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

We ushered in 2014 with a lot to celebrate! Our organization has surpassed the chapters who have joined us in the first two years plus it’s the 100th Anniversary of Extension! Check out our history at http://extension.missouri.edu. Both promotions will be promoted by our Marketing/Publicity Chairman, Mary Kuhn, to all member chapters.

We’re looking forward to the events and classes that the St Louis Master Gardeners are planning for this year’s 19th Master Gardener State Conference from Sept. 12 – 14 in St. Louis. See our website for what is being planned at www.momga.org. Check back for upcoming details to be added.

We have filled all of our chairman positions and will be following up with them on their duties for our organization. Just like the plants we plant, so too shall we grow to represent our member chapters in their local communities. Come grow with us!

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Celebrating 100 Years of Extension in Missouri

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 established the Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service, a partnership among federal, state and county governments allowing universities to extend their programs to all people — not just students.

Learn more about the history of our state’s extension at http://extension.missouri.edu/about/history.aspx

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, /Boone Co. Extension, 1012 H. HWY UU, Columbia, Mo
(Please note change in meeting location)
Meeting Agenda for upcoming March 7 meeting
Mark your Calendar
2014 Missouri Master Gardener Conference
YOU ARE ALL INVITED

The 2014 Missouri Master Gardener Conference planning committee is busy planning the 2014 events to held in St Louis on September 12-14. The St Louis Master Gardeners will host our state conference and are extremely excited to design a weekend that everyone will enjoy; packed full of educational, fun and convivial while showing off many of St Louis’ fine gardens and many gardening resources. The committee’s goal will be to provide enough educational opportunities that you can fulfill your annual continuing education requirements in one weekend. There may also be opportunities for volunteers both before and after the conference.

Stay tuned for details on the seminars, speakers, tours and vendors that will be part of this fun weekend.

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Plant Sale and Nursery Umbrella License for MOMGA

The umbrella plant sale/nursery license has been purchased from the Department of Agriculture. All MOMGA chapters wishing to utilize the license must supply the following plant sale information to Blanche Kelly by March 14, 2014 – Chapter Name, Plant sale Contact Name, phone number, and e-mail, date of sale, city of sale, location/address of sale, any plant vendor used to provide plants other than chapter members. An example of a vendor would be purchasing plugs to grow in your greenhouses or purchasing plants to re-sell.

Once your chapter’s plant sale information has been received, you will receive a PDF of the nursery license which MUST BE DISPLAYED in a prominent place on the day of your sale.

Please send all information and questions to blanche.kelly@momga.org.

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Learn about the latest pest threatening Fruit and Berry Crops

**SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA (SWD)**

- The Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) is an insect that lays eggs in ripening fruit. It has been found in fruit crops across Missouri this past year. Unlike most other vinegar/fruit flies which are drawn to rotting fruit, the SWD is a vinegar fly that infests healthy fruit as it ripens.
- The female SWD lays eggs inside **berries** (raspberries, blackberries, elderberries, strawberries, etc.), **stone fruits** (peaches, nectarines, cherries, etc.), **tomatoes**, and many other **fruits** (grapes, apples, etc.), both domestic and wild. An infestation of SWD larva can ruin an entire crop.
- Unfortunately, fruit can be sent to market before an infestation is recognized- to the unpleasant surprise of the buyer finding larva, and the possible loss of future business for the commercial grower.
- Learning to identify and monitor for SWD will help you determine the control strategies needed to protect crops, and get your fruit to market or into the kitchen.

*Dr. Jaime Pinero, Ph.D.*
(State Integrated Pest Management Specialist - Lincoln University Cooperative Extension)

**MARCH 5, 2014  4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Audrain County 4-H Center – Both Programs Are Free to the Public**
Go South from Mexico on Business Hwy. 54 (S. Clark), then west 1 mile to 21509 Hwy. D (Vance Rd)Sponsored by Audrain County Master Gardeners – University of Mo Extension
Congratulations to the Pulaski County Master Gardeners

The Pulaski County Chapter held the following class earlier in the month, we regret missing the date, but lots of good things going on in their chapter. They recently joined MOMGA, created a new website for sharing with their members and the residents of their county. The class was beneficial for all their members and local residents. Again, Congrats to Carrie Williamson and the other MGs. Thanks for sharing your success with our other chapters. Check out their Website to see photos of the event.

**SHEET COMPOSTING CLASS**

WAYNESVILLE, Mo. -- University of Missouri Extension Pulaski County Master Gardeners will hold a sheet composting class Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Pulaski County Extension Center, 403 School Street, Suite 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The class is **FREE** and open to the public.

