**PRAIRIE DAY-September 10**

George Washington Carver National Monument-Diamond, MO

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Park Ranger Diane says: Your exhibit on edible and medicinal plants from the prairie is EXCELLENT! You all do a great job and your exhibit is popular with visitors! Thanks for doing this for us!

Sherry and her volunteers have a great display of native plants so stop by and visit them. It’s a fun, free day for the whole family. For more information contact Sherry McBride at 592-3357 or view [poster](#).

**Classes Starting Soon in McDonald County**

September 12—October 26

Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm

The University of Missouri Extension will hold Master Gardener classes in Pineville. This will be an afternoon class and will be held at the Pineville Community Room, next door to the Extension Office. Several folks are wanting to take this class but do not want to drive at night so we are hosting this afternoon class. For more [information](#) or to register, contact the [office](#) or call 417-223-4775.

**2011 International Master Gardener Conference**

October 11-14

Charleston, WV

The WV University Extension Service and the West Virginia Master Gardener Association invite you to join them! [Register Now](#)

**State Master Gardener Convention**

Hannibal, MO

September 23-25, 2011

Theme: Gardening in America’s Hometown

Don’t miss your opportunity to see Mark Twain’s hometown while learning more about gardening! The weekend’s schedule is packed full of exciting speakers, sightseeing, classes, tours, and more. Hosted by the Salt River Master Gardeners. [To learn more](#)
SW Missouri Native Pollinator Workshop-September 22

Thursday, September 22       9:00 am—3:00 pm
Southwest Research Center-Mt. Vernon

Each office/participant will receive a $20.00 pollinator book. Class is free but space is limited.

For more information visit our website. Registration required. Contact Erin at: erin.assenmacher@mo.usda.gov or 417-581-2719 x130

Garden Club Tour-September 8

When: Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm
Where: Rhonda and Terry Marion home
       404 Joy Street-Neosho

The Flower Box City Garden Club’s next meeting will be a garden tour. Jeff Cantrell, education specialist for the MDC, will be the featured speaker on the benefits and importance of growing native plants. The MDC started the Grow Native! program in 2000 to educate and encourage everyone to plant more native species. The Marions have a variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses and vines, and over 50 native perennials, plus numerous other shrubs, flowers and herbs. Anyone interested in learning more about native plants is invited to attend. For more information, call 451-4622.

2011 Missouri Blueberry School-October 7-8

MSU Darr Agricultural Center and 2 area blueberry farms
2401 S. Kansas Expressway –Springfield

Blueberries offer huge potential for Missouri farmers. Though a challenging crop to produce, blueberries are in high demand for many markets. The Blueberry School will offer educational sessions and a tour of innovative blueberry farms. Join local and nationally known blueberry specialists to gain expertise on a variety of topics. To learn more about this exciting workshop

Cost is only $50 per person and space is limited. For more information, including a registration form, contact Sabrina Brown at 417-881-8909 or BrownSabr@missouri.edu.