Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with friends and family. My husband and I had a nice holiday visiting family in Colorado and Iowa -- and now I'm ready to plan for this year's garden. Hopefully winter will be mild and this coming growing season productive.

We have a few changes for LAMG Club members this year. First, our first ever year book will be available at the meeting. This includes our by-laws, standing rules, monthly meeting info, a membership directory, and so much more! While we will continue to publish the year's schedule at a glance in the newsletter, a page is dedicated to each meeting in the year book, along with a page for notes. We hope you find this helpful and welcome any and all input to continually improve this new member benefit.

At our February meeting, we will be offering a wine and cheese reception. We hope to see you all as we will also be awarding members for the hours dedicated to the Master Gardener program in 2014. We also have an educational program planned, reviewing Willmore Lodge Gardens followed by a break-out group session for specific garden bed planning. With the new year, we will introduce a few new meeting practices (as discussed or voted on in October):

- To help members learn and retain our names, be sure to wear your name badge. We will begin charging anyone who doesn't wear their name badge a quarter, which will be collected as income. Hopefully we won't collect too many quarters, but if we do, it goes to a good cause.
- We will take an interactive roll call, asking a fun question for each member to answer as we go through the list of attendees.
- Bring your items for the "Share Table" -- gift or take anything from seeds, plants, gardening catalogs, magazines, and crafts. Members may take anything shared, however, those donating items must be prepared to take home anything that doesn't find a taker.

And we will begin to recognize birthdays each month. So come find out whose birthday was in January and who has February Birthdays!

Also new for this year, the Board planned our 2015 schedule to have most if not all of our meetings at Willmore Lodge. Meeting at the Lodge is a wonderful benefit for the club. Only Chamber members may have business meetings at the lodge, and for a significant fee. Since we maintain the Lodge gardens, this benefit is available to us, too, and at no charge. We love to garden at the Lodge and the Lodge loves our gardening efforts. Let's work together to make the gardens our showcase again this year.

See you all soon! Tamara
February Gardening Tips

* Order perennial plants and bulbs now for cut flowers this summer. Particularly good choices are phlox, daisies, coreopsis, asters and lilies.

* Check stored bulbs, tubers and corms. Discard any that are soft or diseased.

* Don't remove mulch from perennials too early. A warm day may make you think spring is almost here but there may be more cold weather yet to come.

* Order gladiolus corms now for planting later in the spring after all danger of frost has passed. Locate in full sun in well drained soil.

* Branches of forsythia, pussy willow, quince, spirea, and dogwood can be forced for indoor bloom. Make long, slanted cuts when collecting the branches and place the stems in a vase of water. Change the water every four days. They should bloom in about 3 weeks.

* Late winter is the time to prune many deciduous trees. Look over your plants now and remove dead, dying, or unsightly parts of the tree, sprouts growing at or near the base of the tree trunk and crossed branches.

* If bird feeding has been a favorite activity this winter, order trees and shrubs which provide cover and small fruits for your feathered friends. Consider species such as crabapple and hawthorn which can help lure hungry birds from cultivated fruits, if planted on the opposite side of the yard.

* Check any vegetables you have in storage. Dispose of any that show signs of shriveling or rotting.

* This year plan to grow at least one new vegetable that you've never grown before; it may be better than what you are already growing. The new dwarf varieties on the market which use less space while producing more food per square foot may be just what you're looking for.

* Send off seed orders early this month to take advantage of seasonal discounts. Some companies offer bonus seeds of new varieties to early buyers.

* Don't start your vegetable plants indoors too early. Six weeks ahead of the expected planting date is early enough for the fast growth species such as cabbage. Eight weeks allows enough time for the slower growing types such as peppers.

* Prune fruit trees and grapes in late February or early March after the worst of the winter cold is passed but before spring growth begins.

* Fertilize fruit trees as soon as possible after the ground thaws but before blossom time.

