

Heartland Horticulture

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From the president's desk:

Since our last July meeting, much has happened with MOMGA and master gardeners around the state. We have kicked off our "MOMGA Membership Drive" and have had much success with master gardener's joining us. Chapters have sent in their membership roster which includes their members in good standing, emeritus members and dues. We are well on our way of reaching our goal of 1,500 members in this year!

In addition, the drought was upon us all over the state with temperatures well over 100 for days at a time! But, we and our gardens endured.

We also had a wonderful 2012 Master Gardener Conference in Sedalia hosted by the Benton County Master Gardeners, Boonslick Master Gardeners in Cooper County, Ozark Prairie Master Gardeners in Morgan County and the Show-Me Master Gardeners in Pettis County!

As I write this, I was in New Jersey, volunteering with the Red Cross helping hundreds of people recover from Hurricane Sandy. So as the holiday season is upon us, remember those who are close to you and have a safe season to enjoy.

Steve Stacey

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MOMGA Nov. 2, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes Columbia Library, Columbia, Mo.

[Click here to view the revised By-Laws](#) (Word)

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MDC Starts New Campaign Focused on Our Trees and Forests

Did you know that being around trees lowers your blood pressure and pulse? Kids perform better on tests and have reduced symptoms of ADHD after being in nature. And, trees along streets raise Missouri home value by \$ 7,000 on average. Trees work. At the same time that they provide habitat for wildlife, wood products and shade for our homes, trees work in other incredibly important and surprising ways we are only beginning to understand.

The Missouri Department of Conservation is starting a new campaign called; "Trees Work" to let Missourians know all the ways our trees and forests are working for us. Many of us appreciate the beauty of a favorite blazing red and orange maple or of the forested Ozark hills without being aware of the real and valuable benefits those trees are providing for our health, our families, our wallets and our environment.

Watch for "Trees Work" activities and information in your area. Visit www.treeswork.org or contact Ann Koenig, ann.koenig@mdc.mo.gov or 573-680-3832 to learn more and get involved. Help us spread the message that our trees and forests are more than pretty, static things.....Trees Work!

MOMGA Board Meeting Photos - July 1, 2012



MOMGA Board Meeting Photos – Nov. 2, 2012



Membership Dues FORMS Now Available

Below are the forms needed to submit membership dues to our MOMGA Treasurer. Details are listed on each form. For those chapters that are paying for their members, please use the Chapter Membership Form. For those Individuals paying dues themselves, please use the Individual Membership Form. [Click here for the Chapter Membership Form](#) (Word)

Lifetime Members

Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc.

<i>GOLD</i>	<i>SILVER</i>	<i>BRONZE</i>
George Hibbard, Billie Long	Patrick Farrell, Rowena Ford	
Mary Kuhn	Elaine Fix, Susan Pfoertner	
Carolyn Moore	Art Kammerlohr	
Kay Moore	Laura Redfield-Jacobs	
Carolyn Morgret	Steve Stacey	

Lifetime memberships with benefits available for all Master Gardeners for the following levels:

Membership Level/Cost	Benefits
BRONZE \$50	Pay only once
	Future benefits at Mo Botanical Gardens
	Discounts on books, publications, other Hort items and vendor discounts
	5% off at state MG Conference
Silver \$100	Pay only once
	Special honorary MG Badge given to lifetime members
	Future benefits at Mo Botanical Garden
	Discounts on books, publications, other Hort related items, and vendor discounts
	10% off annual State MG Conference
Gold \$200	Pay only once
	Special honorary MG Badge given to lifetime members
	Discounts on books, publications, other Hort related items, and vendor discounts
	Future benefits at Mo Botanical Garden
	15% off at annual State MG Conference
	Preferred seating at conference meals
	Special discounts on conference and training events

Membership Upgrades: MG's who signs up for lifetime membership at a lower level may upgrade at any time by paying the difference between their current level and cost of the higher level desired.

State wide Century Club: Master Gardeners who volunteer 100 or more hours in each year will receive special recognition.

Emeritus Master Gardeners: Receive recognition and free annual membership.

Chapter presidents are representatives of the Board and not required to pay the \$2 annual membership fee as long as they serve as president but are still eligible to purchase a lifetime membership.

