamara
March Gardening Tips

* If weeds occur in bulb beds do not remove them by cultivation. Pull them by hand so that the bulbs and roots will not be disturbed.

* Some annuals, such as verbenas, snapdragons, and petunias, take 70 to 90 days to bloom. They should be started indoors in early spring or purchased as greenhouse grown transplants.

* Buy some new perennials for your flower border. Spring is a good time to renew and add variety to your landscape.

* Trees which bleed such as birch and maple should not be pruned until after their leaves are fully developed.

* After pussy willow catkins have passed their prime, prune the plants drastically to encourage long branches and large catkins for next year.

* Complete the pruning of shrubs, ornamental trees before growth starts, except for spring flowering shrubs. Prune those which bloom in spring as soon as they finish flowering.

* Start transplants indoors of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.

* Don't plow your garden when the soil is wet. It will form clods which are difficult to break up and interfere with cultivation during the summer.

* Plan your vegetable garden on a sheet of paper to utilize the space most efficiently. Remember to rotate the vegetables in the garden to reduce insect and disease problems.

* Buy a notebook and use it to keep all your gardening information. List what you plant in the garden. Include the name of seed companies, plant name, variety, planting date, and harvest date. During the growing season keep notes on how well the plant does. If the variety is susceptible to disease, record what was used to treat any problems. All this information will be helpful in planning future gardens.

* Parsley is rich in vitamins A and C. Start some seeds indoors now for later transplanting to a sunny corner of the vegetable garden.

* Pick a permanent spot for herbs in the garden. Many of them will come up year after year.

* If you haven't done it already, check stored tools and outdoor furniture for signs of rust. Remove any surface rust with steel wool and paint with rust inhibitive paint.

* Turn the compost pile.

* Place birdhouses built this winter outdoors this month. Birds will begin looking for nesting sites soon.

When growing shamrocks in pots, or outdoors in your garden, you'll find they do best when temperatures are cooler; between 50 and 75 degrees F. They like plenty of light, but avoid placing potted shamrocks in direct sunlight. Water when the soil becomes dry but avoid overwatering them as this can cause the bulbs to rot.

Lake Area Master Gardener Shirts: To order a LAMG shirt, please fill out the order sheet below.

You can give your order form and check/cash to Winnie at a MG Core Course session. If you wish to mail your order form and check to Margie at the Miller County Extension Center, send to

Your check should be made out to Miller County Extension Center.

Orders will be taken through Friday, March 13, 2015.

Miller County Extension Center
PO Box 20
Tuscumbia, MO 65082
Attn: LAMG Shirt

If you have any questions, please call or email Winnie (573-793-6231, mckinleyw@hotmail.com).

Thank you,

__________________________ ____________________________
Date                                  Order Form

Amount Enclosed                       Number of shirts ordered ___ * Please Print Clearly*

Name ___________________________ E-mail ____________________________

Phone / Cell Phone ____________________________

Sports Shirt (Polo type)

Size: Men’s ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3XL ___4XL ___5XL ___6XL
Ladies ___XS ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3XL ___4XL ___5XL ___6XL

Color: ____________________________

Price: $20.30 each for XS-XL

Additional charges: 2XL = $2.00

4XL = $8.00

5XL = $14.00

3XL = $6.00

6XL = $12.00

T-Shirt

Size: Adult ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3XL ___4XL ___5XL

Color: ____________________________

Price: $12.85 each for S-XL

Additional charges: 2XL = $1.50

3XL = $3.40

Sweatshirt (Crewneck)

Size: Adult ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3XL ___4XL

Color: ____________________________

Price: $20.80 each for S-XL

Additional charges: 2XL = $4.00

3XL = $6.00

4XL = $8.00

If you are attending the March 10th Lake Area MG Club meeting, you're welcome to give your order/money to me. You are welcome to mail your order/money to Margie. Margie's mailing information is on the order form. Checks should be made out to Miller County Extension.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you, Winnie
Spring 2015 LAMG Class

Thirteen are enrolled in the spring 2015 Lake Area Master Gardener Class. The class members come from several different communities: Camdenton, Climax Springs, Eldon, Gravois Mills, Lake Ozark, Lebanon, Sunrise Beach, and Versailles.

Orientation was conducted by Tricia Barrett and Winnie McKinley on February 19th at the Extension Center in Tuscumbia. Jeannie Robbins, LAMG Project Coordinator, spoke to the class about the LAMG Club and Projects during Orientation. Joan Eads and Jeannie served as hosts for the evening. A special thank you is extended to Margie Howser, Miller County Extension Center, for setting up the meeting room and preparing materials for the class.

