On March 7, long-time Master Gardener Jerry Christian passed away suddenly at home. Jerry’s enthusiasm, positive attitude, and pleasant personality always brought joy to the Club’s project workdays and monthly meetings. He had an energy level that surpassed many of those younger than his 72 years. He had an intense passion for anything that could grow and an innate ability to grow the impossible. He had an ability to cultivate young sprouts and grow them into mature, productive adults. He has left a big footprint in the garden of our hearts and he’s left some big boots to fill. Jerry, your presence will be missed.
Our fan numbers are growing!
By joining Facebook you will be able to get updates quickly. Join today!

Sean's Project

Sean Armstrong, a local Eagle Scout candidate, has begun his landscaping project inside the South Street roundabout in Neosho. He needs volunteers to donate service hours to move this project along quickly toward a May 15 deadline. This would be a great opportunity for the Master Gardeners to support our youth. Be watching your e-mail for upcoming workdays. Next month’s newsletter will include pictures. To learn more

May 3, 2011
6:30 pm
Extension Office
Crowder College
Smith Hall

What's (not) in Your Soil?

The Extension Council encourages you to support them and their services. You can get a detailed analysis of your soil with recommendations for optimal production for only $13. For specific collection directions, contact either Extension Office or bring your sample by either Office during business hours.

The annual MoGarden series is being conducted at St John’s C. H. “Chub” O’Reilly Cancer Center (2nd floor auditorium) located at 2055 South Fremont in Springfield. “This is always a popular program because of the diverse subjects covered and the excellent teachers who conduct the programs,” says Patrick Byers, horticulture specialist with University of Missouri Extension. Single date registration is available for $20 per class.

For dates and topics, click here.

Recordkeeping

Be sure to record your service hours throughout the year.

Need a form?
Contact the Extension Office, Print here, or report electronically.
**“Growing Knowledge at the Farm”**

The Master Gardeners of Greene County are again offering a series of gardening classes open to the public at Rutledge-Wilson Community Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146 in Springfield.

- April 28 – “Grow Terrific Tomatoes,” basic tomato knowledge will help you the best tomatoes ever.
- May 19 – “Meet the Three Sisters,” this class deals with corn, beans and squash.
- June 16 – “Manage Insects and Diseases in Your Garden,” deals with identifying problems and the strategies of integrated pest management in your garden.
- July 21 – “Plan Now for a Fall Harvest,” addresses how to extend the growing season for a fall harvest.

**Community Garden**

Some folks are getting geared up to put in a Community Garden in Anderson and they would love to have your help and expertise. Contact Marcia Denny at the Economic Security Corp at 417-845-6011.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**2011 International Master Gardener Conference**

October 11 - 14
Charleston, WV

The West Virginia University Extension Service and the West Virginia Master Gardener Association invite you to join them! Register Now

**Fifth Annual Isle Royale Botany Workshop**

**June 13-18, 2011**

Experience four days in Lake Superior’s Isle Royale National Park and learn to identify the diverse native plants of this incredible island!

Workshop fee covers instruction, camping, meals on the island, and transportation to and from Houghton, Michigan, on the Ranger III

To learn more or go to their website