President’s Corner
Greetings from your Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc. President
Elaine Fix – 2014 President

As we head into the New Year, I’d like to thank Steve Stacey for representing MOMGA as we launched the association. Getting people together from all over the state is no easy task but when you are concerned about the Master Gardener program, people are ready to serve.

As we look to our history for perspective, the Master Gardener program started in 1983 in Missouri. So, happy 30th birthday to all of us and here’s to continued success in our communities as we move forward in 2014 and beyond. We have accomplished quite a lot in the first two years as an association.

1) We created a website where everyone can see who other chapters are in their region, who the president is, if they are on Facebook and if they have a website. There are 58 chapters in Missouri and 31 have joined us in the first year!
2) We are working with the MU Leadership Team to discuss issues that concern your chapters and your members.
3) We are working to provide our member master gardener chapters with important information they will need as we move forward. Those goals are to have our by-laws amended to show affiliate master gardener chapters under our 501©3 tax free status; a state wide plant license for our chapter member’s plant sales, provide a clear understanding of liability coverage provided through the university and working on an annual state conference for all members. We will be in St Louis for 2014 and have many exciting events planned.

At the November meeting we put in place a Membership Chairman, Karen Kunz from Kansas City and 7 sub-committees to assist with the 2014 MOMGA membership drive.

Winter Is Beautiful at the Mo Botanical Garden

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
And for all dedicated gardeners …… Time to plan for spring!
They came and they conquered..... Those pesky “Policies and Procedures”
Attendees at the November 8 Board Meeting

**MOMGA Policies and Procedures** – Updated and approved at Nov 8, 2013 Board Meeting (follow link to read minutes)

**MOMGA Board Meeting Minutes - Nov 8, 2013** (follow link to read minutes)

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2014, 9:30 am
*The Columbia Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, Mo.*

**Committees Established**
Standing Committees for the organization were established and chairperson’s appointed. Each committee must have at least two members and chair will be appointed by the MOMGA President. Follow link to details on *Policy and Procedures for Standing Committees*.

**Committee and Chairperson for 2014**
1. Audit Committee – Nancy Franklin, Alice Havard and Blanche Kelly
2. Communication Committee – Mary Medina, Chyrle Arens and Elaine Fix
3. Conference Committee – Elaine Fix and other chairmanship pending
4. Finance Committee – Blanche Kelly and other chairmanship pending
5. Fundraising Committee – Elaine Fix and other chairmanship pending
6. Hospitality Committee – Mary Medina and Blanche Kelly
7. Lifetime Membership Recognition – Sharon Jenicek and other chairmanship pending
8. Marketing and Publicity Committee – Elaine Fix and other chairmanship pending
9. Membership Committee – Karen Kunz, Sharon Jenicek, Laura Pitts and Gail Shoush, Jim and Sandy Sondag, Sharon and Weldon Unterreiner, Mike Flinn, Janice Georg and Carol Buck
10. Policy and Procedures Committee – Marilyn Fox, JoAnn Hill and Marie Pasley
The Master Gardeners of Greene County
Hosted The Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc. Annual Conference

We were promised a garden party and we were not disappointed. Master Gardeners from all corners of Missouri converged in Springfield for a weekend of Plants, Plants and More Plants! We were treated to fun and interesting tours of the plant related sites around Springfield including the local Botanical Garden. Along with the fun, we had the opportunity to hear several speakers and attend classes and workshops all designed to enhance our knowledge of plants whether it be flowers or vegetables. There was something available to suit all us gardeners. Fellow Master Gardener, Lynn Moll from Franklin County Master Gardeners in EC Region provided a fun and interesting overview of the conference weekend, click here to view more photos and information on the conference.

Thank You to The Greene County Master Gardeners for a wonderful conference. We look forward to visiting them again soon.
2014 Missouri Master Gardener Conference

Not since 2003 have you had the chance to see the world of gardening that St. Louis has to offer. In that year the St. Louis Master Gardeners hosted the statewide master gardener conference and we are about to do it again next September. During the weekend of September 12-14, 2014 master gardeners from all across the state will gather for a full conference of tours, lectures, receptions and more fun than you can shake a shovel at.

