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From the President's Desk

by Teri Loney, State Advisory Board President

Thankfully, today the temperature was a balmy 30 degrees. My favorite activity during this crazy weather has been curling up with a quilt and my garden magazines! Naturally, this activity leads to a desire to dig up more lawn which will mean a day at the Mennonite Flower Auction and then, cajoling my husband into wangling the shovel. As one might expect, my reverie is interrupted by a herd of deer feeding on my white pines, followed by the scent of my husband breezing toward the shower, with the lingering smell of our deer repellent rotten egg cocktail, which he has diligently sprayed on anything standing in our front yard. Am I ready for Spring? Sooo.... Let's talk about Master Gardeners.

My other career, as a treating psychologist, has taught me the importance of staying active and passionately involved in life. The MG Program provides this on numerous levels keeping participants physically active, passionately invigorated, and intellectually challenged. It just doesn't get better than this! Perhaps that contributes to the growth of our Program. In 2007, the program reached more people than reside in Springfield. And if Master Gardener volunteer hours for one year were used to purposely walk the Katy Trail at 3 miles an hour, well, the entire trail would have to be closed for an entire weekend—due to a Special Event. Of the 114 counties in Missouri, 74 have active Master Gardener Programs. And through the magic of statistics, we would, therefore, have nearly 30 active Master Gardeners in each of these counties.

Past Chairpersons of the MG State Board have been very active in the MG process. Our past president, Ed Stowell, of the Kansas City area, was instrumental in creating the Endowment Program and continues to be its most avid supporter. Before Ed, Linda Kalicak from St. Louis worked with the Board on developing a Long Range Plan which has resulted in several accomplishments, including the reengineering of the core book and developing an online presence.

The Board has several items in the hopper for the future, beginning with the Advanced Master Gardener College which will be held this summer. With the

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increasing number of Master Gardeners throughout the state, the request for advanced hours has also increased. The emphasis of the College will be to provide a significant number of advanced hours, targeting specialty tracts. The courses will be presented by talented and well-informed speakers who will provide the latest research which they will translate into useable applications. Participating MGs will be able to immediately take their learning and apply it to the betterment of their own gardens. Fortunately, I have been able to identify several movies for a possible Advanced MG College Pajama Dorm Package, including, the Constant Gardener, Adaptation, Saving Grace, Broken Flowers, and, two all time favorites, Little Shop of Horrors and Attack of the Killer Tomatoes.

My time on the MG State Board has been invigorating and enriching. I have had the opportunity to experience the Master Gardener Program on an entirely different level and from a different perspective. Now, more than ever I understand the benefits the Master Gardeners bring to their communities, making the world a better place from a grass roots perspective, literally.

Perhaps 2010 will be the year that Master Gardeners provide enough volunteer hours to match the number of hours (150,000) the stealth bomber has flown since its maiden flight. Perhaps it will be our push toward a more peaceful environment-- what a nice idea.

Here's to a New Year with numerous opportunities to grow and learn.

News From Around the State

Saving A Vital Part of our Ecology

By D. Beam, Master Gardener of the Ozark Media Liaison



so did the variety of flowers". Here in the Ozarks, progress happens and homes start filling in great areas of the country side. Suddenly all "the quiet glens with their secret stands of flowers, rocky outcroppings that provided homes for the woodland creatures were gone, gone forever". She says thoughtfully, "Like

"Lights .. Camera .. Action!"

By D. Beam, MG of the Ozarks Media Liaison

Master Gardeners of the Ozarks are proud to announce that a movie has been made regarding the activities of our chapter. You can find the movie on YouTube. 2009 was a very busy year for the Master Gardeners with a "Spring Conference", "Annual Garden Tour", "Fall Garden Workshop" and the many projects that Master Gardeners worked on in Stone and Taney Counties. From the Crane Farmers Market to the Blue Eye Reunion Master Gardeners were everywhere. The six minute movie was produced by David Burton of the University of Missouri Extension office. He is our Civic Communication Specialist. The six minute video shows Master Gardeners and what we do. We invite everyone to check us out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0iAt3qQBfw>

If you would like to know more about the Master Gardener of the Ozarks or have one of us come by your group for a visit .. Call us at 417-357-6812. or email - schnakenbergc@missouri.edu

voices extinguished, never to be heard from again. That was profoundly sad. I wanted to bring them home and give them a chance to continue".