Upcoming events:

Northwest Region

Great Plains Growers Conference - This is a multi-state conference

The 17th annual conference for seasoned and beginning vegetable and fruit growers is scheduled for January 10-12, 2013 at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO. **Jeff Lowenfels**, author of *'Teaming with Microbes'*, is featured as this year's keynote speaker. The 2013 program will focus on a wide range of sessions for both fruit and vegetable growers.

Thursday, January 10th is the all-day workshops: **High Tunnels, Honey Bees, Fruit, Soil and Irrigation and Introduction to Production (Spanish)**.

Friday and Saturday, January 11-12th will feature sessions on **Beginning/Advanced Organic Production, Urban Horticulture and Gardens, Tree/Small Fruits, Conventional Vegetables IPM, Cut Flowers and Beginning Beekeeping**.

Trade Show Fruit and Vegetable Exhibitors will have information about seeds, irrigation, equipment, chemicals and many other products. Schedule and registration forms will be mailed in November.

Contact: Buchanan County Extension Office, (816) 279-1691

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2013 Missouri Master Gardener's State Conference

It's a Garden Party!! September 20, 21 and 22nd, hosted by Master Gardeners of Greene County.



Our guest speaker will be Mr. Todd Lasseigne, Director of the Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Garden in Tulsa. There will be at least four different Advanced Training workshops offered over three days, and many breakout sessions on Sunday morning. The Friday evening social will be at the new Springfield Botanical Gardens and will feature tours of the park and gardens.

Please keep checking for updates!! [Click her to view the website](#)

International Master Gardener Conference 2013



Here's your chance to take a trip of a lifetime, an Alaskan Cruise with some of the world's best people, Master Gardeners. The Arkansas Master Gardeners and University of Arkansas Extension are hosting the 2013 International Master Gardener Conference on an Alaskan Cruise aboard a Holland America Cruise Line. The conference begins with boarding in Seattle on September 7, 2013. Over 820 Master Gardeners from 42 states have already registered. Six of those registered are from Missouri. Maybe we can get a few more to represent our great state at the event.

Detailed information regarding the conference is available on the University's website: uaex.edu/imgc2013
Questions may be directed to Janet Carson, University of Arkansas Extension, at 501-993-6668 and by email at jcarson@uaex.edu

Kick Off the 2013 Gardening Year with “Dig In”

A Gardening Seminar will be held on February 23, 2013 at the University of Missouri Extension Center of St. Charles County from 9:00 to 12:30. Three sessions will be offered with four topics available each session. Registrants should choose a topic for each session for a total of three hours of instruction. The cost for this event is \$20 (nonrefundable) for registration received by February 11; \$25 for at-the-door registration—class availability may be limited. Detailed information is available by clicking on the following website: <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/digin.aspx> or you may call 636-970-3000. Visa, Master Card or Discover accepted.

MU Extension moves to new budgeting/staffing model

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Columbia, MO -- University of Missouri Extension is realigning its regional administrative structure to focus on high-priority local programs, adjust to uncertain public funding, generate additional revenue, and be programmatically nimble to meet increasing demands for educational programs and services.

“Changes in the economic development needs of Missouri, population demographics, societal changes and funding constraints call for new models for allocating funds and staffing,” said Michael Quart, vice provost and director. “MU Extension’s previous staffing plan of 2007 was based on economic and social factors that are now outdated.”

Effective Jan. 1, 2013, MU Extension will move to a total resource model for regional programs. Rather than budgeting for a specific number of positions, extension regions will be allocated pools of funds to carry out the highest-priority programs for the area. Priorities will be driven by local need and demand as well as campus-based analysis of the greatest impact items coming from research. The total resource model is similar to how colleges are funded for extension work on the MU campus.

“The focus will be on program impact, not the position,” said Quart. “Decisions about where to invest in positions will be based on citizens’ greatest opportunities and needs and MU Extension’s available resources to fill those needs.”

Regional directors, in collaboration with MU Extension’s program directors and with regional and county extension councils, will determine the mix and location of priority programmatic positions.

To maintain support for high-priority programs in the current difficult environment, additional funds must be generated locally and regionally. Faculty and staff and county extension councils are encouraged to develop diverse revenue streams, including contracts, grants, fees and gifts as well as appropriated funds. Revenue generated through contracts, grants, fees and gifts will be allocated to program priorities on the statewide, regional or local level.

