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## Getting Our Kicks On Route 66!

### 2006 State Master Gardener Conference

By Sherry Adams and Chris Veach, Photos by Sherry Adams

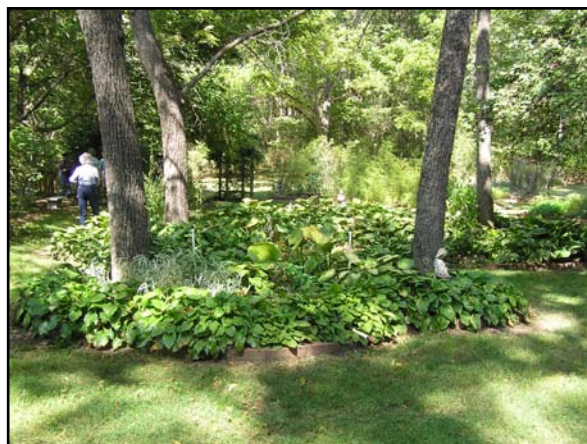


The 2006 State Master Gardener Conference was held in Springfield on September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. The twenty-four MG's of Greater Kansas City in attendance were impressed with the many Master Gardener Horticulture projects in the Springfield area.

Some of the Saturday tours visited the Springfield **Discovery Center**, which is an interactive science museum for all ages. The highlight was the **Rooftop Garden**, which not only adds beauty to a stark view, but also lowers the building temperature. If all city-center buildings had rooftop gardens, one wonders if we would still see that typical temperature rise near metropolitan areas. This rooftop garden has a special soil blend

as well as root mats, which allows a wide range of sedums and native plants to grow in just 5 inches of medium. A select group of Springfield MG's volunteer to maintain this garden.

Another tour stop was the Springfield **Xeriscape Garden**, a public park which has been planted and is totally maintained by the Springfield MG's. This half acre lot was donated by the Springfield Park Dept, and monetary gifts from various groups helped defray the cost of the irrigation system. There are three water use zones. A wet area gets 1 inch of water per week and is planted accordingly.



The normal rainfall area gets ½ inch of water per week, while the true xeriscape area gets no supplemental water except rainwater. This garden can be viewed by the public for plant design and selection ideas.

Also quite impressive was the **MG Demonstration Garden** in the Nathanael Green Park. Friday evening conference-opening activities were held in this park as well as some Saturday tours. The Demonstration Garden has an MG responsible for the entire area. Each bed area is numerically marked. **“Bed Heads”** are in charge of

## SAVE THE DATE:

- Oct. 3 – Tree Training – Burr Oak Woods
- Oct. 7 – Fall on the Farm – Watkins Mill
- Oct. 19 – Landscaping – Platte County.
- Oct. 24 – Pruning – Burr Oak Woods
- Nov. 16 – Propagation – Platte County.

each bed area. **“Bed Fellows”** are the group of workers who maintain each bed area. The entrance to the Demonstration Garden is planted artfully with different turf grasses. Inside are many different themed garden areas, including vegetables, fruits, a tea garden, native plant section, and grass area.



Sunday morning was filled with educational sessions on a wide variety of topics. Some MG's experienced the wide variety of edible flowers and plants that grow in our state, and even got to sample some of them in dishes made during the class. Others learned propagation techniques to keep our gardens growing by creating more plants from our current stock. Weed identification, heirloom plants, and bulbs were among the other topics. After a morning of information filled

sessions, we all enjoyed a fun and hearty lunch and learned some interesting information about the accomplishments of MG programs statewide. In 2005, the Master Gardeners in Missouri volunteered over 100,000 hours. First was the St. Louis area with over 27,000 hours followed by Kansas City with 16,126 hours. The winner of the highest average number of hours per volunteer was Christian County in their very first year with 95 hours per volunteer!

