

# HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWS MAY 2000

## THANK YOU MARY KROENING!

Mary Kroening did it again! Mary presented a wonderful program on non-beneficial insects at our last Master Gardener meeting. The hands-on program to be at Guy Clark's on June 20<sup>th</sup> will complete this most enlightening series. We should all know a lot more about BUGS.

Well, the growing season is underway. Hopefully we will get some rain along with the sunshine. This is the beginning of the Master Gardeners busy season, too. Many committees now need help: Hot Line; Extension Day at Farmer's Market; Jr. Master Gardener Program, as well as others. Please call the appropriate committee chair if you could volunteer for one of these projects!

## NEXT MEETING – MAY 16 – DON AND FRAN DAY'S

Our next meeting will be at the home of Don and Fran Day at 2515 Fleetwood. Don will present a program on "Home Greenhouses". Don has a home greenhouse and he will talk about some of his trials and tribulations. A map is enclosed. Please join us.

## EXENTION DAY AT THE FARMERS MARKET MAY 20 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Melissa Hough will coordinate this event for the Master Gardeners. Children planting activities, as well as several other fun events are being planned. She will need a lot of help because this booth was very busy last year. Please call her at 696-0198 and volunteer to help her.

## REPORT ON EARTH DAY

Sandy Deraps reported that the Master Gardener booth (table) at Earth Day was a great success. There were many Master Gardeners who volunteered and played host to a large number of visitors. They gave out brochures, answered questions and even sold \$128.50 worth of plants! The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all!

## BOONVILLE HERITAGE DAYS?

Saturday, June 24 is the date where Master Gardeners would have another opportunity to man a booth at the Boonville Heritage Days Festival. At our next meeting we will decide if there is enough interest to set up a booth this year. It would be a similar set-up as Earth Day; offering education, information, demonstrations and possibly another plant sale.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

The first issue of *Gardening 101* was published in April and inserted in the Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity Newsletter. *Gardening 101* provided Habitat homeowners with spring tips on lawn care, container gardening, selecting healthy plants, common annuals and perennials, and the Master Gardener Hotline. Contributors were Allison Weidermeier, Allan Spell, Sarah Larson, Katee Neal, and Phyllis Barks. Katee also designed the reader friendly layout. We hope to include seasonal tips in each Habitat newsletter.

On Saturday, April 15, four new Habitat homes were adorned with a tree and three shrubs donated by Superior Garden Center. Master Gardeners and the MU Forestry Club combined talents to determine placement, plant, and mulch the new plants. MU Horticulture Guides related to tree and shrub care were shared with the homeowners. Thanks to Carolyn Oates, Marie Pasley, Sarah Larson, Melissa Hough, and Phyllis Barks for being available at the last minute.

## CALENDAR FOR 2000

May 16, 7:00 p.m. – Master Gardener Meeting – "Home Greenhouses" at the home of Don and Fran Day

May 20, University Outreach Extension Educational Booth at Farmer's Market – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

June 20, 7:00 p.m. – Master Gardener Meeting – "Commercial Vegetable Growing and Marketing" at Guy Clarks and "Hands on Insects" with Mary Kroening

July 11, 7:00 p.m. Master Gardener Meeting – NOTE DAY CHANGE - "Hybridizing" by Bob McConnell at McConnell's Plantland and Perche Creek Gardens

August 15, 7:00 p.m. Master Gardener Meeting "Tree Identification" by Chris Starbuck on the UMC Campus

September 19, 6:00 p.m. Master Gardener Meeting and work session at Boone County Extension.

September 23 & 24 State Master Gardener Conference – Hannibal

October 7 Boonville “Festival of the Leaves”.

October 17, 6:00 p.m. Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Annual Harvest Dinner.

November 21, 7:00 p.m. Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Meeting – “Adaptive Gardening”.

Betty Gayle Smith has recently been in the hospital. Betty is always such a great asset to our Master Gardeners sharing her enthusiasm, energy and expertise! We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her at the next meeting! Drop her a card or note if you have a chance!

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

**Boone County Extension Grounds** – Margie Anglen reports that every Thursday evening from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. they will need volunteers to help work on the Extension Grounds. This will run through the early part of the summer.

### **Community Gardens -**

Guy Clark would like to remind everyone that there is extra space if someone would like to “Plant a Row for the Hungry” at OAK Towers.

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## **OFFICERS 2000**

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## **PROJECTS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Habitat for Humanity -Phyllis Barks

698-3845

Community Gardens – Guy Clark

449-4769

Boone Co. Ext. grounds - Margie Anglen

474-1499

Educational Booths – Peggy Eichen

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Speakers Bureau –Linda Persinger 874-3190

Plant-a-Row for the Hungry – Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997

Refreshments – Patti Vonder Haar 660-849-2546

School Gardens – (Prairie Home) Patti Vonder Haar 660-849-2546

Web Page – Don Day 445-9792 Ext. 310

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Jr. Master Gardeners – Lisa Rose 442-1469 and Vera Gelder

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