Finally, to become more administratively lean, the number of extension regions will be reduced from eight to seven.

“The regions will be reorganized taking in consideration the number of faculty and staff to be supervised, geographic distances for travel, and factors specific to each region,” said Quart.

Six rural regions will be geographically drawn and titled West Central, East Central, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.

The seventh region, titled the Urban Region, will place more emphasis on Missouri’s increasingly urban population and will consist of six counties surrounding St. Louis and Kansas City plus the City of St. Louis.

MU Extension will maintain its long history of providing locally responsive programs that create healthy families, communities, agriculture, businesses and citizens to drive the overall economic well-being of the state.



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New Regional Map effective Jan 1, 2012



University of Missouri Extension
Regional Map effective Jan. 1, 2013

Master Gardener Newsletters from Around the State

(These are the current regions)

Central Region	Heart of Mo MG Chapter ; Central Mo MG Chapter ; Boonslick Area MG Chapter
East Central Region	St Louis MG Chapter
Northeast Region	Kirksville Area MG Chapter ; Clark MG Chapter ; Macon-Shelby MG Chapter ; Magic City MG Chapter
Northwest Region	Northwest MG Chapter
South Central	Lake Area MG Chapter ; Laclede MG Chapter ; Phelps MG Chapter
Southeast	Butler MG Chapter ; Perry MG Chapter
Southwest	Barton MG Chapter ; Christian MG Chapter ; Dallas MG Chapter ; Master Gardeners of Greene County ; Hickory MG Chapter ; Ozark Gateway MG Chapter ; Hill and Hollow Master Gardeners ; Master Gardeners of the Ozarks
West Central	Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City ; Johnson Master Gardeners

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MEET YOUR NEW HEARTLAND HORTICULTURE EDITOR

Chyrlé Arens – St Louis Master Gardeners



After 30 years with AT&T, I was fortunate enough to receive an early retirement. Since then, I have been very active in the St Louis Master Gardener organization and made many news friends who also love gardening. I attended the Master Gardener classes in 2006 at the Mo Botanical Garden and have been hooked on volunteering not only at the garden but also with the St Louis Urban Roots Project in downtown St Louis. I am also a Docent and Garden Guide at the Botanical Garden. My other activities with our local Master Gardener group include four years on our Advisory Committee, two of those years as Chairperson and four years on our Master Gardener Training Team. I am currently Co-chair of our Communications Committee which includes responsibility for the organization's website.

I am looking forward to working with everyone to provide a newsletter that is useful and full of fun happenings throughout the state.

2013 Heartland Horticulture Newsletter Schedule

Publication Date	Article Deadline
March 1, 2013	Feb 15, 2013
June 1, 2013	May 15, 2013
September 1, 2013	August 15, 2013
December 1, 2013	November 15, 2013

The newsletter will be published four times during the year with the deadline for submitting articles or announcements listed above. Please feel free to submit your local chapter's activities, photos, announcements, etc. for publication in the newsletter. If you would like assistance with the content, no problem, we will gladly help you out. Send your information to me by email at arensc@sbcglobal.net or you can reach me by phone at 636-296-3326.

Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc.

Nov. 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

9:30 a.m. Vice President Elaine Fix called the meeting to order. President Steve Stacey could not attend—he is a Red Cross volunteer and had to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Fix introduced the officers. She handed out a revised agenda. **Don Bjuland moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded. Discussion, none. Approved.** Everyone introduced themselves. Thirty-three people attended. Dr. Trinklein and Jim Quinn attended. Don Bjuland has been a Master Gardener the longest of those present: 20 years.

Voting Member review: Chapter presidents or their representative and former Master Gardener Advisory Board members may vote. Fix read through the attendance of voting-eligible representatives.

Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs summarized the minutes from the June meeting. **Marie Pasley moved to accept the minutes. Seconded. Open for discussion. No discussion. Approved.**

Marie Pasley discussed the proposed changes to the MoMGA bylaws. The bylaw review committee met June 3, 2012. Copies of the proposed bylaw changes have been on the web site and were sent out 60 days before the Nov. 2 meeting. Copies of the proposed bylaws with changes in color were handed to everyone in attendance at the meeting. Pasley read through each change.

