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Garden Tour -- 2006

Something for Everyone

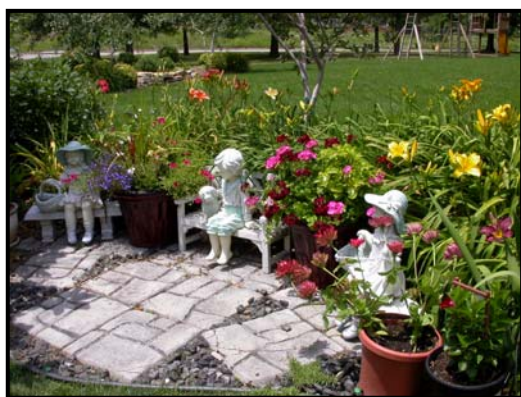
Story and photos by Cerise Harris and Sara Scheil

Those who had the stamina to tolerate the hot 90' temperatures of Friday June 16th and the high humidity on Saturday, June 17th were rewarded by spectacular gardens in bloom, refreshing water features and the camaraderie of other enthusiastic gardeners. Garden hosts had been watering and priming their landscapes, with the help of our garden volunteers, to produce some amazing gardens for the public's enjoyment.



Day Garden

The variety of the gardens offered seemed to fit the criteria of the garden visitors. When asked, "What was your favorite garden?" the answers were varied. We all like



Huston Garden

something different. And we all attend garden tours to be inspired. Did you get some new ideas for your garden? Perhaps you saw a new flower or perennial you want to try this year. You weren't alone. Many visitors asked for directions to the nearest local nurseries so they could shop for newly acquired discoveries.



MG Garden Tour Stepping Stone

Our attendance averaged about 630 at the gardens. The Johnson garden in Independence had the highest attendance at around 674. It was spectacular.

Our Plant Sale was especially successful due to the abundance of wonderful donations by our members. Many unique and rare plants caught the eye of our customers and MG members. The income from the plant sale was \$3,211.25. Income from ticket sales

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SAVE THE DATE:

- July 13: Gardeners' Gathering—Birds in the Garden
- July 12 - 13: Native Landscaping Conference
- July 14: Fall Vegetable Workshop
- August 4: Garden Insect Workshop
- August 5: Tomato Fair @ Farrand Farm
- August 25: Backyard Fruit Workshop

is still drifting into the Extension office but our total income should be over \$8,000. After expenses, our profit should be over \$7,000 for this year's garden tour.

Thank you to all who helped in making this event a success. Amidst all the planning and work, hopefully you got to know someone new in our organization and shared some gardening experiences.

July Gardener's Gathering – Birds in the Garden

By Larry Theiss, Master Gardener

The Gardener's Gathering for July is going to be different! For starters, its location is the Discovery Center Urban Conservation Campus between 7 to 9 pm on July 13. The Discovery Center is at 4750 Troost Avenue. Another difference is that **it is not about plants, but how to attract the right kind of birds to your garden area.** And who better to discuss these colorful visitors than Doc and Diane Gover from Wild Birds Unlimited. If you haven't met the Govers, you've probably noticed their column in *The Kansas City Gardener* each month concerning birds. Doc and Diane own two Wild Birds Unlimited stores located at 10143 Wornall Road, and 7347 Quivira Road.



As certified backyard bird feeding specialists, these two qualified individuals give frequent talks in the metro area on birds. Diane became interested in birds while helping her daughter monitor bluebird boxes for a scouting project while they lived in Virginia. Later while living in Huntsville, Alabama, Diane got involved with, and began working at Wild Birds Unlimited. It was during this time in 1989 that Diane also became an Alabama Master Gardener. **She's one of us!** After working at different Wild Birds Unlimited over the years (and their several moves), Diane and Doc opened a store in Shawnee and bought an existing one on Wornall Road.

Wild Birds Unlimited is a unique store. You might call them a combination nature/gift store. They feature high quality items that last. The Govers also feel it's their responsibility to educate their customers. They shared many fascinating stories about their customers with this reporter. I'm sure, during their presentation, they'll share a few like this favorite: A customer bought a very nice hummingbird feeder and followed the directions, but none of the tiny birds came. The Govers couldn't understand why the feeder wasn't working and continued going over the facts with the customer. It was like a CSI investigation! Point by point right up to the **"Equal"** artificial sweetener the customer was using to make the solution case solved!

We Want Your Feedback!

