

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 PREIDENT

Our last meeting toured a small portion of Mizzou Botanic Garden. It was really nice of Pete Millier and Jenna Rozum to return to campus after their regular work day to give us a tour. The Mizzou Botanic Garden is a treasure trove for our community. The garden is suffering from budget cuts but continues to be an incredibly interesting space. I know Pete and Jenna could use some help in keeping the garden viable. Please considering becoming a member of Mizzou Botanic Garden.

At our last meeting Nancy Gay polled the members on if they would be willing to attend the Missouri Master Gardener Conference scheduled for this coming September. Nancy was asked to do this by MOMGA. MOMGA is struggling to decide if the Conference should be held with all the COVID-19 issues.

After much discussion only one present member said they would be willing to attend the conference. Nancy will report our results to the next MOMGA meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 21. Although the Boone County Extension Center is open for business the meeting room is not large enough to accommodate us with Covid restrictions. We will have a Zoom meeting. Michelle Motley and Kent Shannon are making arrangements for this meeting. I hope you are able to attend.

Charles

Views of a lovely walkabout at the Mizzou Botanic Garden



Photos by Michelle Motley



Pete Millier at tour's end

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A Note from Marie Pasley

A small group of JFG Butterfly Committee members met on June 23 at 9am and worked to weed and transfer plants in the house and the 'Pollinator Cafe'. I greatly appreciated this industrious group working to keep the area free of weeds.

We decided to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9am to clean up the area. See everyone on July 28th.

Veterans Urban Farm Report

Work at the Veterans Urban Farm is finally underway. Like everything else, it was postponed this spring due to Covid. Two transitional work Veterans and the farm manager Dustin have been working tirelessly to garden the 1 1/3 acre plot on Smith Street. Beginning June 11, Master Gardeners have been working at the Urban Farm on Thursdays nine to noon. So far we have weeded and laid straw around vegetable plants. Although we are working less directly than we hoped with veterans, our work is greatly appreciated. There are fewer veterans in the program now than anticipated so we are pitching in to maintain the plot while the program grows. We are having a lovely time playing in the dirt, enjoying each other's company and getting to know the folks at the Veterans Farm.

Please volunteer. There are volunteer slots available every Thursday morning 9-12 . Just press the web address below to sign up. We can have a maximum of five Master Gardeners each Thursday due to Covid restrictions so it's necessary to sign up in advance.

Brenda McGavock

The address is 1207 Smith Street.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c45aca72ca5f85-veterans>



Campus hedge and tour folks



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Date	Event	Info
June 16	HMMG meeting	Jenna Rozum, Horticulture Manager UMC, Tour of Missouri Botanic Garden, MU Campus 6 pm See page 2 for details
July 21	HMMG meeting	Kelly Srigley Werner, USFW, update on USDA Monarch Program and monarch populations Kent will send out information on how to connect to this Zoom HMMG meeting at 6 pm
August 18	HMMG meeting	Cindy Haeffner, Montgomery County, daffodils and bulbs and favorite gardening tools and hacks.
September 15	HMMG meeting	TBA
October 20	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 17	HMMG meeting	TBA

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HMMG Meeting July 21, 2020

Program Kelly Srigley Werner, USFW,
Update on USDA Monarch Program and
Monarch Populations

Meeting via Zoom 6 pm

The program will last one hour followed by a business meeting.

Kent Shannon will be providing information on how to join and the link to join so be watching for an email from Kent probably sometime next week.



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and Garden with the name or JF location so we can
total accumulated volunteer hours there.