Discussion. The membership meeting will meet at the annual State Conference. But the Board of Directors will meet three or four times a year, with one meeting concurrent with the membership meeting at the State Conference. It was mentioned that Phelps County is hosting "orphan" Master Gardeners who no longer have a chapter. They want to list themselves as Gasconade Master Gardeners and report their hours that way. They hope to get their group rejuvenated. Carolyn Morgret said she is in Knox County and is in that situation. She goes to Scotland County meetings, but has her hours turned in under Knox County. Dr. Trinklein said there is an Extension person assigned to every county (they may be in charge of more than one county). There should be someone who can help.

David Moll said we have a lot more representatives involved on the Board. We are doing a lot of the business of the organization without an executive committee. We need a definition of executive committee. Fix said officers of the Association guide the association. Patrick Farrell said this could be included in the Policies and Procedures.

Don Bjuland moved to approve the bylaws as written. Jo Ann Hill seconded. No further discussion. Approved.

Patrick Farrell gave the Treasurer's Report. Income: Lifetime Memberships are \$425; Conference Rollover, State Fund is \$5,000; Membership dues to date are \$1,478. Anticipated Income from Dues \$320; Other Miscellaneous \$120; Conference Income \$725. Total is \$8,068. Expenses: The lanyards for the conference \$531.54. Anticipated Expenses: Checks, about \$101.31; Meeting Expenses for this meeting, \$300; Conference Expenses, \$825; State of Missouri Filing Fees, \$20; Badges for Board Members, \$100; Website, \$55.47; Website \$82.58. Total expenses: \$2,015.90. Projected Balance: \$6,052.10. Conference Expense: The Association sponsored some meet and greets, informational items, marketing expense. Discussion on Budget.

Patrick Farrell gave the Endowment Report: The Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson Endowment was established to support the Missouri Master Gardener program. There are some conditions within the endowment to be clarified. The Distribution provision currently states that the Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator has the authority to make distributions. We currently do NOT have the Coordinator Position. It has been frozen by the University. In the absence of the Coordinator, the Dean of the College of Agriculture is the one to make the decisions on the Distribution Account. As a result, no decisions on the distribution account have been made in over a year. Farrell said David Baker said there will be no State MG Coordinator until the endowment reaches \$3 million. Dr. Trinklein said reworded documents have to be able to pass the legal department. Trinklein said we need to make a recommendation with support of the Board. Realistically, we need to get up to \$25,000 to use the income as the endowment wording suggests. Most new endowments must have a minimum of \$25,000. An endowment is a legal, binding document. Farrell has met with the development officer at MU that handles this. Farrell said he is suggesting that this Board sit down with the University to discuss the Ray Rothenberger endowment. Don Bjuland gave a history of the Ray Rothenberger endowment. He put in 1/3 of the money in the endowment when a friend died.

Jim Quinn said the Board should speak to the University and with family representatives as well.

Farrell said the Principal Account is \$16,239.61. Distribution Account: \$3,243.76 Farrell said he is asking for an action: Be it resolved that the MoMGA, Inc., take action to rewrite the provision for the Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson Missouri Master Gardener Endowment to change the Distribution provision authority from the Dean of the College of Agriculture to the MoMGA Board of Directors.

Carolyn Morgret made a motion that Patrick Farrell, as representative of the board of directors, be given the authority of this group to meet with the family members and the University to discuss the provisions of the endowment. Seconded by Mary Kuhn. Approved.

Sedalia Conference Report: 154 attended. We made \$5,400 divided between four counties and \$5 per person was taken off. People enjoyed the Friday tour. We set precedence with four counties coordinating it. It was amazing how much people gave. It was wonderful.

MoMGA Membership Drive Update: Farrell reported that we kicked off the drive June 1. Eight people are

Lifetime members and 1,067 people are in chapters that have joined the Association. The figures do not include St. Louis. We are on our way to 1,500 members in our first year. He said we are tracking 20 chapters out of 58 so far. A person asked if “orphaned” Master Gardeners can vote in the organization. Farrell said they can vote once a year at the state Convention. Farrell also said every Master Gardener Chapter gets to send one person to the board meeting, regardless of whether the Chapter has joined.

10:55 10 minute break.

11:05 Resumed. Dr. Trinklein moved up on schedule because he has to leave.