We have been joined in presenting this conference by Jefferson, Franklin and St. Charles counties as partners in the planning and production process. The theme of partners is evident in our logo which represents the pollinator partners we all depend upon. The planning of the conference has been sprouting since this spring with a committee of 15 folks dedicated to showing the best the St. Louis gardening committee has to offer. Please stay tuned as we cultivate our plan and begin unveiling our ideas. A website should soon appear that will give you an idea of what to expect. Before you know it we will open registration, probably this spring and we'll be off and running. The St. Louis Master Gardeners hope to see you next September when all of our efforts will bear fruit.

MOMGA, Inc. to obtain umbrella plant license for MG plant sales
By Blanche Kelly – 2014 MOMGA Treasurer

MOMGA, Inc. will be purchasing a Missouri Department of Agriculture Nursery License that will be available for member chapters to use this spring during the 2014 annual plant sale season. Member chapters will still be subject to inspection and chapters will have to contact MOMGA, Inc. to provide dates, contact information, etc. before local chapters will be considered “licensed.”

More details will follow as the Association works with the Dept. of Agriculture to finalize the necessary steps. Remember, you must be a 2014 dues paying CHAPTER, not individual, to be able to use the license.

If you have not currently renewed your nursery license for next spring’s plant sales, consider waiting until your chapter has paid your 2014 MOMGA, Inc. dues as this is one of the benefits of joining MOMGA, Inc.

Endowment Fund Established for Missouri Master Gardeners

An endowment fund has been created to provide funding for our Missouri Master Gardener program. It was named in honor of two model Master Gardeners who had a passion for education and an art for inspiration -- Ray Rothenberger and Jim Wilson. Ray was a professor and horticulture specialist at MU for 30 years. His leadership was a key factor in facilitating the first Master Gardener Program in Missouri in 1983. Jim was a Master Gardener in South Carolina, and an Honorary MG in eight more states -- Missouri was the first to bestow him with this honor. He co-hosted PBS’s “Victory Garden.”

The endowment will provide our state organization an opportunity to support future growth of our MG Program in Missouri by providing a permanent source of money to support programs in the near future and beyond. This growth will be vital to the ongoing success of the Missouri Master Gardener Program. We encourage you and your local Master Gardener Chapters to join fellow Master Gardeners around the state in contributing to this important fund.

Contributions are now being accepted and would be appreciated as you consider your end of year charitable contributions. The University of Mo has provided two employees within the Development Office to handle the Endowment. If you have questions regarding the Endowment, please contact Brent McCauley, Development Officer at 573-884-8732 or mccauleyb@missouri.edu. As plans for growing the endowment progress additional information will be shared with all chapters. Additional background information on the endowment is also available at MOMGA Website - Rothenberger/Wilson Endowment
**Vegetable Planting Calendar**

The Extension's website provides a very detailed Vegetable Planting Calendar. It is available for download and has a printable format. Follow the link to access the MU Guide: [http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6201](http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6201)

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**Membership Dues FORMS Now Available**

The forms needed to submit membership dues to our MOMGA Treasurer are available on our website. Detailed information for completing is listed on each form. For those chapters 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](http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6201)

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**MOMGA, Inc. continues to grow with Twenty-Nine Chapters**

The following list provides the website and newsletter address for our Master Gardener Association Chapters. Please visit them to see what our fellow chapters are doing this year.

**Northwest Region - 4**
- Clinton County Master Gardener Chapter
- Daviess County Master Gardener Chapter
- River Valley Master Gardener Chapter - Lafayette County
- Northwest Master Gardener Chapter

**NORTHEAST REGION - 6**
- Macon/Shelby Master Gardener Chapter
- Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Chapter - Boone County
- Kirksville Area Master Gardener Chapter - Adair County
- Randolph County Master Gardener Chapter
- Audrain County Master Gardeners Chapter
- Sullivan County Master Gardener Chapter

**WEST CENTRAL REGION - 6**
- Johnson County Master Gardener Chapter
- Boonslick Area Master Gardener Chapter - Cooper County
- Lake Area Master Gardener Chapter - Camden County
- Ozark Prairie Master Gardener Chapter - Moniteau/Morgan Counties
- Benton County Master Gardener Chapter
- Laclede County Master Gardener Chapter