She decided to get more information; She enrolled in the Master Gardener program. During these classes came "the idea for Wildflower Rescue. It became my project goal. When I started talking about it with several other Master Gardeners, they expressed interest in the idea". After finishing her 30 hours of training, the Wildflower Rescue Group was officially formed.

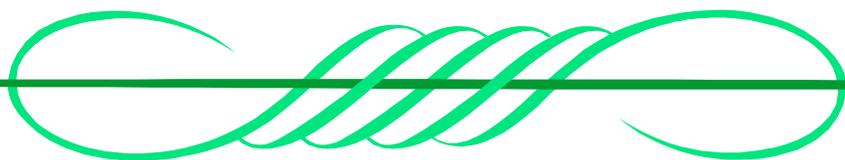
In the Kimberling City area, Foxwood Shores, a new subdivision on Little Aunts Creek Road was getting ready for development. Candy asked the construction supervisor about a particular hillside in the subdivision that he was going to bulldoze for a septic system. After getting permission from the supervisor, the committee raced into action to dig as many plants as they could. "Can you imagine, here we are a bunch of girls digging in the dirt while the construction boys were standing by their big machines and drinking coffee watching us. They needed to get to work, but they waited for us." says Dr. Anne Wigg. "It was such a frantic effort, no one thought of taking a picture" says Candy with a laugh. The committee has grown with Master Gardener members Marty Kenny, Dr. Anne Wigg, Bill Walley, J.W. Pace, Joe Kleiber, David Smith, Sharon Burgess, Veronica Oots, Roberta Arsenault, Patty Zschoche, Margaret Kaiser, Patty Olsen, Kathryn Kufahl and Chair Candy Clark.



The University of Missouri Extension Guide states: "it is unlawful to remove any wildflower endangered or not from public land. This includes highway right-of-ways. Anyone interested in growing wildflowers should select those that can be grown from seeds or propagated in other ways for use in the garden. Avoid digging from native locations unless native locations are being destroyed for some reason"! Candy says with confidence, "That being said, we as a group, under the umbrella of Master Gardeners, have permission forms that need to be filled out before working on private land."

So far a few hundred plants have been rescued. Most went home with the individual rescuer. "I have two acres of woods that are dedicated to native plants and flowers. It is a work in progress, but many plants have found a home there". Candy adds with a grin, "We speak almost daily! I am always delighted to hear their voices".

Master Gardener Candy Clark has taken a passion for wildflowers and made it personal. She tells us that her favorite time of day is called "the golden hour before sunset, when shadows are long and the grass is emerald, and of course flowers, great and small." If you would like to visit with Candy and her committee you can contact her at candaceclark@msn.com.



Web Links for Friends of the Garden at Close Memorial Park

By George Deatz, President, Friends of the Garden

A new year is underway and the gardens at Close Memorial Park will come alive and be starting a new growing season before we know it!

With that in mind, we are introducing the **NEW: Friends of the Garden - 2010 AREA GARDEN CALENDAR** at this link: <http://www.swmogardens.com//fogcalendar> This is your one stop source for all garden related events in and around Southwest, Missouri. Attend garden tours. Hang out at festivals. Find new places. Volunteer. Learn something inspiring. Our garden community is alive and well. There's plenty to discover and something for everyone! Visit and explore this link, click on events you are interested in and see the information that is provided.

By now you should be used to visiting our web site (revised last week) www.friendsofthegarden.org, our news blog <http://friendsofthegarden.org/pblog/index.php> plus our two month old community forum <http://www.friendsofthegarden.org/forum/index.php> I hope you will like receiving your Friends of the Garden, Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, and Botanical Center news this way. Please bookmark or make these "favorites" a link so that you are able to refer to them often for the most comprehensive garden news in this area; received when **you** want it.

Welcome, New Graduates!!!

By D. Beam, Master Gardener of the Ozarks Media Liaison

Master Gardener's of Stone and Taney counties are glad to welcome 19 new members to our family. These dedicated men and women have completed 30 hours of training from the University of Missouri Extension. They have all signed a contract with the Extension to give 30 hours of community service. So you may see them out working at Dewey Short Visitor Center at the Table Rock Lake Dam. You might see them at the Kimberling Area Children's Garden. Perhaps others will work at the Crane Broiler Festival or the Blue Eye Reunion. There are so many different projects that the Master Gardeners are involved in.



