

# 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: The fate of Jefferson Farm and Garden continues to be a topic of discussion. I have received a response to my letter to Vice Chancellor and Dean of CAFNR, Christopher Daubert. In the letter it states that CAFNR has lost 33% of its budget in the past three years. Over the past three years, CAFNR has invested \$1million into JFG.

In the letter Dean Daubert states, "As a result of declining budgets and a lack of vision and direction for JFG, we will be suspending our investment in the JFG educator position for now. I have asked Tim Reinbott to form a working group to address the challenges at JFG. The group will be charged with putting together a business plan that will move JFG to becoming self-sustaining, while also defining the mission and vision for JFG moving forward." He also states, "I would like to invite a member of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners to serve on this working group".

What this means to us is ambiguous. We will not have Sarah Evanston working with us; Sarah has taken a position at the St. Louis Zoo. While JFG will not have a budget, Tim Reinbott intends to support JFG with other resources to keep it viable. We will have Steve Calvin, Landscape and Grounds Manager, MU field Operations, involved in basic operational management.

The Officers Committee met with Tim Reinbott to see how this would affect our programs and mission. Our discussions with Tim concluded we

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**HMMG Meeting**  
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still have a reason to continue with JFG. They will keep the gate open regular business days from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM. We will have other access through the use of the lock box. They will keep the grass mowed, irrigation water turned on, and property maintained. There will be access to the barn and restrooms. We will have access to tools and equipment. There will still be livestock on the farm, and the rebuilding of the Butterfly House has already begun.

Tim also had a list of demonstrations he plans to have this year. These include Dr Trinklien's evaluation gardens, a soil profile demonstration, and a corn genetics demonstration.

We will need to discuss whom we will send to Dean Daubert's JFG work group in our next meeting. This group will obviously be making decisions that will affect HMMG's future so this will be critical for us.

On another subject, we have many events and speaking opportunities planned. Please get involved with these programs. With the arrival of Spring, the Butterfly House, Pollinator Garden, and Demonstration Gardens will be having opportunities to work in the gardens with fellow Master Gardeners. There is no better way to meet and bond with friends than participating in these group gardening efforts. I hope to see you there.

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture is needing to know what classes we will provide for the Summer Workshops at the Columbia Farmers Markets. I have sent a list via email of the classes they wish to cover. The highlighted subject already had an instructor assigned. The following people have volunteered to present: Marie Pasley, Peg Dann, Tammy Green, Nancy Gay, Michelle Beckwith, Julie Deering, Susan Shannon, Richard Shannon, and Charles Paxton. If you are interested in this program, let me know ASAP and what class you are willing to help with. I plan to help with integrated pest management, and I would like a partner to help me on that subject. Charles Paxton

Upcoming Event -- EARTH DAY will be celebrated in Columbia, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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; there will be sign up sheets at the upcoming meeting, so bring your calendars! 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](mailto:susanshannon67@gmail.com).

*Stephens Lake Park Arboretum Series: Landscaping for Small Spaces* is a free class, offered by Columbia Parks and Recreation. P&R horticulturist Ryan Russell will share tips on how to build a functional and attractive home landscape. Topics will cover plant selection and design, fixing difficult areas and more. March 29, 2019 at Riechmann Pavilion, Stephens Lake Park, 2300 E Walnut. Call 573-874-7460 to register.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Info
March 19	HMMG meeting	Austin Lambert from The Runge Nature Center will talk about butterflies in Missouri Boone County Extension Office 6:00 pm
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 Kroenig 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	TBA
August 20	HMMG meeting	Liz Graznak, Tour of Happy Hollow Farm 17199 Happy Hollow Rd, Jamestown MO
September 17	HMMG meeting	Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, Home Garden Tour
October 15	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 12	HMMG meeting	TBA

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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.**