

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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State Coordinator's Corner

*"Among the changing months, May stands confest
The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed." James Thomson*

While April might be National Garden Month, May is the month when most gardeners start to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The landscape (both man-made and natural) is awash in color from the many flowers, trees and shrubs in bloom. Indeed "April showers do bring May flowers." In short, it hard not to like May with its colorful gardens, verdant scenery and pleasant weather.

May 2020 will be remembered by many as the month they emerged from the restrictions imposed upon them because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension of University of Missouri Extension programming was issued at a time when many Master Gardeners would be volunteering busily for Extension. Therefore, we have decided to reduce the number of volunteer hours needed to retain certification this year from 20 to 12. This represents a one-hour reduction for each week Extension programming was suspended. Of course, it would be appreciated greatly if additional hours are devoted to volunteering, but hopefully the reduction will help assuage fears of not being able to meet the minimum.

Regular Extension programming is scheduled to resume on May 16th. When resuming their volunteer service activities, Master Gardeners should adhere to Governor Parson's COVID-19 mitigation recommendations given in his 'Show Me Strong Recovery' plan which can be found at: <https://showmestrong.mo.gov/>.

Also, please check with any local or county restrictions that might remain in place after May 15th and act accordingly. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has activated a statewide public hotline for citizens needing guidance regarding COVID-19. The (toll free) hotline number is 877-435-8411 and is staffed 24/7. The number of hours of continuing education required to retain certification has not been reduced at this time. It is our hope that continuing education programming will proceed uninterrupted this summer and fall, making it relatively easy to devote six hours to that pursuit.

'Healthy Yards for Clear Streams' is the name of a course put together by a group headed by State Extension Forester Dr. Hank Stelzer. It will be presented online via Zoom beginning May 18th. This four-week, eight session course fits nicely into the Master Gardener program's Environmental Stewardship mission. For complete course information along with registration instructions, go to extension2.missouri.edu/healthy-yards-for-clear-streams-2020. The class carries Master Gardener advanced training status. A nominal registration fee is involved.

Finally, last month I mentioned plans for a Master Gardener program initiative to grow vegetables for local food pantries. The name 'Garden and Give' has been chosen for the effort which is a "neighbors-helping-neighbors" program aimed at feeding those in need in communities across our state. Watch for the development of a website in the near future. For now, please plant a bit extra in your vegetable garden and encourage others to do so also.

Stay safe,
David Trinklein
State Master Gardener Coordinator

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As promised, here are the follow-up details for our HMMG meeting to be held next Tuesday at the Mizzou Botanic Gardens on the MU Campus in Columbia.

We will break into two groups. Our tour leaders will be Jeanna Rozzum (Horticulture Manager) and Pete Miller (Director).

Let's plan to gather at 5:45 PM as our tours start at 6:00 PM.

We will meet on the MU Campus at the Beetle Bailey Statue which is in front of the Reynolds Alumni Center. You may park at the Turner Parking Garage which is very close to the statue.

Here is a link with a map; <http://map.missouri.edu/?bldg=37376>
You will need to type or cut and paste the link into your search bar to see it.

Our tour will conclude at 7:00 PM with a short business meeting to follow.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your drink if you will need water. We will not be having snacks at this meeting due to it being outside. We will follow social distancing norms (staying six feet apart) and you are welcome to wear a mask but it's not required.

Please contact me with questions.

Thanks,
Michelle Motley
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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
May19	HMMG meeting	Zoom meeting with Ryan Russell, COMO Parks and Recreation, Tree and shrub maintenance and care
June16	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
August 18	HMMG meeting	Cindy Haeffner, Montgomery County, daffodils and bulbs and favorite gardening tools and hacks.
September15	HMMG meeting	TBA
October 20	HMMG meeting	Harvest Dinner
November 17	HMMG meeting	TBA

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HMMG Meeting
June 16, 2020

Program: Jenna Rozum

Tour begins at 6:00 pm
Location: Missouri Botanic Garden, UMC
Meeting at Beetle Bailey statue in front of the
Reynolds Alumni Center 5:45
Tour concludes at 7 with short business meeting
to follow



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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.