**EAST CENTRAL REGION - 6**
- Central Missouri Master Gardener Chapter - Cole County
- Franklin County Master Gardener Chapter
- Phelps County Master Gardener Chapter
- Parkland Master Gardener Chapter - St Francois County
- Lincoln County Master Gardener Chapter
- Callaway County Master Gardener Chapter

**SOUTHWEST REGION - 3**
- Barton County Master Gardener Chapter
- Christian County Master Gardener Chapter
- Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Chapter

**SOUTHEAST REGION - 0**

**URBAN REGION - 4**
- Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City Chapter
- St Charles County Master Gardener Chapter
- Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter
- St Louis Master Gardeners Chapter
Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc. Lifetime Members

Lifetime Members attending the 2013 MOMGA Conference, Left to Right: Sharon Jenicek, Elaine Fix, Billie Long, Mary Kuhn, Kay Moore, Carol Buck, Winnie McKinley and Yvette Luedde

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<td>Pay only once, Special honorary MG Badge for lifetime members, future benefits at Mo Botanical Garden, Discounts on books, publication, other Horticulture related items and vendor discounts, 10% off discount on at state MG Conference.</td>
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**Membership Upgrades:** MG’s who sign 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. See our Treasurer for more information.

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

**Emeritus Master Gardeners:** Receive recognition at annual conference and free annual membership.

**Chapter presidents** are representatives of the MOMGA, Inc. Board and not required to pay the $2 annual membership fee during their term as president but are still eligible to purchase a lifetime membership.

**Master Gardeners mentioned in the October Issue of Martha Stewart Living**

The Missouri Botanical Garden (MBOT) and the St Louis Master Gardeners were mentioned in an article titled, A Garden with Lessons to Teach, about Stonecrop Gardens in New York’s Hudson Valley and their extensive horticulture education programs. The MBOT training program is mentioned as another location providing community outreach and horticultural education. Article available by clicking on the following link: [St Louis Master Gardeners](#)
Holiday Wreath Auction at the Missouri Botanical Garden

This is just four of the fifteen beautifully designed wreaths on display at the Missouri Botanical Garden in the Ridgeway Center throughout the holiday season. The wreaths are available for purchase during the silent auction currently underway and continuing until January 2.

The wreath display is always a highlight of trips to the garden during the holidays.
1. Not a Creature was Stirring – designed by Marlene Norton from Schnucks Florist and Gifts.
3. The Life of a Tumbleweed – designed by Resito Pescon for twiggs and MOSS.
4. The Woodland Wreath – designed by Wendy Conroy for Sugar Creek Gardens

Many of the wreaths are quite large and not suitable for many of our homes, but we enjoy getting new ideas for making our own version of these beautiful designs. The Tumbleweed has received lots of attention especially from our Texas visitors who recognize the tumbleweeds immediately. The Woodland Wreath was created by the designer using bark, twigs and other natural items found in her back yard.
MOMGA, Inc. 2014 Officers

Elaine Fix, 2014 President – 314-277-6186 or elaine.fix@momga.org
Mary Kuhn, 2014 Vice President – 417-682-2018 or mary.kuhn@momga.org
Blanche Kelly, 2014 Treasurer – 636-262-7303 or blanche.kelly@momga.org
Marie Pasley, 2014 Secretary – 573-474-5245 or marie.pasley@momga.org

Contact information for Committee Chairs available on our website at www.momga.org

Note from the Editor - Chyrle Arens - St Louis Master Gardeners

Our next issue is scheduled for publication in March 2014. We will be looking for articles from some of the chapters to share. I’m sure lots of planning and shopping from seed books will be going on in the next couple of months. Please consider sharing some of your plans with your MG friends around the state.

If you are planning a spring plant sale, let us know so we can publish it in the March issue. You know MGs, they will travel miles in search of new varieties and nicely priced plants. It’s what we do for fun!

I encourage each chapter to share information about their events, photos and news stories. Articles from non-member chapters will be included only if space allows.

I look forward to hearing from everyone and would very much appreciate your feedback regarding ideas for the newsletter and feedback on this issue.

The plan is to publish the e-newsletter four times during the year with the deadline for submitting articles or announcements listed below. If you need assistance with submitting photos or articles, no problem, you can reach me by email at arens@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 636-296-3326.

Deadline: On the 15th of the month preceding the publication date

Happy Holidays to all our Missouri Master Gardener Friends and
Looking Forward to the New Growing Season