We were also entertained by Rick Werner, St. Louis Master Gardener with his annual top 10 list:

*You might be a Master Gardener if...*

10. *You have ever posed for pictures with plants.*
9. *You buy beer for slugs.*
8. *The number one item on your Christmas list is a pickup truck of well-composted horse manure.*
7. *You need more room in your bathrooms for seed catalogs*
6. *Your tiller cost more than your car.*
5. *You are disappointed that there are no seeds in the L.L. Bean Catalog.*
4. *You have a least one garden tool held together with duct tape.*
3. *You know your hardiness zone but cannot remember your anniversary.*
2. *You have more fluorescent lights in your basement than a third world country.*
1. *You have carted manure in the trunk of your car.*

It was very interesting chatting with the Springfield MG's and the Horticulture Specialist about the structure of their program and volunteer activities. Each area of the state so differently pursues the mission of MU Extension of sharing horticulture knowledge with the community. Seasoned MG State Conference attendees have a unique opportunity to view this variety and encourage you to experience this as well.

Next year's State Master Gardener Conference will be held in Kirksville Sept 7-9, 2007, entitled **“Gems of the Prairie”**. And don't miss the **International Conference** to be held in Arkansas next year. (See info on page 5).

## A BIG THANKS!

There is great news to report from the Clay County Hotline Room! Earlier this year the Clay County Extension Staff secured a second telephone line for the Master Gardeners. **This week the Staff installed a second computer in the Hotline Room to aid in horticulture research.** Now there are two fully functional stations to assist the public with gardening questions.

Nancy Elkins-Mense who is the CPD (County Program Director) as well as the 4-H Specialist in Clay County was the recipient of several donated laptops. Although the staff and programs of Clay County had great need of these computers, she saved one for the Master Gardeners. As the Master Gardeners updated the new Hotline space, she heard us discuss the greater dependence on the internet to provide Missouri horticultural information.

If you are in the Clay County Extension offices, please thank both Nancy and Edythe Weber, secretary, for their help and support in making this dream a reality. There will be a thank you card for Nancy from the Master Gardeners in the Hotline Room during the first two weeks of October and we kindly ask you to sign this.

--Chris Veach

## Class of 2006 - Meet Our Newest Family Members!



**Terrence  
Thompson**



**Teresa  
Triplett**



**Martha  
Frasher**



**Pat  
Baxter**



**Patrice  
Hatfield**



**Marjorie  
Yates**



**Brigitte  
Arnold**



**Sherry  
Bowers**



**Robert  
Halford**



**Carol  
Rauscher**



**Marilyn  
Schade**



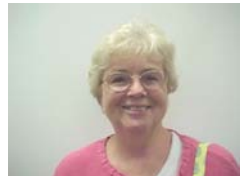
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Shockley**



**Carol  
Damon**



**Joyce  
Martin**



**Suzanne  
Minner**



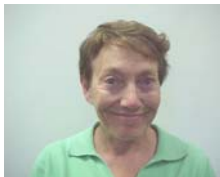
**Georgia Lou  
Quentin**



**Judy  
Northern**



**Fred  
Markham**



**Peggy  
Mosbacher**



**Bob  
Parkey**



**Sheryl  
Stephens**



**Jane  
Childress**



**Tina  
Wurth**



**Celine  
Porrevecchio**



**Teresa  
Kester**



**Kathy  
Drummond**



**Elizabeth  
Flemington**



**Renee  
Astring**



**Cynthia  
Maxwell**



**Tom  
LeRoy**



**Caroll  
McCarthy**



**Janese  
Reed**



**Marsha  
Moseley**

## Leadership Workshop and Seminar POSTPONED

*By Lala A. Kumar, Horticulture Specialist*

During the past year, the MG program has been reconfiguring the program in response to the planning and assessment sessions that were held. One of the major components of that restructuring was the much anticipated addition of a Horticulture Educator to work between the Horticulture Specialist, Steering Committee, Volunteers, and the community. This is expected to happen very shortly. The previously planned **Leadership Session** has been postponed until early 2007 to allow for the new position. This will allow the MG program to build from last year's organizational work and create a leadership model that will maximize everyone's full potential. The future leadership activity will not be the "program review" revisited but rather a leadership and team building endeavor.

## Horticulture Educator Position Funded! Now Seeking Applicants

*By Al Black, Regional Director*

I am pleased to announce that the Horticulture Educator position has been funded and we hope to begin advertising the position next week. This position will support the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City in conducting horticulture and master gardener educational activities and volunteer development and coordination under the leadership of Lala. As you know we have been operating with limited support for several years. I see this as the first step in rebuilding the level of support for the Master Gardener and horticulture educational programs that we had prior to the state budget cuts.

