

# 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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What a strange Spring we are having. Here we are, doing our best to avoid any physical contact with people outside our own home. I am missing having activities with all of you and participating in your excitement of the joys of spring.

When I count my blessings, I place a double check mark on my interest in gardening. This interest keeps me mentally and physically active each day. What would I do without this interest? More Netflix does not appeal to me nearly as much as staring at my spice bush to see if any buds are going to break. I love watching for where the birds are building nests and what insects feed on Henbit. Every moment in the garden is fascinating to me; I am so lucky to have this interest in my life right now.

When placing those check marks on blessings, I would have to include social media. I do enjoy Instagram, Pinterest, and Facebook. The HMMG officers have discussed how much we would enjoy learning more about you and your gardening interests. If you are a HMMG member, I would encourage you to join our Facebook Group. We currently have about 40 members signed in to our site. It appears we have about 30 who actively follow what is being posted. That leaves about 20 people missing out entirely. Our group is called Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners-Group. If you do a search inside Facebook, it will take you to the site; ask to follow and we will get you access to the site faster than a pigweed can sprout.

It would be really nice if more of you would post things on the site. We are interested in anything relevant to gardening. Pictures of your garden are very interesting to us as well as comments on what you are doing in your garden. If you know of a class or upcoming event, please let us all know. If you have read a good gardening book, let us know about that, too. This is a great form to ask questions and get responses from just your HMMG friends. Participating in this activity will bond us all closer together.

When you are on the site and you see something of interest, please hit "like." This lets others know that you appreciate their post. Comment on others' posts as well; this is a great opportunity to learn from one another, to show a common interest, and to expand a friendship.

If you are having trouble working with the site, give me a call, 573-999-0385. I am not particularly tech savvy, but I have managed to muddle through on this and would be happy to help.

Hope to see you soon, virtually or otherwise.

Charles



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Date	Event	Info
April 21	HMMG meeting	THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING
May19	HMMG meeting	TBA
June16	HMMG meeting	TBA
July 21	HMMG meeting	TBA
August 18	HMMG meeting	TBA
September15	HMMG meeting	TBA
October 20	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 17	HMMG meeting	TBA

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**THERE WILL BE NO HMMG MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL**



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**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.**