First meeting of 2021 – January 12 – Virtual!

Donna Aufdenberg, Field Specialist in Horticulture, Cape Girardeau, will speak on Spring Seed Planting at the next meeting of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Meeting on January 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Donna will also discuss which seeds are best to be sown outside and those best to be started indoors. Get out your seed catalogs and gardening journals and think about spring seed planting during this special presentation!

To join the Zoom for this meeting from your computer, laptop or table:

https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/95788829507?pwd=TSt6NHhHdDhNWhQOEMxQWVT1Nqdz09
Meeting ID: 957 8882 9507
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Holly Society of America features MG Joe Corio’s hollies

The Holly Society of America is showcasing some of Master Gardner Joe Corio’s hollies on their website. His holly photos are among others highlighted from around the US and the world including England, China, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, Delaware and other East Coast states. The date on the picture is the date the photo was taken. Here are the links to Joe’s hollies on the Society’s website.

hollysocam.org/sprig-show-joe.htm
hollysocam.org/sprig-show-joe-2.htm

From the President …

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make site improvements, and work was completed on the flagpole renovation at Jefferson College. All was accomplished safely despite a deadly virus.

Our membership has continued to help and educate at every opportunity despite several volunteer sites being shut down. There are many unsung heroes among us.

Virtual meetings may be with us for a few more months. Hopefully getting back to normal is in our near future. In the meantime, keep up the good work. May this New Year bring you health and happiness and may “Todays Seeds bring us Flowers Tomorrow.”

Linda Klossner, EMG 2008)
President

Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Update

Happy New Year Jefferson County Extension Master Gardeners!

I’m sure many of you are just as happy to see 2020 left behind with hopes and anticipation of a better 2021. It may be a while before we are back to a new form of normalcy. Until that time, the JCEMG Chapter Meetings will be held virtually. The Master Gardener Course will be placed on hold until there is opportunity for us to meet in person, maybe late spring or early fall.

As I hear information from campus about volunteering and continuing education hours, do as you feel most comfortable for your health and safety. Keep an eye for this newsletter each month for volunteer location updates. There will be ample opportunities for virtual education with the Home Horticulture Town Halls (monthly in Jan, Feb, and March and then weekly starting the last week in March), Healthy Yards for Clear Streams (online course), and a myriad of others that I will keep up updated on.

A big thank you to those of you who did volunteer in 2020. We had a total of 8,017 hours! Not made for a COVID-19 year.

I don’t know about you but I’ve been drooling over all the seed catalogs appearing in my mailbox. Enjoy this winter season because before you know it, the gardening season will begin!
In the Spotlight

Sunrise School gets Greenhouse!

Master Gardener Lillie Porterfield coordinates the Sunrise School Volunteer Site. The pandemic in 2020 included school closings and limitations for volunteers. A bright note, Lillie reported, is the addition of a greenhouse for Sunrise School. Despite the lack of educational interaction with the students, with the help of the agricultural instructor, Danielle Peppers, Lillie and numerous community volunteers, the school was able to obtain a greenhouse. Despite the slow start for this fall’s school year, Lillie and the school hope that things will be different by spring 2021. We all hope to see lots of good things come from the greenhouse!

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# JCEMG Volunteer Site Locations

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<td>Carol Kunz 636-677-5515</td>
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<td>Jefferson Barracks</td>
<td>2900 Sheridan Rd, St. Louis, MO 63135, 5th fl</td>
<td>Dorothy Schuette 636-212-1671</td>
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<td>Jefferson College</td>
<td>100 Viking Dr, Hillsboro MO 63050</td>
<td>Dave and Virginia Korenak 314-401-5779 (cell)</td>
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<td>Joe Corio 314-307-0099</td>
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<td>Northwest Sports Complex Park</td>
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<td>Ann Lakin 314-655-5052</td>
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<td>Gail Pawlitz <a href="mailto:gpawlitz@gmail.com">gpawlitz@gmail.com</a></td>
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## 2021 Volunteer Site Location Applications

If you are interested in having your volunteer site location listed each month in this newsletter and listed in the online reporting system, you must fill out a Volunteer Site Location Application. Contact Debi Kelly for an application at kellyd@missouri.edu or 636-797-5391.
January Gardening Calendar

Houseplants
- To clean heavily encrusted clay pots, scrub with a steel wool pad after they have soaked overnight in a solution consisting of one gallon water mixed with one cup white vinegar. After the deposits are removed rinse the pots in clear water. Then sanitize with a brief soak in a solution of one gallon of water mixed with one cup household bleach.
- Some plants are sensitive to the fluorine and chlorine in tap water. Water containers should stand overnight to allow these gases to dissipate before using on plants.
- Wash the dust off of houseplant leaves on a regular basis. This allows the leaves to gather light more efficiently and will result in better growth.
- Set the pots of humidity-loving houseplants on trays filled with pebbles and water. Pots should sit on the pebbles, not in the water.
- Allow tap water to warm to room temperature before using on houseplants.
- Mealy bugs on houseplants are killed by touching them with an alcohol soaked cotton swab.
- Insecticidal soap sprays can be safely applied to most houseplants to control many insect pests.
- Quarantine new gift plants to be sure they do not harbor any insect pests.

Ornamentals
- Gently brush off heavy snows from tree and shrub branches.
- Limbs damaged by ice or snow should be pruned off promptly to prevent bark from tearing.
- Check stored summer bulbs such as dahlias, cannas and gladioli to be sure they are not rotting or drying out.
- To reduce injury, allow ice to melt naturally from plants. Attempting to remove ice may damage plants further.
- Use sand, birdseed, sawdust or vermiculite to gain traction on icy paths. Avoid salt or ice melters as these may injure plants.
- Make an inventory of the plants in your home landscape. Note their location and past performance. Plan changes on paper now.
- Sow pansy seeds indoors now.

Miscellaneous
- Avoid foot traffic on frozen lawns as this may injure turf grasses.
- Make a resolution to keep records of your garden this year.
- Check all fruit trees for evidence of rodent injury to bark. Use baits or traps where necessary.
- Brightly colored paints applied to the handles of tools will make them easier to locate in the garden.
- Review garden catalogs, select plants with improved insect, disease and drought-tolerance.
- Old Christmas trees can be recycled outdoors as a feeding station for birds. String garlands of peanuts, popcorn, cranberries, fruits and suet through their boughs.
- If you didn't get your bulbs planted before the ground froze, plant them immediately in individual peat pots and place the pots in flats. Set them outside where it is cold and bury the bulbs under thick blankets of leaves. Transplant them into the garden any time weather permits.
- Try sprouting a test sample of left over seeds before ordering new seeds for spring. (Roll up 10 seeds in a damp paper towel. Keep moist and warm. Check for germination in a week. If fewer than half sprout, order fresh seed.)
- Swap seeds and plant information with your gardening friends.

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