I congratulate each master gardener, the volunteer leaders and Lala for their leadership, contributions and dedication to provide research-based, high quality educational information and programs. More than 230 volunteers are contributing over 16,000 hours to serving the educational needs of people in Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties. This includes the hotline, speakers' bureau, garden tour, garden shows, hosting an outstanding state conference, and many unique projects that improve people's lives and their communities.

As we move forward incorporating a new position and person into the Master Gardener Program we will need to strengthen relationships, communications and understanding in serving the four counties in the Kansas City Metro area. We will be seeking a multi-talented person who has horticulture and volunteer management knowledge and experience with strong interpersonal, communications and teaching skills. People interested in the position will find more information on our web site <http://extension.missouri.edu/> under careers.

I am looking forward to working with Lala, Cindy Zluticky, and Master Gardeners to establish this new position and help the new person be successful. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

### Changes for Directory

#### New Addresses:

Rhonda Rodgers  
1200 Campbell Avenue  
Liberty MO 64068

Gayla K. Engelman  
705 NE Shenandoah Dr.  
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Kellie J. Rodriguez  
[ekrodri8318@sbcglobe.net](mailto:ekrodri8318@sbcglobe.net)

Lynn Israel  
[dizzieissie@comcast.net](mailto:dizzieissie@comcast.net)

#### Leave of Absence:

Kelly Vandendaele

#### Badges Earned:

Margaret Basch  
Lynn Israel



## Save the Date

### Make Plans to Attend These Events

- First Thursday of Every Month - Steering Committee Meeting at the Blue Springs Extension Office, 9:00~11:00. 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.
- Fourth Saturday of Every Month - Watkins Mill Heritage Garden. 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

## Burr Oak Woods Fall Tree Training An Opportunity for "Continuing Education" Credit

*By Charles Conner, Urban Forester, MO Dept. of Conservation*

**October 3, Tuesday**

### ***Choosing, Planting, and Caring for Trees in your Landscape***

Fall is a wonderful time to plant trees in your landscape. Come learn what species do well in our area and how to plant them to ensure survival. Urban Forester Chuck Conner will discuss all aspects of planting and caring for new landscape trees. Please call to register @ 816/228-3766. Adults Only (20 and up) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**October 24, Tuesday**

### ***Prune Like a Pro***

Most trees fail in storms due to pre-existing defects that could have been corrected with proper pruning practices. Urban Forester Chuck Conner will teach you how to train newly planted trees as well as proper pruning for mature trees in your landscape. Please call to register @ 816/228-3766. Adults Only (20 and up) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## Midwest States MG Tour to Costa Rica

*By Mary Kroening and Lala Kumar, Horticulture Specialists*

Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio are hosting a Master Gardener tour to Costa Rica for mid-western states' Master Gardeners. This trip will be co-lead by the state coordinators in Ohio and Wisconsin. This will be a fun opportunity for Master Gardeners to travel with volunteers from other states. The dates of this trip are February 10-19, 2007.

They need 15 for the trip to go, and last year Iowa just barely made 10 alone. So hopefully, by combining efforts, they will get enough. This time period may appeal to many in Missouri, so please promote this on behalf of our neighboring colleagues.

For more information, please contact Mary Kroening, Horticulture Specialist, Division of Plant Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65211, 573-882-9633 or email at [kroeningm@missouri.edu](mailto:kroeningm@missouri.edu).

## **International MG Conference - - Arkansas Hosts in 2007**

Official website of the 2007 International Master Gardener Conference:

<http://mg2007.uaex.edu/>

The International Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, on May 2 thru 5, 2007. More info will be available in future issues of THE NEWSLINE.

## **Attention All Birdwatchers!**

The Audubon Society is requesting help locating gardens for their tour which will be held the week of June 3, 2007. They are looking for prairie gardens or gardens that feature songbird habitat. This is a very special tour as it occurs only once every 10 years.

If you know of any gardens that fit the bill, please contact Jill DeWitt at 816-333-3293 or at [jdewitt1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jdewitt1@kc.rr.com).

## Garden Tour Welcomes New Co-Chairperson

*By Laurie Duffey, Master Gardener*

Marilyn Schade has agreed to co-chair the overall Garden Tour with Laurie Duffey. Marilyn is an annual in the current MG class. How's that for bravery! Who-hoo!