* Late February is a good time to air layer such house plants as dracaena, dieffenbachia and rubber plant, especially if they have grown too tall and leggy.

* Check all five growing factors if your house plants are not growing well. Light, temperature, nutrients, moisture, and humidity must be favorable to provide good growth.

* Repair and paint window boxes, lawn furniture, tools and other items in preparation for outdoor gardening and recreational use.
The LAMG board is pleased to announce our 2015 members as noted below.

If you believe anyone is missing, please let him or her know that new, renewed, or members of the Master Gardener class are always welcome to join. Thank all of you for paying your dues -- we look forward to seeing you soon!

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We are all busy and sometimes it is not easy to make to a monthly meeting. From time to time we drive quite a distance, sometimes in the dark and always with deer present, to get to a meeting site.

Hats off to those noted below for their dedication to the Master Gardener Program and attendance at the Lake Area Master Gardener Club Activities!!

Missed only once . . . Mary DeLacy, Kathy Fayant, JoAnne Gitchell, Tamara Jorstad, Jan Mitzel, Winnie McKinley Phyllis Mossman, Jeannie Robbins, Roni Vollmer, Lisa Wayman, and Mildred Webster.

Many others missed just two or three sessions, but a big thank you goes to all members for attending when you can. It is always good to see you and share our gardening experiences.
Master Gardener Course
For the Lake Area—Spring 2015

When: Orientation will be Thursday February 19
All other classes Thursdays February 26, through May 7
Time: 6:30-9:30 PM

Where: Most classes at Central Bank at Lake Ozark (opposite Stone Crest
      Mall), first class at Miller County Extension Meeting Room

Topics to be Covered: Plant Growths & Propagation, Turf, Soils & Composting,
      Landscaping & Flowers, Woody Ornamentals, Vegetables, Fruit
      Insects, Pest & Diseases, Herbs & Natives, And More

Registration Due By: February 12, 2015

Questions Call: Patricia Barrett or Margie Howser
      Miller County University of Missouri Extension
      PO Box 20
      134 Second Street
      Tuscumbia, MO 65082
      Phone: (573) 369-2394
      Web site: Miller County: http://extension.missouri.edu/miller

REGISTER EARLY TO ASSURE A SPOT IN THE COURSE

REGISTRATION FORM:
To become a registered Master Gardener you may not miss more than two classes and
must make up any missed classes. You must also complete 30 hours of community gardening
or educational service within the year after graduation.

I want to be a Master Gardener! Individual registrations are $150. Couples may register
for $250. Class size minimum 10, maximum 25. Make checks payable to Miller County Extension.

Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________

Day Phone:____________________ Other Phone:____________
Email:__________________________________________

Amount enclosed (check one)
   $150 single Master Gardener
   $250 couple Master Gardener
   $250 Non-Master Gardener

Refund policy Full refund if notified by February 19. 50% refund by
February 26, No refund after second class; however you may register for
classes in the following year before the deadline, by paying any
difference in the fees from the previous year.

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<td>LAMG Booth at Dogwood Festival (Garden Walk tickets to be available for Festival)</td>
<td>Camdenton</td>
<td>Jeannie Robbins</td>
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Lake Area Master Gardener Meeting

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 10th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Willmore Lodge
- **Program:** Wine & Cheese Reception
  Installation of 2015 Officers
  Willmore Garden Planning
- **Presenter:** Kathy Fayant (573-346-2311)
  Kathyfayant@yahoo.com

To help new and returning members remember LAMG Club Member Names—Starting 2015—a twenty-five cent fee will be charge to an member failing to wear his/her LAMG/Maser Gardener name badge at the monthly meetings. “Fines” are to be collected by the Ways and Means Chair, Mildred Webster, and funds added to the club’s income.

*Items for the monthly newsletter are due to the Newsletter Chair, Charli Allee, by the 26th of each month—Send to normcharli@aol.com*

*Our Mission: "Helping Others Learn to Grow and To Have Fun Along the Way!*