

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners is a fun, vibrant group that brings together gardeners of all levels by providing engaging educational opportunities and meaningful volunteer projects that enhance and sustain our communities.



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From the President:

Spring has arrived, and suddenly there is much work to be done. It is exciting to watch the plants emerge but frustrating to be held back by wet soils and drizzly rain. I actually love this type of weather; I am pretty sure this is what Spring is supposed to be like.

Some things are waking up out at Jefferson Farm. The Demonstration Garden has had the soil prepared for planting and some hardy souls have plants showing up. Others like me are still meeting. This group will obviously be making decisions in the planning stage but hope to get started soon. The pump for the irrigation well has been turned on so irrigation water will be there for us when needed.

The rebuild on the butterfly house has been delayed. Most recently the labor was sent to a research farm in the southern part of the state. Tim and Steve are now saying it will be

HMMG Meeting
April 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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JFG Daffodils



Ready Rows



Spring Garlic

rebuilt sometime in May. That is not what we hoped for but still on the list.

We have discovered there is a problem getting the online Master Gardener students to understand how to fulfill the volunteer hour obligation and get involved with HMMG. One of our new interns suggested we need an ambassador type program to reach out, train, and welcome these volunteers into our group. I hope to discuss this at our next meeting. We need to expand our membership, and retaining these recruits is vital to the health of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners. See you April 16!
 --Charles Paxton

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Check out JFG events:

<https://jefferson.missouri.edu/events>

JFG Butterfly Committee

The JFG butterfly committee met on March 26, 2019, with ten members attending. We discussed upcoming events at JFG: MG 2019 Mini Conference June 4 & 5, Butterfly Festival June 22 & 23, Dr. Trinklein advanced training July 11, and South Farm Showcase September 28. Tim has already booked several school tours of the facility. Marie and Donna will train docents to assist with tours through the butterfly house and the wildflower meadow.

We will need to mulch inside and out, add new cedar mulch to the walkway, plant annuals, and plant more pipevine. We will take turns watering once a week on Monday or the weekend. Weeding will be done the last Tuesday of each month except it will be done June 18 before the Butterfly Festival.

We discussed having more sustainable and educational activities for children. We will build the form for a “Bug Hotel” allowing children to put materials for bugs in cubbies in the pallet hotel. This will allow us to discuss pollinators and their homes. The “Bug Hotel” was placed at JFG on April 3. We will have stumps for seating in our “reading circle” provided by Chris Walker. We will conduct “I see bug tours” through the wildflower meadow.

A 6-foot used information display case has been purchased and will soon be installed on the north end of the butterfly house. This should allow us to educate the community about JFG and also allow us to have an event schedule posted.

HMMG member Rich Wauldby obtained a donation from Westlakes of corn gluten, a pre-emergent for us to apply in and out of the butterfly house. This can assist in preventing annual weeds from emerging and serves as a fertilizer also. Thank you Rich.



The topless butterfly house



Empty “plates”



Opening soon

Upcoming Event -- EARTH DAY will be celebrated in Columbia, Sunday, April 28th. Master Gardeners will have an information booth in order to answer questions and distribute information about gardening and how to become a Master Gardener. We'll need people to staff the booth. No plants for sale this year, just talking to people interested in gardening. If you are interested in helping and can't make the meeting, send an email to susanshannon67@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Info
April 16	HMMG meeting	Kerry Meyer will present this year's promising Proven Winners. Boone County Extension Center, 6:00 pm
May 21	HMMG meeting	Mary Kroening Home Garden Tour 6000 S Hwy KK Columbia MO, 6:00 pm
June 18	HMMG meeting	Beverly Forderhase Home Garden Tour 206 Wallaby Way, Columbia MO, 6:00 pm
July 16	HMMG meeting	Malissa Briggler, MDC State Botanist, presents Mushrooms in Missouri Boone County Extension Center, 6:00 p.m.
August 20	HMMG meeting	Liz Graznak, Tour of Happy Hollow Farm 17199 Happy Hollow Rd, Jamestown MO 5:00 p.m.
September 17	HMMG meeting	Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, Native Plants Specialist Home Garden Tour 2116 Grant Lane, Columbia MO
October 15	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 12	HMMG meeting	Tucker Jones, Manager Helmi's Garden, speaks on overwintering houseplants Boone County Extension Center, 6:00 p.m.
December	No meeting	Visions of new plants dance in your heads. Happy Holidays

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Hello to all Master Gardeners new and old, and interns,

We have had a successful 2 years of planting, maintaining, and sharing (with the public) a demonstration garden at Jefferson Farm. Although the University has a limited plan for the farm overall, they want us to continue our demo garden activities. We have a loyal core group who have each taken care of one, two, three or four rows. Much of what we grew was vegetables, but flowers are great also. It's a good garden spot: lots of sun, water at every row, and good soil. We'd like to get more Master Gardeners involved. There are rows available to plan and grow by yourself or share with another MG member. There is a gate which is locked after hours or on weekends, but we have a key (in a lock box). This past summer a bunch of us got together on Thursday nights from 5 until 7; it was a great time to share garden methods and ideas, and what every serious gardener loves to do -- talk about gardening! Please consider joining us. Contact Richard Shannon (rw4sure@gmail.com) if you are interested.

From Richard Shannon



FACEBOOK GROUPS

Check out these two groups:

[Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners](#) has a closed group. If you indicate your interest in joining, the moderator will recognize your name and you'll have access to photos and gardening info shared within the group.

[Ask A Missouri Master Gardener](#) is a public group with people around the state asking questions and getting responses from knowledgeable Master Gardeners.

From Susan Shannon

The **Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Newsletter** is published monthly for the Master Gardeners in Northeast Missouri. For more information, contact:

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March 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm

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Report your Master Gardener hours ONLINE!
<http://report.missourimastergardener.com/>
Be sure to tag any volunteer hours at Jefferson Farm and Garden with the name or JF location so we can total accumulated volunteer hours there.