The Garden Tour 07 committee would like your feedback from this year's tour. We would like to use your comments to improve the tour for next year. Also, if you would like to help with any aspect of the tour, please volunteer now as we are starting the planning phase.

Please forward your comments, concerns and suggestions to Laurie Duffey at 816-796-3832 or email at lrduffey2@aol.com.



Photo by Laurie Duffey



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The Govers are passionate about helping people bring nature into their backyards. Here's your chance to learn how to welcome some of these feathery visitors to your own garden retreat. Don't miss Doc and Diane Gover at the July Gardner's Gathering (July 13 between 7 to 9 pm) at the Discovery Center.

Platte County MG Presentation Schedule

By Geri Hawkins, Platte County Master Gardener

The Platte County Extension Council, University of Missouri, and Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City will be presenting the gardening program, "Gardening in the Shade", July 20th, 2006, 7:00PM at the Platte County Resource Center, 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, Mo. 64153. Many gardeners view shade as a challenging situation for growing plants. While some plants do not grow well in low light, numerous others thrive under these conditions. The key is to discover which ones are adapted to the conditions in your yard or garden. Come join us as Geri Hawkins, Master Gardener, explains which ones grow best for the Kansas City area. Reservations are suggested. Phone 816-270-2141 or email platteco@missouri.edu

There will be no program in August.

September 21, 2006 Geri Hawkins will be teaching "All About Growing Roses". Come learn about all the different varieties of roses available, where they came from, and how to grow them.

October 19, 2006 the program will be "Landscaping Your Yard". Rather you have a new yard that needs totally landscaped or you want to redo one area of your yard, come learn the basic principles of good landscape design.

November 16, 2006 our program will be "How to Propagate Garden cutting from existing plants and trees, thus having more plants and trees for less money. Due to the holidays in December there will not be a program.

2006 State Conference

By Gaylord Moore, Horticulture Specialist Greene County

Information on the 2006 State Master Gardener Conference is available on the Greene County Master Gardener web site. To access the information you will want to go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/> and click on "Registration Information". It is available in PDF format. The planning committees have worked hard and I think we have an outstanding conference planned for statewide Master Gardeners on September 15, 16, and 17. We are looking forward to having many attendees from the Greater Kansas City Master Gardeners organization.

Kansas City Community Gardens Update

By Sara Scheil, Master Gardener

Come visit the Kansas City Community Gardens at 6917 Kensington, Kansas City MO for learning workshops. All workshops are free and begin at 11:30 a.m.; bring your lunch and eat while you learn. The Kansas City Community Gardens is located in Swope Park, one block north of Gregory. Call to reserve your spot: 816-931-3877

Thank You!

Thanks to all who contributed in so many different ways in making the Plant Sale a success. From the committee members who called all gardeners requesting plants; to the gardeners who so lovingly potted and pampered baby plants; to the artistic gardeners who designed the chairs, pots and garden signs; to the gardeners who allowed their homes to be drop off sites and then tended the plants for a week; to the transporters who moved all the plants to the Robinson's yard; to the gardeners that helped set up the plants and then helped price them; to the gardener who loaned us the tables and cloths and who delivered and picked them up; to the gardeners who helped buyers select plants, gave them directions on what to buy, where to plant and how they would look; to the Master Gardeners who supported the sale by purchasing plants; to the gardeners and spouses who helped box unsold plants, load them into vehicles and transport them to ICAN and again unload; and finally to the Robinsons who made our four day stay with them so pleasant .. we say ...

THANK YOU!

Wilma Fletcher
and Marilyn Huff

July 14: "Autumn Joy: Planting a Vegetable Garden for Fall." If you want to enjoy fresh beets, lettuce, spinach, cabbage and broccoli this fall, you need to plant in July and August. At this workshop share tips on what to plant and when to plant it.

August 4: "Insects in the Garden...Oh, My!" Identifying garden pests and beneficial insects; learn how to control problem insects; presented by Mary Roduner.

August 25: "Growing Fruit in Your Backyard" How to select, plant and maintain fruit-bearing shrubs and trees; presented by Ben Sharda.

Farrand Farm Tomato Fair -- Saturday, August 5

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Farrand Farm, 5941 S Noland Road, Kansas City, Mo. 816- 353-2312

Listen to gardening expert; sample 50 different varieties of tomatoes; Tomato Olympic games; tomato contest with categories of the biggest tomato, the best tomato, the ugliest tomato (name it), and the biggest grown by a person 12 years and younger. Homemade salsa contest; mild and hot categories -- must provide recipe and 1 quart of salsa; winners announced at 12:15 p.m. All entries must be submitted between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5th.