On February 26th the first session, Insects, was presented by Anastasia Becker form the MO Dept. of Agriculture’s IPM Program. Class met at State Fair Community College in Stone Crest Mall. Shirley Wicker served as host for the evening.

Again this year copies of class presentations are being sent to class members electronically. Most of the classes will be held at Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks-Main Bank on Osage Beach Parkway, across from Stone Crest Mall. Two more classes are scheduled to meet at State Fair Community College.

Thank you to those LAMG that have signed up to serve as Hosts during the class sessions. We still need Hosts for a few dates. Hosts are asked to help with snacks. Each week at least one class member has signed up to help with snacks. Hosts are asked to help prepare the meeting room, help with sign-in and handing out materials.

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We Need Additional Lake Area Master Gardener Club Members To Host Up-coming Classes. If you are interested in being a host please contact: Winnie McKinley at 573-793-6231 or e-mail mckinleyw@hotmail.com
Greetings:

Can you believe our first workday at Willmore Lodge is just a week away. I have reserved the conference room for 10:00 AM on March 12 so that we can work together on a plan for the gardens this year.

Bring your plans and ideas for the gardens so we can decide what we need to purchase and plan a budget for the year. Also make a workable plan for upkeep of the gardens. After our planning meeting we can work outdoors and look around the beds to see what we need to get done to prepare for the Federated Garden Club event in April. Bring your tools and lunch.

We have another scheduled workday on Saturday March 14 for those of you who can't come during the week. They have been forecasting better weather for next week. I for one will be glad for the outdoor time.

Best Wishes! Kathy Fayant

Welcome! To Four New Lake Area Master Gardener Club Members -- We are so glad to have you join us!

Suzanne Albright from Sunrise Beach -- joining us this first year as she works towards her 30 hours required to gain MG certification.

Jackie Bray from Eldon -- joined LAMG in 2003 is now returning to us since our meetings are being held at the Willmore Lodge.

Deb Fin from Sunrise Beach—is working towards her MG certification.

Nancy Hall from Sunrise Beach—is one of our 2015 garden walk hosts, also working towards MG certification.

Check Out These Web Sites


- Spring Gardening—[www.marthastewart.com/270176/spring-gardening-tips](http://www.marthastewart.com/270176/spring-gardening-tips)

- National Garden Association —[www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org)

- Longfellow’s Garden Center—[www.longfellowsgarden.com](http://www.longfellowsgarden.com)
Lake Area Master Gardeners Minutes -- February 10, 2015

The Lake Area Master Gardener executive board (the Board) meets each month prior to the regularly scheduled club meeting to review the upcoming agenda and coordinate club activities. The executive board is comprised of the President, the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President. Any club member may attend the board meetings. The board met January 30, 2015 in Greenview, MO.

The Lake Area Master Gardeners met at Wilmore Lodge in Lake Ozark, MO. Roll Call of a favorite garden tool was answered by 17 members. Two visitors, Jackie Bray and Susanne Albright were present.

Kathy Fayant presented a power point presentation and program on the history of Wilmore Lodge gardens and the current Wilmore Lodge club project. Sign up sheets for bedheads for the various areas was passed around. The work day scheduled for March 12th will be rain or shine as planning for the beds can be done inside if the weather is bad. There is also a work day scheduled for March 16th. The Federated Garden Club convention will be touring Wilmore in April and the beds will need to be cleaned up before then. It was suggested that the new class adopt a bed for a class project to start fulfilling hours and to encourage them to join in the project.

A door prize of a garden seat donate by Mary Delacy was won by Rita Burks.

Refreshments of wine, cheese, and other snacks was provided by the club. Valentine Cookies were brought for the January and February birthdays.

Tamara Jorstad, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes for November, 2014 were in the December newsletter. Jeanne Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Charmaine Guyot seconded the motion and it passed. The treasurer’s report was unavailable. Jeannie Robbins presented the budget for 2015. Ginnie Boyle made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Mary Delacy seconded the motion and it passed.

Committee reports were given:

Projects: Jeannie Robbins passed around a sign up sheet for various duties for the Garden Walk scheduled for June 6, 2015.

Central Bank: Jeannie Robbins passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with planting the annuals for the bank. They contribute $500 each year to the club. This is not related or dependent on the plantings. Ginnie Boyle mentioned the Eldon Garden Club had planted at the Eldon bank last year. It was recommended to check with them this year to see if they are going to do it.

