What will be my speaker?

All members of the Speakers Bureau are Certified Master Gardeners with advanced knowledge and interest in the subjects in which they speak. They have received training in horticulture from the University of Missouri Extension and serve as volunteers providing educational information and training to the public. Extension Master Gardeners are members of the community whose mission is “Helping Others Learn to Grow”. When you choose your topic, we will find a speaker who is available on that date. Once you have confirmed with the Speakers Bureau, we will provide a brief bio of your speaker sufficiently in advance for use in publicity, if needed.

What subjects do you speak on?

See the list of topics provided to see what you’d like to learn more about. Is there a subject of special interest to your group not listed? Don’t hesitate to ask. We may be able to find someone to fulfill your request!

Learn more about our chapter:
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Visit us inside the Botanical Center at 2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield Mo 65807
calendar: www.swmogardens.com/fmgcalendar

‘Helping others learn to grow’ is the mission of the Missouri Master Gardener Extension Program. The University of Missouri Extension provides in depth horticultural training to individuals throughout Missouri who then volunteer their time applying what they have learned to help others in their communities to learn about gardening and environmental education. The Master Gardener Program throughout Missouri promotes and raises public awareness of the University of Missouri Extension as a source of unbiased, research based gardening information.

Through activities such as Extension hotlines or answer services, workshops, speaker’s bureaus, garden tours, classes, seminars, garden show booths, community projects, demonstration projects, and special events, Master Gardeners provide gardening information to thousands of Missourians each year.

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

Landscape With Confidence
Learn basic and not-so-basic design principles to
landscape your property with “no fear”.

Establish, Maintain, & Enjoy Your Lawn
Learn about the right treatments at the right time.
They’re often not what you think they should be.

Are Bad Bugs Really that Bad?
Understanding our pests can help us keep them
under control.

Harvest Your Own Backyard Meal
Learn basics of vegetable gardening so you can
reap the rewards of growing your own produce.

Growing in Containers
Basic steps and how-to, plus tips and tricks to de-
signing lovely and interesting container gardens.

Can You Garden in February?
Things you can do to be an active gardener even
while it’s snowing outside.

Environmentally Friendly Gardening
The impacts of gardening as well as “earth-kind”
gardening, rainwater harvesting, irrigation, and
integrated pest management.

Grow & Use Your Own Herbs
Cook, clean, and decorate with these aromatic,
multi-functional plants.

Plants of the Bible
Over 100 plants are mentioned in the Bible. Learn
their identification, significance, and uses as they
related to bible lands and people.

Garden in the Sunshine
Make the most of full sun areas on your property.
Learn how to prepare for the heat of summer.

Garden in the Shade
Create your own shady area showplace with
proper plant selection.

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Grow Healthy Indoor Plants
Learn the basics of selection, care, and feeding of
houseplants. And what not to do.

Growing a Four Season Garden
Create year round beauty and interest in your
garden. There’s more to appreciate than you think.

Terrific Tomatoes
Learn about varieties, planting, care, training,
harvest, and pests & diseases of this popular treat.

What’s the Dirt on Soil?
Lay the foundation for healthy plants which yields
optimum results and less heartache in the long run.

Garden Organically
Use proven methods and practices for a productive
garden you can enjoy.

Square Foot Gardens Increase Production
It is possible grow more in a smaller amount of
space with succession planting, intensive practices.

Proven Annuals and Perennials
Select flowers for success in southwest Missouri

Proven Trees and Shrubs
Select trees and shrubs for success in our region.

Enjoy Bouquets Everyday
Grow your own flowers for a “cutting garden”.

Say ‘Good Bye’ to Weeds in the Garden
Learn the low maintenance principles of lasagna
gardening. This easy technique may surprise you.

Fall in Love With Your Compost Bin
Use your greatest ally for a lush, beautiful garden.

Heirlooms Are a Living a Legacy
Why it matters to continue the tradition of growing
heirloom plants.

Understand & Use Ornamental Grasses
Select, plant, care for and maintain this unique bed.