Changes for Directory

Transfer:

Janice Georg from the University of Illinois Master Gardeners.

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jmgeorg@earthlink.net

Welcome!

Change:

Linda VanSickle email:
Lindakv@Gmail.com.

My old e-mail is still active but not for long.

Botanica Gardens Group Photo - Courtesy Jim Braswell



Native Landscaping Conference – St Louis



What You Will Learn

Conference presentations will explore innovations in integrated sustainable planning and design, with particular emphasis on illustrating emerging techniques that combine art, ecology and advanced water-resource engineering in contemporary urban and rural design and development projects. Basic design theory as well as specific technical site planning, engineering and ecological restoration applications will be reviewed.



Agenda

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Alberici Headquarters

5–6 p.m.—Registration and reception

6–7 p.m.—Welcome by John Alberici, chairman of the board, Alberici, Inc., and remarks by keynote speaker James Patchett, founder and president, Conservation Design Forum

7–8:45 p.m.—Ten-stop, narrated tour of sustainable landscape development at Alberici

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Powder Valley Nature Center

8 a.m.—Registration and Trade Show

8:30 a.m.—Welcome

8:40 a.m.—The Ecology and Culture of Sustainable Design, Gerould Wilhelm, Conservation Design Forum

9:55 a.m.—Break and Trade Show

10:10 a.m.—Emulating Natural Systems: Case Studies of Sustainable Site and Building Design, James Patchett, Conservation Design Forum

11:30 a.m.—Lunch and Trade Show

1 p.m.—Case Study: Ecological Restoration, Ecosystem Assessment, Alternative Stormwater Management and Conservation Development, Steven Apfelbaum, founder and president, Applied Ecological Services, Inc.

2:15 p.m.—Break and Trade Show

2:30 p.m.—Case Studies: The Alberici Design, Mark Meyer, principal engineer, Intuition & Logic; Tree Preservation, Paver Systems, Cascading Microdetention Basins, Dan Wind, founder and president, Wind Engineering Company

3:45 p.m.—Panel: James Patchett, Gerould Wilhelm, Steven Apfelbaum, Mark Meyer and Dan Wind

4:30 p.m.—Evaluation

5 p.m.—Trade Show Ends



A Case Study Workshop
for Urban Developers and
Landscape Professionals

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Alberici
Headquarters
8800 Page
St. Louis, MO

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Powder Valley
Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Rd
Kirkwood, MO





How to Register

To register on line, go to
www.shawnature.org/register/greening_reg.aspx

or

return this form with payment no later than June 30, 2006 to:

Larry Havermann
Shaw Nature Reserve
P.O. Box 38
Gray Summit, MO 63039
Phone: 636.451.3512, ext. 6079

Make checks payable to Shaw Nature Reserve.

Cancellations received by June 30, 2006, will be refunded less a \$15 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations after June 30, 2006.

Registration Fee

Registration of \$65 includes a reception and tour of Alberici Headquarters Wednesday evening and a day-long workshop (lunch provided) Thursday.



Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Department of Agriculture

For more information on
Greening St. Louis, contact
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or Barbara Fairchild at
573.522.4115, ext. 3833
or barbara.fairchild@mdc.mo.gov.

Registration Form

Please submit **one** registration form per person.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Lunch preference (regular or vegetarian)



Save the Date

Make Plans to Attend These Recurring Events

- First Thursday of Every Month – Steering Committee Meeting at the Blue Springs Extension Office. All Master Gardeners are welcome to attend, and are encouraged to stop by to see where the organization is going.
- First Saturday of Every Month – Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary. Ongoing bush honeysuckle project, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Last Saturday of Every Month – Watkins Mill Heritage Garden Project. 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Street clothes OK ... no costume needed!
- YOUR Recurring Committee or Project Event: Submit your recurring committee or project schedule to the Editor for inclusion in this section! We will use this section henceforth to alert MG's to those events that are not specified in an article in THE NEWSLINE.