The committee is looking for a *reasonably priced printer* and *great pictures*. We are in need of a business or individual who is willing to print our tickets, brochures and posters at a reasonable cost. We are also interested in your best pictures from the 2006 tour. Please contact Laurie Duffey at 816-796-3832 or [lrduffey2@aol.com](mailto:lrduffey2@aol.com) or Marilyn Schade at 816-525-8839 or [mschade@kc.rr.com](mailto:mschade@kc.rr.com).

At the September meeting the committee finalized the tour dates as June 15 and 16. The plant sale committee is reviewing possible sites for the plant & art sale. The garden selection committee has previewed over 48 gardens and is now focusing on 18 to evaluate for the final 6 to 8. Thanks to Judy Robinson for hosting the meeting and providing great refreshments!

Enjoy working and laughing together, and be part of the next planning meeting. It will be held October 13 at 7:00 pm. The place is Laurie Duffey's 1208 N Sioux Ct in Independence. Call if you need directions or if you just want to talk.

## Calling All Talented MG'S: (That Includes Everyone!)

*By Chris Veach, Master Gardener*

Now that fall is arriving and winter is around the corner, we ask you to contemplate helping with a contribution to the **MG Yard Art Sale**, which will be part of the Garden Tour 2007. This will be held in conjunction with the infamous MG Plant Sale.

**We are asking you to consider making and donating a piece of handmade garden yard art.** It should be small enough to be carted easily away from our sale and fit in a car trunk. Some ideas are stepping-stones, leaf castings, mosaic pieces, stained glass, trellises or planters. The magazine Garden Gate monthly has a garden craft idea if you need inspiration. You will be asked to keep the item at your home until the week of the Tour.

Note: Leaf Casters and Leaf Caster Wannabes may want to use the current availability of leaves to make their wares before the frost hits.

We encourage small neighborhood groups to get together and perhaps teach and make a yard art craft. Not only will you be helping the cause but you will also share knowledge, fun and laughter. A group in the northland made some yard art last year and had a great time doing it. Consider using the Friday Updates to announce an informal yard art get together.

So that we can plan for the sale as well as market these items in our public relations, we kindly request that you inform us of your yard art donation. Please include your name, item, size, reasonable price estimation, and a photo. You can email or USPS mail Chris Veach at [cveach0553@kc.rr.com](mailto:cveach0553@kc.rr.com) or 1850 Hidden Oaks Court, Liberty, MO 64068.

### Email Excerpt from a Mississippi Master Gardener

**Two Years After Katrina –  
Diamondhead, MS  
September 2006**

*"There is a Katrina phenomena – sunflowers are growing everywhere – they got blown out of birdfeeders during Katrina and are still sprouting up. I also have basil, parsley and petunias popping up in odd places. I drove by to look at an empty lot (formerly with a house) in Long Beach (Mississippi) a few blocks behind K-Mart – the lot is full of flowers from seed packets blown from the Kmart store during the storm. It is color where there is none. All of our trees (coast wide) are so damaged and scraggly that when we go elsewhere we stop and admire lush trees.*

*I have read all the Katrina books and the best is Breach of Faith by Jed Horne – if you want to immerse yourself into all that went wrong."*

**~Chris Marz 9/7/06**

*(Contributed by Chris Veach, former Diamond-head, Mississippi resident and current KC Master Gardener)*

## Openings in State MG Advisory Board

By Chuck Thiesenhusen, Master Gardener Emeritus, State Advisory Board 1998-2003

The Master Gardener program in Missouri has now grown to about 2,800 members. This is a University of Missouri program and coordination rests with the state coordinator in Columbia and the regional specialists. The Master Gardener Advisory Board was formed eight years ago to work with the state coordinator to help unify this large, diverse organization. The only goal at the board's inception was to create a statewide master gardener conference. Denny Schrock was the first state coordinator of the master gardener program with a mandate from the university to create a program that was more uniform from region to region. He did this by starting the state board, working on an educational system (uniform core course) that was state wide, and instituting a statewide annual conference. Mary Kroening as state coordinator now has taken those ideas and greatly expanded the program. The board acts to bring regional information to the coordinator, and take horticulture extension information and policy back to the state regional units. Championing horticulture education is a continuing goal of the board. The state master gardener annual conference stresses university horticultural knowledge. Master Gardener instructors trained at the university are teaching the core course with power point presentations in regions of the state. The development of a core course textbook to use with the basic course is nearing completion. The board is outlining Level II advanced training now. Level II courses were held at the 2003 state conference for the first time and they have continued since.

