

Grow for It

News by and for Master Gardeners
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November 2009

From the President

Dear Master Gardeners,

November is here. The moon is full, the leaves have changed their colors, and the sun is setting earlier. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. At our last meeting we shared our seeds and bulbs. We all had such a good time. Good food, excellent company and the bonus of exchanging our bounty.

We have already experienced our first frost of the season, but have you ever wondered what the difference between a frost and a freeze is? A frost refers to the environment that permits a layer of ice crystals to form when water vapor condenses and freezes without first becoming dew. A hard freeze is a period of at least four uninterrupted hours of air temp that are below 25 degrees F. Many plants will live to tell the tale of a brief frost but very few endure a hard freeze.

Our November meeting is on the 12th and it is also the month that we nominate and elect the new members of the board. Be thinking of who you would like to nominate. We don't have a meeting in December. Traditionally we meet on the first Friday of January for our gift exchange. With the first Friday being New Years Day, we

will meet on the 8th of January for our gift exchange. Mark your calendars!

See you at the next meeting!

Richard V.

of next year's board members will be held during the meeting.

If anyone wants to substitute a salad for any of the assigned dishes, that would be fine.

Debbie F.

Coming Up

November 12
Ozark Gateway Master Gardener
Meeting

December 8 & 9
Missouri Green Industry
Conference
St. Louis MO – See brochure on
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November Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners Meeting

The November meeting will be held at the Jasper County Central Annex at the corner of Lincoln St. and Central Ave., in Carthage on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. • We will have a soup and chili supper. •

If your last name begins with A - I, bring soup. • If your last name begins with J - Q, bring chili. • If your last name begins with R - Z, bring dessert. • Drinks and table service will be provided. • Election

News From the October Meeting

The Ozark Gateway Master Gardener's October meeting was held at the home of Richard & Diane V. on October 15th. Approximately 30 members and guests were present for the wiener roast, covered dish supper and seed/bulb exchange. We had a huge diverse collection of all things grand to exchange from basil seed to banana trees and the largest possible sweet potatoes were given away. Due to the overwhelming supply of leftover seeds and bulbs, it was decided to give the leftovers to the Master Gardener Booth at the Maple Leaf Parade for giveaways to booth visitors. A short business meeting was held and reminders given for work days. At the November meeting, 4 new Board positions will be elected so all members are urged to attend.

Shirley H., Secretary

Rummage Needed for the Wildcat Glades Rummage Sale

Our volunteers are calling for donations of used items for their semi-annual rummage sale. It will be held on Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8 at the Audubon Center, located just south of I-44 on Hwy. 86 (Main St.). Donated items will be accepted at the Center starting November 4. Items should be in good condition, and no large appliances, large furniture or televisions will be accepted. For item pick-up, call 782-NATR or 782-6927. All proceeds will benefit the Audubon Center.

Possible Volunteer Opportunity

Randie Shrum, community development specialist for Economic Security Corporation in Joplin is developing a community garden project for Economic Security, and he is currently looking for anyone interested in serving on a committee for the project. Jasper, Newton, Barton, and McDonald counties will have one community garden planted per county. The gardens will benefit low-income families in the area. A committee consisting of three to five individuals is needed per county. He thinks this would be an excellent project for master gardeners to participate in so they could complete their required volunteer hours. The committees will work with him to coordinate the details of the gardens. Please contact him if anyone is interested at 417-781-0352, ext. 273 or email rshrum@escswa.org.

December Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December *Grow for It* is Friday, November 20th. Please try to send me any information you want included in

the newsletter by that date. Thanks!

Kitty W.

Experience Works

Experience Works is a national nonprofit organization that helps people 55 and older obtain the training they need to find good jobs in their local communities. There are no fees for services. The program was originally piloted in rural communities and helping rural families is still a priority. Participants are paid up to 20 hours per week to gain real life work experience in community service agencies. Computer training and learning effective job seeking skills are an integral part of the program.

For enrollment information, contact Colleen Kendrick at (417) 206-3000 or www.experienceworks.org

Missouri Green Industry Conference and Expo

The Missouri Green industry conference will be held on December 8 & 9, 2009 in St. Louis. For more information please visit <http://MOTOC.ORG>

Coordinators' Corner
Ed Browning and Janet LaFon
University of MO Extension

Time to Report Volunteer Service Hours

It's time to report your volunteer service hours for 2009. Please report any volunteer hours that have not been included on previous reports. For those who went through the class in 2009, this is just a progress report. It doesn't mean you have to have completed all 30 hours at this time.

You can submit your volunteer hours using the new online reporting system:

<http://report.missourimastergardeners.com/>

If you don't have Internet access or would prefer not doing it online, you can still submit a paper form to our office. A copy can be found at this web site:

<http://mg.missouri.edu/pdf/mgservicerecord.pdf>

Let us know if you need a copy.

If possible, please submit your report by December 1. Let Ed or Janet know if you have any questions.

 <p>Good To Great Missouri Green Industry Conference & Expo</p>	<p>DECEMBER 8-9, 2009 ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER ST. CHARLES, MO</p> <p>DEC. 8: CONFERENCE & EXPO DEC. 9: CAT 3 PAT RECERTIFICATION</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL TRACKS INCLUDE: ORNAMENTALS LAWN CARE SPORTS TURF GOLF IRRIGATION AND BUSINESS</p>
	<p>For full brochure and online registration visit: HTTP://MOTOC.ORG</p> <p>SPONSORED BY: MoTOC, GCSTMA AND GIA</p>

2009 Master Gardener Level 1 Training Class to Begin January 26

Our 2010 class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., starting January 26. We hope to be able to offer the course at the reduced fee of \$95 (instead of the regional standard \$125 fee) thanks to the Ozark Gateway Master Gardener organization underwriting part of the fee. We've found that word of mouth is our best advertising, so please tell your friends. Contact Ed or Janet for more information, or visit our Master Gardener web site (might still be under construction), <http://extension.missouri.edu/jaspe/r/hort/mg/mghome.htm> The deadline for registration is January 15.

Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners Financial Report Oct 1 - 31, 2009	
Beginning Balance	\$11,336.39
Income	
Total Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	
Newsletter printing	\$ 5.40
Total Expenses	\$ 5.40
Checking Account	\$5,611.47
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,719.52
Ending Balance	\$11,330.99

Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners Board

**Richard V., President
(2008-2009)**

**Mary B., Vice President
(2008-2009)**

**Shirley H., Secretary
(2009-2010)**

**Charles B., Treasurer
(2008-2009)**

**Lou Anne H., Board Member
(2009-2010)**

**Diane V., Board Member
(2009-2010)**

**Debbie F., Alternate Board
Member
(2009)**

**Ed Browning, Co-Coordinator
Janet LaFon, Co-Coordinator
358-2158**

FALL INTO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

(Just in from Master Gardener
Judy D.)

November 6 & 7, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Purdy Flowers & Gifts
100 West Hwy. C
Purdy, MO 65734
417-442-7526
417-442-3012

50% off all tree ornaments!
Yes, just pick them off the
trees!

Please join us for
refreshments & door prizes!