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Flowers Along the Trail

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It all started with a question:

What kind of paint works on asphalt? That was the question posed to Candy Clark a local artist in Kimberling City. From that question came the beginning of flowers being painted on the asphalt trail from the front of the Kimberling Area Library to the gardens in the back. "I like the creative process .. imagine, design and paint" says Candy. "The paintings are of common garden flowers, rose, pansy, bee balm, and some are wildflowers, columbine, wild pink and spiderwort. I picked them for a variety of color, shape and easily recognizable."



Candy is a member of the Master Gardener of the Ozarks and knows flowers. So, the next time you are at the Kimberling Area Library, take a moment and stroll on the path to the garden and see what a local artist has done.

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Upcoming Events

Master Gardener's of the Ozarks Spring Gardening Workshop

by D. Beam, Master Gardener of the Ozarks Media Liaison

The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks are proud to announce the line up for the Annual Spring Gardening Workshop to be held in Branson. The event is scheduled for March 20th from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm.

The mission of the Missouri Master Gardener program is: "Helping Others Learn to Grow". This annual program has been attended by hundreds throughout the Ozarks. Planned subjects are: Plant Propagation, Herbs from the garden to the kitchen, Garden design in limited spaces, English gardens in the Ozarks, and Organic vegetable gardening for the home gardener.

The cost for this event is only \$15.00 per person and includes lunch. Advanced registration is required. See registration form on page 6.

Come join us as we get a jump on the planting season with some good information that all gardening enthusiasts will enjoy.

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The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks presents...

Spring Gardening Workshop

March 20, 2010

Registration opens at 9 AM

Workshops 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM

Branson United Methodist Church

1208 W. Country Blvd. (W. Hwy 76), Branson, MO

Workshop Topics --

Organic Vegetable Gardening for the Home Gardener

Sanjun Gu – Vegetable Specialist, Lincoln University, Jefferson City

English Gardens in the Ozarks

Peter Longley—Horticulturalist, Springfield

Garden Design in Limited Spaces

Steve Owensby – Professional Landscaper, Springfield

Herbs From the Garden to the Kitchen

Marilyn Burkhardt—Master Gardener, Branson

Plant Propagation

Patrick Byers – Extension Horticulture Specialist, Springfield

The workshop includes lunch by Carefree Catering. Advance registration is required. Cost per person for all sessions and lunch is \$15.



Website: <http://extension.missouri.edu/taney/mg>

Sponsored by:

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Call Tim Schnakenberg at 417-357-6812 for details.

Pre-registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Make check payable to "Master Gardeners of the Ozarks" Payment Enclosed _____

Mail Form and Payment by March 16 to:

Taney County Extension Center, P.O. Box 598, Forsyth, MO 65653, 417-546-4431

Plant of Merit - *Cyperus papyrus* 'King Tut'

By Chris Nejeleski, Coordinator, Plants of Merit Program, Missouri Botanical Garden



Two great plants received a LOT of attention at this year's *Best of Missouri Market* in October here at the garden.

We had *sedum rupestre* 'Angelina' growing in a 8" pot, and it was cascading over the pots edges. With its bright chartreuse green 'hair', I found people coming up to it and 'petting' it. I was very tempted to put giant eyeballs on it and call it 'cousin it'. 'Angelina' will be a new introduction to the program in 2010.

My other show stopper was *cyperus papyrus* 'King Tut', Egyptian papyrus. Sitting on the ground, this potted plant was well over 3' tall. I had it placed among a grouping of plants, and it was the definite 'thriller' item. Grown here as an annual, each stem is topped by a showy umbellate inflorescence of threadlike arching rays. Plants can be grown in pots and set in water garden settings, directly into the ground in wet areas and even in larger mixed combination pots. If 3' seems a bit tall, a newer variety has been recently introduced: 'Baby Tut' maxes out at about 2'.

Ask your local independent garden center to stock this plant for spring 2010. For a list of participating garden centers, go to: www.plantsofmerit.org.

Go to: www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder/nurs.asp for local nurseries that carry Plants of Merit.

Common Name: papyrus
Zone: 9-10
Plant Type: Rush or Sedge
Family: Cyperaceae
Missouri Native: No
Height: 2 to 3 feet
Spread: 2 to 3 feet
Bloom Time: July - September
Bloom Color: Greenish Brown
Sun: Full sun to part shade
Water: Wet
Maintenance: Medium