The regional programs are very diverse across the state. Some regions are highly organized with extensive local educational programs while other areas lack even regional specialists, and are very dependent on the University for structure. There are small rural and large urban programs. There are programs with large budgets, and those with just about nothing to work with. The board has implemented statewide policies and procedures governing the general program across the state. Bylaws for the advisory board, special projects across the state, and over sight of the annual state conference are all board functions.

The board consists of two master gardener members from each of the eight regions across the state, the regional coordinators, and the state coordinator Mary Kroening. It meets three times a year in Columbia, and once at the site of the annual state conference. Board terms are for three years, and are renewable for another three years. It is the responsibility of the board members to keep their regional Master Gardener groups informed of the state board's activities. A great benefit of board membership is the interchange of ideas from different regions, and the continuing friendships of board members across the state. Contact your regional specialist to learn how to be part of this great group.



## Free Gardening Workshops

University of Missouri /Platte County Extension and Master Gardeners of KC present the following FREE Gardening Programs:

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

**November 16, 2006** our program will be "**How to Propagate Garden and Landscape Plants**". This program teaches how to make 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.

Hope you can make it to some of these programs, for more information or to schedule a Master Gardener speaker for your group email: [plattemg@yahoo.com](mailto:plattemg@yahoo.com) Reservations are suggested. Phone 816-270-2141 or email [platteco@missouri.edu](mailto:platteco@missouri.edu)

# Watkins Mill

America's only surviving 1860's woolen mill



## MG DAY

10-11-2006, Wednesday  
9:30am - 11:30am

10-28-2006, Saturday  
9:30am - 11:30am

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Group:  
2nd Wednesday of the month

Weekend Group:  
4th Saturday of the month

Individual Basis:  
Set up with Watkins Mill Volunteer Coordinator,  
Matt Carletti  
816-580-3387  
matt.Carletti@dnr.mo.gov

## Fall On The Farm

10-07-2006, Sat.  
11:00am - 4:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Shift: 11am - 1:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 1:30pm - 4pm

## MASTER GARDENER SPECIAL PROJECT

by Rhonda Rodgers

### New Old Peonies

We have been busy preparing the west flower border to receive new arrivals of old varieties of peonies. Many thanks to **Gisela Pursel, Irma Schmitz** plus new Master Gardener trainees, **Kathy Drummond** and **Bob Halford** for helping with these preparations. Varieties chosen for the Watkins Woolen Mill Historic Site Heirloom Garden are:

Alexander Dumas (1862)  
Louis Van Houtte (1867)  
Madame De Verneville (1885)  
Mons Jules Elie (1888)

### Fall on the Farm

**Volunteers needed:** Fall on the Farm at Watkins Mill on Saturday, October 7, 2006 between 11:00am to 4:00pm. There will be two shifts - 11am to 1:30pm and 1:30pm to 4pm. Master Gardeners will be teaching how to save seed and giving tours of the heirloom garden. Interpretative information of the garden will be provided. Contact Rhonda Rodgers to volunteer at 816-781-8250 or [rhondarodgers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhondarodgers@sbcglobal.net).

Special Project  
Coordinator  
Rhonda Rodgers  
Master Gardener  
816-781-8250  
[rhondarodgers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhondarodgers@sbcglobal.net)

Special Project  
Coordinator  
Irma Schmitz  
Master Gardener  
816-320-2220  
[irmaschmitz@aol.com](mailto:irmaschmitz@aol.com)

Watkins Woolen Mill  
State Historic Site  
Lawson, MO 64062  
816-580-3387  
[www.mostateparks.com](http://www.mostateparks.com)

## Extension Master Gardener Logo & Slogan Contest

### *Logo & Slogan Contest Invitation*

The Extension Master Gardener program will be 35 years old in 2007 and as part of that celebration you are invited to submit an original logo design and slogan for the organization's communication and visual identity.

The Extension Master Gardener Program needs a new logo for the website and to demonstrate national collaboration and recognition of all Master Gardener programs. As Extension is developed, the logo and slogan will be utilized with new standardized curriculum.