Steering Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: June 1, 2006

By Tom Hand, Steering Committee Chair

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2006 with 15 present.
- The final draft of the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City by laws were approved. Publication will be made in the next issue of Newsline.
- There is an immediate need for Chairs of the Children's Program, Continuing Education, Universal Gardening and the Spring Seminar 2007.
- Cerise Harris, Garden Tour Chair, indicated that the tour has received great exposure from the media and that her committee has done an outstanding job.
- Chris Veach, Special Projects Co-Chair, reported that she and Bev Albertson traveled to a majority of the projects that MGs are involved. They were able to speak to project coordinators.
- Cecelia Parle, Speaker's Bureau Chair, indicated that there were 4 presentations in May with several more in June.
- Tom Hand, Level 1 Interview Chair, reported that letters to prospective MGs will go out June 6 – 7 and that help is needed in envelope stuffing.
- Pat Miller and Cheryl Ann Novick made a presentation about project reviews. They presented a draft form that would be used for any projects that are presented for approval, as well as on an ongoing basis. The form will give more specifics about projects and how they related to our Mission Statement.
- Tom Hand made a motion that the Steering Committee approve requests for advertising projects to expedite the process. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Photo by Kathy Vedder



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Watkins Mill Update



By Rhonda Rodgers

Thank you to **Richard Rice** for grooming the flower and herb border. You have given us a head start on the garden maintenance.

Thanks to **Gisela Pursel** for picking Early Champion peas. From what the Watkins Mill staff says, she picked enough to fill a 33-gallon plastic bag. This will go towards the Food Way Program, (part of this summer's living history program at Watkins Mill). It will be used as an educational lesson on how food was prepared on a wooden stove during the 1870's

I also want to thank **Gisela Pursel** for donating raspberry plants and a quince (fruit) plant that were added to the heirloom garden.



<p>BLS-MON (3)</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p>NKC-TUE (4)</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p>BLS-WED (5)</p> <p>9:00 – 12:00 A Mary Wood (8) 353-2657 P Judy Robinson (8) 228-9236 12:00 - 3:00 A</p> <p>P Mary Wood (8) 353-2657</p>	<p>NKC-THU (6)</p> <p>9:00 – 12:00 A Jeanie Clemmons (8) 682-7897 P</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00 A</p> <p>P Sandra Weir (8) 587-8690</p>	<p>BLS-FRI (7)</p> <p>9:00 – 12:00 A Patty Bond (8) 582-8161 P Mary Wood (8) 353-2657 12:00 - 3:00 A Mary Wood (8) 353-2657 P Caroline Arnold (8) 333-6059</p>
<p>9:00 - 12:00 (10)</p> <p>A Deanna Starr (9) 341-7058 P Mary E. Myers (8) 525-3345 12:00 - 3:00 A Carolyn Lidge (8) 966-1861 P Deanna Starr (9) 341-7058</p>	<p>9:00 – 12:00 (11)</p> <p>A</p> <p>P</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00 A M. Basch (8) 891-6760 P M. Reichart (8) 891-8241</p>	<p>9:00 – 12:00 (12)</p> <p>A Paula Costentino (8) 697-3597 P Carolyn Chambers (8) 229-6051 12:00 - 3:00 A</p> <p>P Marie Robinson (8) 229-4857</p>	<p>9:00 – 12:00 (13)</p> <p>A</p> <p>P Carolyn Lidge (8) 966-1861</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00 A Carolyn Lidge (8) 966-1861 P S. Waltermath (8) 734-5795</p>	<p>9:00 – 12:00 (14)</p> <p>A Patty Bond (8) 229-4857 P Greg Hook (8) 228-3364 12:00 - 3:00 A Greg Hook (8) 228-3364 P Caroline Arnold (8) 333-6059</p>
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The Last Word

Last Minute Announcements and Additions!

Plant A Row for the Hungry:

Those with vegetables to donate to the Plant a Row for the Hungry, can bring them by the Blue Springs office on Wednesdays before noon. Your support of this important program is appreciated.

Volunteer Work Record:

By popular request, this month's NEWSLINE will be the last with the Volunteer Work Record included on a monthly basis. Starting with the next issue, the form will be included on a quarterly basis. This will help to keep the size down, both for emailing – and for printing and folding!

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Articles ALWAYS Appreciated:

Jim Braswell is always looking for great gardening articles by MG's for the BACKFENCE. This publication from the MG's of GKC is published on a quarterly basis, and is more of a "magazine" format. Got a plant passion? Write about it! Have you taken a great gardening trip off the beaten path? Write about it (just as Becky Peck did in the last issue)! Articles in the BACKFENCE do not necessarily always have to be scholarly – they can be humorous as well (such as the article I wrote on fairy rings in the last issue).

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