Dr. Trinklein said after Mary Kroening left, a Self Directed Work Team became the leadership team advancing the Master Gardener program. He and Jim Quinn received a grant to create on-line Master Gardener training. It will not replace face-to-face meetings. We have all but one chapter completed. Each chapter of the core training manual will be a training module. We plan to launch this early next year, hopefully late January. We are copying the University of Minnesota, with the way they went about doing this. If there are questions, answers will come from Extension Administration. Right now, fees range from \$400 in St. Louis for face-to-face training down to \$95 in some areas. We charge \$175 for the on-line training. Trinklein said that current Master Gardeners can take a refresher without paying a fee. That is a battle he is willing to wage. He said it is his intention to have an on-line chat room where people can ask questions. All of the Power Points will be loaded onto MOODLE so they can be used for face-to-face training. Each module has its own set of learning objectives. People who take the on-line training will receive the training handbook, which also is available on-line.

What will tie the person to their chapter? When we receive that person’s name (who wants to take the on-line course) their name will be sent to the regional extension agent, who will make contact. They will need to start volunteering. People who want the information, but do not want to volunteer, can take it but will pay \$350 for the program. Trinklein said Program Evaluation is extremely important when trying to raise money. He received the final report of the survey. The results will be made available—there are 72 pages of additional comments. This will help us show the public value of this program to the state of Missouri. More than 1,300 people responded to the survey—which is almost 40 %.

Fix: Website: www.momga.org. Please put me on your newsletter list for your chapter.

Policies and Procedures: We were going to have special nametags given to lifetime members. But there are so many styles. Redfield-Jacobs said she thought the special nametag was for the conference only with colors around the edge. Christine Chui and Laura Lackey suggested adding a pin to the nametags. Chui suggested lapelpinplanet.com. She said it cost about \$2 per person when order 20 at a time.

New Business

Heartland Horticulture has a new editor, Chyrle Arens, a St. Louis Master Gardener. Any chapter can put their chapter newsletter in it.

2013 Master Gardener Conference Sept. 20-22, 2013 Lisa Bakerink said Todd Lasseigne, Director of Oklahoma Centennial Botanical Garden in Tulsa will be the keynote speaker. There will be at least four Advanced Training workshops offered over three days, and many breakout sessions. Christine Chui said if there were speakers you liked at past conferences, or topics you like would like to see, let us know. One person said they did not want all of the classes at the same time. He only could attend three classes. Chui said past Advanced Training classes have not been advanced enough. E-mail her ideas at natgreeneveg@gmail.com. Visit www.mggreene.org for conference information.

Break for lunch about 11:45 to 12:10.

Slate Of Officers: Marie Pasley, secretary; Patrick Farrell, treasurer; Elaine Fix, vice president; and Steve Stacey, president. Attendees were asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Ginny McCook moved to accept the slate, seconded and approved.

Pasley encouraged those folks who do not have a chapter in their area to speak up, let people know there is an interest. Carol Buck and Farrell said in the big counties the hours that are recorded go to Extension specialists and then the total hours are sent to Columbia, so their members are not on the e-mail list and were missed. Fix said the Listserv Dr. Trinklein was talking about is not accessible by MoMGA.

Chui said phone numbers should not be listed on the web site to avoid bots. Fix said we have something that blocks the e-mails being retrieved by bots. Chui said phone numbers are also attacked by bots. Fix said any chapter that wants to have their phone number removed, may request it.

2013 Meeting Dates: March 22, June 7, Sept. 21, Nov. 8. We discussed meeting in different locations, but Columbia is central. The group will meet in Columbia in a free room.

Many chapters have their own criteria for Advanced Training. Please send the information to Marie Pasley so we can look at what the criteria are. Karen Kunz wants to make sure people are not disappointed in the Advanced Training. Send us a draft or whatever you have.

Laura Lackey said every time she has to make a form, she has to start from scratch. Other Master Gardener groups have a central repository for forms (attendance sheets, plant sale sheet, form for their hotline call, etc.). It would not be a cost; it seems like a natural fit for this group. It is easy to upload word documents and pdf. Fix said she will communicate with everyone to e-mail forms to MoMGA so anyone can print off forms, or a link to a form file. Chui said Google docs is free, you can create forms from templates. It is already built for you.

Ginny Cook: St. Louis volunteers to do the 2014 State Conference.

Don Bjuland made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.