Thumbs Up!
NEWS FROM THE HILLS ‘N HOLLOWS OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Jutta
Jutta grew up on a farm in Germany and brought her gardening heritage with her to the US. She has been a MGer for over 3 years and has appreciated the opportunity to make friends and learn more about native plants. Jutta says, “The Master Gardeners is a fun organization that makes the world a more beautiful place.”

Beverly
Beverly’s earliest memories of gardening were in grade school. Raised in McDonald County, she always helped her dad with the vegetable and flower gardens and her mom with the houseplants. MGers are friendly people with whom to share and exchange plants. As a member, she loves “finding others as nutty as I am about plants.”

Sherry
A Master Gardener since 2000, Sherry loves to make things grow and share what she has learned through being a part of the Hill ‘n Hollow Master Gardeners. She says, “It is a wonderful way to connect with other people who have the same interests. And it is a great way to meet people outside our group who have an interest in growing plants by giving presentations to groups and organizations.”

Lynn
Lynn joined MGers 2 years ago after buying her first home in hopes of learning to care for and beautify her rather large and unkempt yard. Lynn says, “One thing I appreciate about the MGers is that I learn something new at every meeting. Everyone is just as knowledgeable as they are willing to help.”

2013 Lawn & Garden Show - Garden Classes
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds-Springfield
Presented by MGers of Greene County
February 15, Friday | 9 am-6 pm
February 16, Saturday | 9 am-6 pm
February 17, Sunday | 11 am-5 pm
Only $4 per person...free parking....and bucketsful of classes!

2013 Laurin Wheeler Program Series
Flower, Garden & Nature Society of NW Arkansas
Student Center of NWAR Technical Institute
Ford Av. and Old Missouri Rd-Springdale, AR
Social time begins at 9:30 am...programs start at 10:00 am
Contact: Gail Pianalto 479-361-2198 or Joyce Mendenhall 479-466-7265.
Meetings are free and open to the public.
February 16 “Plants That Can Take the Heat”
Presented by Steve Owen, owner of Bustani Plant Farm, Stillwater, OK

NEED FERTILIZER?
Twin Springs Alpacas and Zimmermans Farms has alpaca beans for your garden. Jamie says they can be spread directly on the garden without burning and/or spread now to be ready for Spring. Better than Miracle-Gro ®!

website
Rob and Jamie Zimmerman
271 Deerfield Lane
Pineville, MO 64856
417-435-2282

2013 Committees
Jo McLemore
• Newton Co Fair
• Fish Hatchery
• Morse Park
Jutta McCormick
• McDonald Co Fair
• Gordon Spencer
• Pineville Green & Library
Linda Anderson
• Barker Cemetery
• Carver /Prairie Days
Sherry McBride
• Newtonia Battlefield
• McDonald Co Historical Courthouse

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**Spring Gardening Seminar**

**Date:** Saturday, February 23  
**Time:** 9 am–4 pm  
**Where:** Carver Farm in Jefferson City  
**Cost:** $25, lunch included, or $15 for 1/2-day session

Presented by the Cole County University of Missouri Extension Center, Lincoln University and Central Missouri Master Gardeners. For more information or to register, contact the Cole County MU Extension Center at 573-634-2824 or go to extension.missouri.edu/cole. Read more.

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**Grow Native! Landscape Design with MO in Mind**  
**February 22 & 23, 2013**  
George Washington Carver National Monument  
9:00 am—4:30 am

Get ready for the spring growing season by attending one of these great workshops with knowledgeable presenters! The Feb. 22 workshop is geared to landscape professionals; the Feb. 23 workshop is geared to homeowners and other landscape enthusiasts. More info.

Cost per workshop: $35 for members of the Missouri Prairie Foundation/ Grow Native; $40 for nonmembers. Includes lunch and a copy of Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People by Dave Tylka.

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**MO Gardens Series** Presented by MGers of Greene County  
**Monday, February 25**  
6–9 pm  
Hammons Heart Institute  
1325 East Cherokee-Springfield  
$20 per session or $90 for 7-session series

- **Soil & Compost Yield Healthy Plants**
  - Your plants are only as good as your soil. Learn how to change yours into beautiful black gold.
- **Propogate Your Own Plants**
  - Gardens don’t have to be expensive to be beautiful. Learn how you can start your own plants from cuttings, division, and seeds.

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**KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER?**

Classes begin Tuesday, February 26. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6–9 pm until April 1. Subjects covered will be soils and composting, plant basics, turf, vegetables, landscapes, perennials/annuals, plant insects/diseases, roses, fruit crops, and much more. Only $10 per person. Contact John ASAP.

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**MARCH 5, 2013  6:30 pm**  
Newton County Extension Center  
Crowder College  
Smith Hall
The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks presents...

March 2, 2013
Registration begins at 9 AM
Sessions: 9:30 AM – 2:45 PM
Cost: $18 per person for all sessions
Faith Lutheran Church, Branson, MO
Learn more or register early by February 27

RECORDKEEPING
Be sure to record your service hours throughout the year. Need a form?
Contact the Extension office, print HERE, OR report electronically

"Gardening: Coming of Age"
Saturday, March 9, 2013
Metropolitan Community College-Longview
Lee's Summit, MO
The seminar consists of 3 tracks of 4 sessions each from which to choose, plus two half-day advanced training sessions. The tracks-Beauty, Productivity, and Adaptability-reflect MGers’ focus on gardening that can produce the most and best food while adapting to our new climate zone and still manage to create beautiful gardens. The 2 advanced training classes taught by K-State Associate Professor Dr. Jason Griffin and K-State Professor Dr. Candice Shoemaker will speak to trees and shrubs after the drought and to gardening for healthy aging.
Learn, grow, and be inspired!
Deadline for early registration is February 8. Only $49!
Final deadline for registration is March 1. Cost: $69
For more information, click here.

YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS...
WAKING UP ROSES WORKSHOP by Ron Hoyez
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (weather permitting)
10:00 am
RON and JACKIE HOYEZ’ home
13888 IBEX RD
592-6187 or 389-3415 or rnhoyez@yahoo.com
Need more information? Contact John at the Extension Office or Ron.

Back to Basics Community Group
NewMac Community Room....Anderson, MO
2nd Thursday each month
Potluck dinner: 6:30 pm      Program: 7:00 pm
This group is very active and presents some great programs. Everyone is welcome and activities are free. To learn more, find them on facebook or call Robin at 417-845-0170.

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