

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: Starting a new year, we have much to consider before the next growing season begins. One of our on-going goals is to expand the number of active members in Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners. Having more active members will help to expand our educational outreach into the community. We have several new members from last fall's class and new members coming into the program from on line classes. Please help me make these new members feel welcome and help them get involved in our activities

You have probably heard that Richard and Susan Shannon will be moving to Colorado. Susan and Richard have added greatly to our organization and they will be missed. Susan is our chapter Treasurer and Richard is Co-Chairperson for the Jefferson Farm Demonstration Garden. We will need volunteers to fill these positions. If you would like to fill the position or nominate a member please contact me

We will be involved in the 4th Annual Mid-MO Expo: Small Farm to Backyard Garden event at Battle High School in Columbia. This event is being sponsored by the Boone County Extension Council. Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners should be helping to sponsor this program. Please volunteer to assist with this program this year and attend as much of the program as you can. Having attended the event will help us in deciding what involvement we will support in future years

We will be asking for a volunteer to Chair the Earth Day educational booth. Earth Day in Columbia will be on April 19, 2020. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 21, 2020

Charles Paxton

**HMMG Meeting
January 21, 2020**

**Speaker: Jody Cook, Manager of the City of
Columbia Volunteer Program—Composting
Boone County Extension Office
Columbia MO 65202**

**We need two to three volunteers to bring
refreshments. Contact Colleen Smith if you can
furnish something.**

Information from the Treasurer:

2020 Dues—keep your Master Gardener status current. Annual dues payment of \$5.00 will be collected at the January meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, you may mail your payment to the treasurer: Susan Shannon 712 W. Green Meadows Road Columbia 65203.

Contact Information: If you move or your contact information changes, please let us know. We want to be able to keep you informed about Master Gardener activities and upcoming events.




Charles Paxton presents the coveted Golden Trowel award to Julie Deering acknowledging her outstanding service to HMMG.

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The Boone County Extension Council is sponsoring our “4th Annual Mid-MO Expo: Small Farm to Backyard Garden” event on Saturday, February 29, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at Battle High School in Columbia. Expo participants will choose from around 20 educational sessions, including gardening basics, urban gardening, composting, agro tourism, drone use in agriculture, how to deal with sinkholes, helping pollinators, prairie restoration and more! Attendees will also be able to check out products and information at booths, check out the livestock trailer, register to vote, pick up a gift bag, see demos from 4-H participants, eat lunch, make bids for auction and raffle items, and make connections with like-minded people. Proceeds from the event will help support the Boone County Extension. HMMG will have a booth at this event, we will have sign-up at the January meeting.



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MID-MO EXPO 2020

SMALL FARM AND BACKYARD GARDEN

- * Education sessions
- * Vendors
- * Silent auction
- * Live 4-H animals
- * Demonstrations by 4-H youth


Saturday
February 29, 2020

Doors open at
8:30 am

Educational
Programs
9am-3pm

Muriel Battle
High School
7575 East
St. Charles Rd
Columbia MO

Registration required: tickets \$12 with lunch or \$6 without. Register at midmoexpo.com. Deadline to register Feb 24th. Questions or interested in sponsorship? Call 573-445-9792





A great Harvest Dinner followed by planning for the New Year

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Date	Event	Info
January 21	HMMG meeting	Jody Cook, Manager of City of Columbia Volunteer Program—Composting. Boone County Extension Office 6:00 pm
February 18	HMMG meeting	Hannah Himmelgarn MU, Education Program Coordinator Program on Forest Gardening County Extension Center, 6:00 pm
March 17	HMMG meeting	TBA
April 21	HMMG meeting	TBA
May 19	HMMG meeting	TBA
June 16	HMMG meeting	TBA
July 21	HMMG meeting	TBA
August 18	HMMG meeting	TBA
September 15	HMMG meeting	TBA
October 20	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 17	HMMG meeting	TBA

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners - 2019 Officers

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Veterans Committee

The veterans committee is happy to announce that the Veterans Farm is becoming a reality. There was a ribbon cutting on Veterans Day, November 11 at the former site of the CCUA Urban Farm. This site will now be known as the Mark and Carol Stevenson Veterans Urban Farm. Mark and Carol Stevenson are the landowners who have graciously allowed CCUA to garden on their land for 10 years and plan to now allow the veterans to use their land. The 1 1/3 acre plot is located off of College on Smith Street. It snowed the day of the ribbon cutting and was cold but Chris Walker, Michelle Motley, and I braved the weather to attend.

There are several focuses of activity for veterans at the Urban Farm. Veterans who have been inpatients at the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital will be able to have a compensated work experience to learn basic work habits, social skills and gardening skills. They will be trained and educated on how to grow vegetables and fruit. Another focus will be teaching veterans better health habits. This will be done by doing the physical labor of gardening and learning about nutrition through growing vegetables. The veterans will also learn how to cook nutritious meals at the VA. There will be Veterans with varying levels of physical and mental abilities and social skills.

Master Gardeners have volunteered to work directly with the Veterans. We plan to teach veterans gardening skills by interacting directly with them while gardening. We also may teach classes if there is enough interest. I anticipate this project expanding yearly to the extent we have volunteers for it.

CCUA hopes to hire a veteran as farm manager in January. At that time planning meetings between CCUA, the Veterans administration and interested parties such as Master Gardeners will begin. The work with veterans should begin at the Urban Farm in the spring. I will keep the group posted on opportunities to volunteer.

Brenda McGavock



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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.