This partnership will signify the cooperation of all State Master Gardener Programs will use this identification for marketing and promotion of a national unified program. State and local logos will still be utilized by may have the option of adding the International logo and slogan. The new logo and the title will be trademarked and protected by the USDA/CSREES.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a platform for each state partner to share materials increasing the availability of information for volunteers and Extension personnel to share with the general public.

### *Guidelines*

Submissions of a qualifying nature will be passed on to a panel appointed by the EMG-ECH committee.

Appropriateness, creativity, originality, aesthetics and the use of space used to measure the logo & slogan's merit. The winning logo & slogan will demonstrate the mission and understanding of the Extension Master Gardener Program to the general population.

### LOGO SPECIFICATIONS

- Logos must be legible, simple and clear.
- Logos must be effective in black and white and in color.
- Both grayscale and color versions must be submitted.
- Logos should be no more than two Pantone colors plus black.
- Logos must be scalable as it will be used on websites, stationary and banners.
- Submit high resolution images 640 x 480 dpi.
- File format must be JPG, eps or Illustrator on a CD-ROM.
- Logo and slogan should relate.
- Submit logo and slogan as separate files.

### SLOGAN SPECIFICATIONS

- Slogan should be appropriate and must reflect the mission of the Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Slogan should be short and to the point.
- Slogan should relate with logo.
- Submit slogan and logo as separate files.

### PRIZE

Registration and lodging at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference held in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 2 through May 5, 2007.

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**DEADLINE FOR JUDGEMENT**

Entries will be accepted beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> and the contest will close on February 15<sup>th</sup> (postmark deadline). The committee will judge the entries and select the winner by March 1, 2007. The winner will be announced at the 2007 International Master Gardener conference.

**SUBMISSION**

Art submitted to the contest will not be returned to the artist. More than one original art piece can be entered per Master Gardener.

Please mail all submission to:  
Kerrie B. Badertscher, CPH  
Western Area Specialist, Horticulture  
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
5305 Mill Street  
Reno, NV 89502  
Phone: 775.784.4848 ext 125; Fax: 775.784.4881 or  
Email: [badertscherk@unce.unr.edu](mailto:badertscherk@unce.unr.edu)

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**Submission Form**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**File Format:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Slogan:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Mail or Deliver to:**

Kerrie B. Badertscher, CPH  
Western Area Specialist, Horticulture  
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
5305 Mill Street  
Reno, NV 89502

## Steering Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: September 7, 2006

By Tom Hand, Acting Secretary & Committee Chair

The September Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Hand at 9:00 a.m. at the Blue Springs Extension office. Those present were:

Tom Hand, Chair	Mary Medley	Barbara Harris	Kathy Vedder
Bev Albertson	Judy Robinson	Don Bjuland	Lala Kumar

- Approval of August 3, 2006 meeting minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved by voice vote.
- Old Business: There was discussion about the need for SC Chair nominations and the Chairs of a number of committees. Most of the vacant Chairs had held the position for at least two years, which is what we have been asking of MGs. It is important that Chairs work with their committees to have a successor during the second year. Lala asked if he could make some contacts to help fill these vacancies.
- Specialist Report: Lala reported that the balance in the account was \$31,223.00 as of August 31, 2006. A brief discussion followed regarding the budgeted items for committees and expenditures. October will be the month that committee chairs should request their budget for 2007 and present it at the November meeting, with approval in December. Lala suggested that since we have not yet officially thanked the Garden Tour Co-Chairs, Cerise Harris and Sarah Scheil, that we should do so at the next Gardener's Gathering. He also suggested that an appropriate gift be presented. This was overwhelmingly approved by the committee.
- Volunteer Hours: Kathy Vedder handed out a report of hours as of the end of August. A total of 7,340 hours have been reported. A total of 98 MGs have reported hours so far this year. Kathy said that a letter will be going out to all MGs showing their total hours reported for the year and to ask if this is correct.
- Demo Garden: Don Bjuland reported that over 500 pounds of peppers have been donated. Of this total, over 300 pounds have been donated to Harvesters. Don has met a Superintendent of some KC schools and told him about the Beanstalk garden. He is contacting the Principals to see that they are aware of this garden and have student tours.
- Speakers Bureau: Judy Robinson said that activity has started to increase. They are doing several sessions in conjunction with Park Hill High School in September, October and November. Sue Waltemath will be doing a 4 week session on Gardening 101. The sessions are 2 hours each on Mondays, commencing September 11. Pat Farrell will do the final session in this series. Sue will then do a Gardening in the Shade class in October. Richard Rice will be doing a class on Gardening with Perennials in November. A portion of the registration fee will come to the MGs. Judy said that she had received a call from a free lance writer in California wanting to an article. The writer said that she got the name from the internet. Judy has not heard back from her to date. Judy indicated that MARC along with Astra Communication will be doing a media blitz on Rain Gardens. Astra will be doing a joint venture on Rain Gardens with UMKC students to make a DVD. Judy will be involved as a technical assistant. The KC Public Library has also asked for speakers. She has contact members of the Speakers Bureau to find out their interest in participating.
- Garden Tour 2007: Laurie Duffey gave a very concise report on the progress of her committee. Everything is going as scheduled. She gave praise and thanks to all of the MGs that are helping in this project.
- Other: Don Bjuland said that is has not heard back from the Independence Garden Club about our joining with them to plant a tree in memorium to Bill McCue. He will continue to contact. Lala indicated that if that doesn't come about he wants to plant 3 trees at the Blue River College location for the MGs that have died. He will see that this is accomplished in the spring.
- There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