Membership: Tamara Jorstad distributed the new member handbooks to those who had paid dues. As members join, she will distribute their handbook to them. Tamara also announced she has created an email account on Google called LAMGMasterGardeners@gmail.com. This is a list of all current members of the club and can be used for contacting only club members. Emails will also continue to come from Margie Howser at Miller County Extension but this is a much broader list including past members and MG graduates from over the past years along with active MG who may not belong to the club. Contact Tamara if anyone wants access to use the specific club email.

Scholarship: Ginnie Boyle reported that the committee will be meeting. She requested guidance on how the club would like to do the scholarships this year. Last year, there was only one candidate so both $250 scholarships for Eldon were given to that person. A motion was made by Debbie Laemmli to change the scholarships to two $500 scholarships, one for each county (Miller and Camden), each year. It was seconded by Joan Eads. The motion passed.
Ways and Means: Mildred Webster reported two members paid $0.25 each for failure to wear their name tags.

LAMG Class: Winnie McKinnley reported the new class is scheduled to begin February 19th. So far, six have signed up, ten are required to have the class. A sign up sheet for class hosts was passed.

Old Business:

Report hours on line at www.mg.missouri.edu This is the only way hours can be counted. Notify Tricia Barrett at Miller County Ext office if you wish her to enter hours.

Library books are available. Please email Tamara if you want to sign one out and she will bring it to the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring garden related books/items to the meetings for trade among members. All items not taken at the end of the meeting must be taken back by the person who brought them.

New Business: Roni Volmer was unavailable for installation as new treasurer. Tamara Jorstad awarded certificates for completion of 20 volunteer hours in 2014 to Sally Burke, Jenee Hunter, Joan Eads, Charmaine Guyot, Lisa Wayman, Phyllis Moss, Larry Roberts, and Mildred Webster. Certificates were also noted for Glenda Hinrichs, Mary Mitchell, and Charlie O’Neil.

Certificates were awarded for completion of more than 50 volunteer hours in 2014 to Rita Burks, Mary Delacy, Jo Anne Gitchell, Tamara Jorstad, Debbie Laemmli, and Shirley Wicker. Certificates were also noted for Ralph Duvall, Pat Griffen, Jan Mitzel, and Roni Volmer.

Certificates and a daffodil pin were presented for completion of over 100 volunteer hours in 2014 to Kathy Fayant, Winnie McKinley, and Jeannie Robbins. Certificates and pins were also noted for Gail Conavay, Charli Allee, and Sylvia Riley.

A certificate of appreciation for being treasurer for the club was presented to Jeannie Robbins.

Announcements: Lake Ozark Watershed Alliance is having its spring native plant sale. Orders are due by March 6th and must be picked up at the Sunrise Beach Fire Station on March 31st. There was an email from Miller County Ext Center with the list of available plants and how to order.

Volunteer Opportunities: Wilmore Lodge cleanup days are scheduled for March 12th and March 16th. Kathy Fayant will send out emails.

Hours to report: Education: _____1____ Meeting: ___1_____

Jo Anne Gitchell, Secretary

I'm am pleased to announce that our colleague, Jeannie Robbins, is published! Her presentation is being featured in The Lake News in 6 parts. Parts 1 and 2 are out already. Congratulations, Jeannie! It is so nice to see this in print. It was a great presentation. Regards, Tamara

Here is the link: http://m.thelaketoday.com/news/2015/feb/11/how-start-seeds-part-1-starting-seeds-indoors-home/?templates=mobile#.VOZYjIZOKnN
Lake Area Master Gardener Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, March 10th
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Willmore Lodge
- Program: Tree Diseases — Presenter: Paul Johnson

March 11—Jan Mitzel, Mildred Webster, Winnie McKinley
March 14—Sally Burke
March 27—Shirley Wicker

To help new and returning members remember LAMG Club Member Names—Starting 2015—a twenty-five cent fee will be charged to an member failing to wear his/her LAMG/Maser Gardener name badge at the monthly meetings. “Fines” are to be collected by the Ways and Means Chair, Mildred Webster, and funds added to the club’s income.

Items for the monthly newsletter are due to the Newsletter Chair, Charli Allee, by the 26th of each month—Send to normcharli@aol.com

Our Mission: “Helping Others Learn to Grow” and To Have Fun Along the Way!