## Hot Spot



Hey Happy Gardeners, we're almost there. It's finally October and the last month for the Hotline as we know it. The phones will continue to be manned from November through February on Wednesdays only, and this year the Northland will be able to participate. It will be possible for the Northland to access all messages left on the voice mail and the phone line will be forwarded to that site. If anyone would like to schedule hours during the winter, please feel free to call or e-mail and let me know your preference. This is a good opportunity for anyone who has not done any time in 2006 to pick up their 12 qualifying hours for 2007.

This is also a great opportunity for the new class trainees to sit in and observe the Hotline procedures prior to graduation. Just check the calendar and feel free to drop in any days I am manning the phone. I will be more than happy to give you a sneak "preview!"

This has been an absolutely wonderful Hotline season and I want to thank all of you graciously who made that possible. Thanks to all of you who secured one of the subs for your replacement during those times you weren't able to keep your commitment; and thanks to all of you who had buddies who were able to work in your place when necessary. Thanks to my "Subs" who were there whenever they were needed. Special thanks go to those of you who went over and above the call of duty! You definitely exceeded my expectations! Now that I can take a breather, I'm going to treat myself to a nervous break down! --Lidge

# October's Spooky Hotline

**Hotline Subs: Gwen Wheeler**-(8)-228-9308 **AND Barbara Harris** -(8) 229-2872

<p><b>BLS-MON</b> (2)  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b>                      O Marilyn Joy                      (8) 246-5598  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                        (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>NKC-TUE</b> (3)  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b>                      O Sandra Weir                      (8) 587-8690  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Connie Carder                      (8) 632-2671</p>	<p><b>BLS-WED</b> (4)  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>NKC-THU</b> (5)  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>BLS-FRI</b> (6)  <b>9:00 – 12:00</b>                      O Patty Bond                      (8) 582-8161  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Linda Mallot                      (8) 622-6384</p>
<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (9)                      O Mary Wood                      (8) 353-2657  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Mary Wood                      (8) 353-2657</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (10)                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (11)                      Tom Hand                      O (8) 753-6463  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      Tom Hand                      O (8) 753-6463</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (12)                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (13)                      O Patty Bond                      (8) 582-8161  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Janice George                      (8350-1972)</p>
<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (16)                      O Tracy Larsen                      (9) 362-3900x1104  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Tracy Larsen                      (9) 362-3900x1104</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (17)                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Carolyn Lidge                      (8) 966-1861</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (18)                      Laurie Duffey                      O (8) 796-3832  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      Laurie Duffey                      O (8) 796-3832</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (19)                      O Chris Veach                      (8) 407-0553  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Chris Veach                      (8) 407-0553</p>	<p><b>9:00 – 12:00</b> (20)                      O Mary Wood                      (8) 353-2657  <b>12:00 - 3:00</b>                      O Mary Wood                      (8) 353-2657</p>
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Thanks a million to all of you who pitched in to help get this calendar filled! The End!

*Have a safe and fun Halloween!*

# The Last Word

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