The class is part of the Pulaski Master Gardeners BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) in the Garden spring class series, taking place at the Pulaski County Extension Center. In this class, participants will learn about sheet composting, a cost-effective, sustainable, no-till method for building garden beds using local resources.

The class will be taught by Pulaski County Advanced Master Gardener Carrie Williamson, president of Pulaski County Master Gardeners.

“The sheet composting method is an economical and effective way to get started with gardening, even with the poor soils we have in central Missouri,” said Carrie Williamson. “Beginning and experienced gardeners alike will learn something interesting in this class and in the other presentations in this year’s spring gardening series.”

Registration is requested to ensure enough printed materials are prepared. To register, please contact University of Missouri's Pulaski County Extension Center 573-774-6177 by Thursday, February 27, 2014. For more information, contact Pulaski County Master Gardeners at mopcmg@gmail.com or see the Pulaski County Master Gardeners’ website: [www.pulaskimomastergardeners.org](http://www.pulaskimomastergardeners.org).

**Spring Happenings from around the State**


**St. Louis Master Gardener Plant Sale** – **Friday, April 25** - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Saturday, April 26** - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Sunday, April 27** - Noon to 4:00 p.m. **Monday, April 28** - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The sale location is at the greenhouse on South Technical High School campus, 12721 West Watson Rd. Sunset Hills, 63127. Checks and cash accepted. Additional details will be available soon at [www.stlmg.com](http://www.stlmg.com)

**Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City Plant Sale**, Saturday, May 10, 8:00 until sold out. Sale will be held at the Bass Pro Shop in Independence. Sale details available at [http://www.mggkc.org/plant-sale.html](http://www.mggkc.org/plant-sale.html)

We hope to include fun gardening details and events from around the state in the June issue. It’s not possible without the help of our members, so please send pictures of your events and some fun details to share with the other chapters.

**Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk 2014**

Tour private and public gardens, Plant Sale (Saturday 9:00 AM and Sunday 11:00 AM) Farmers Market (Saturday only – 7:00 AM until Noon
For information, contact Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center at 1-800-373-7007

Sponsored by the Ste. Genevieve Master Gardeners and University of Missouri Extension

Printable event flyer available on the following link: [Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk 2014](#)
MOMGA, Inc. continues to grow with thirty three of our state’s Chapters now members.

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.

**EAST CENTRAL REGION – 8**
- Callaway County Master Gardener Chapter
- Franklin County Master Gardener Chapter
- Gasconade County MG Chapter
- Lincoln County Master Gardener Chapter
- Parkland Master Gardener Chapter - St Francois County
- Phelps County Master Gardener Chapter
- Pulaski County Master Gardeners Chapter
- Ste Genevieve Master Gardener Chapter

**NORTHEAST REGION – 7**
- Audrain County Master Gardeners Chapter
- Heart of Missouri Master Gardener Chapter - Boone County
- Kirksville Area Master Gardener Chapter - Adair County
- Macon/Shelby Master Gardener Chapter
- Magic City MG Chapter Randolph County
- Sullivan County Master Gardener Chapter
- Salt River MG Chapter – Marion County

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

**SOUTHEAST REGION – 0**

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

**WEST CENTRAL REGION – 7**
- Benton County Master Gardener Chapter
- Boonslick Area Master Gardener Chapter - Cooper County
- Cass County Master Gardener Chapter
- Johnson County Master Gardener Chapter
- Laclede County Master Gardener Chapter
- Lake Area Master Gardener Chapter - Camden County
- Ozark Prairie Master Gardener Chapter - Moniteau/Morgan Counties

**URBAN REGION – 4**
- Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter
- Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City Chapter
- St Charles County Master Gardener Chapter
- St Louis Master Gardeners Chapter
Membership Dues FORMS 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

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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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<td>Pay only once, Special honorary MG Badge given to lifetime members, Discounts on books, publications, other Horticulture related items and vendor discounts, Future benefits at Mo Botanical Garden, 15% off discount at State MG Conference, preferred seating at conference meals and Special discounts on other training events.</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.
Most of us are extremely anxious to get out in our gardens and begin the spring cleanup. It seems as though this winter will never end and after listening to our long term weather forecast here on the east side of the state we’re told it’s not ending in the next couple of weeks. We have cabin fever! It will be of interest to see how many of our plants have survived this colder than usual winter. As gardeners we tend to push the limits of our planting zone especially since we had experienced such mild winters in recent years. I hope this will also provide some opportunities for sharing your experiences as spring will come one of these days. Your fellow Master Gardeners would like to know what damage you experienced and what survived. I for one am worried about my crepe myrtles. Hoping we can learn from each other by sharing stories and maybe even some pictures.

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 arensc@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 636-296-3326.

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

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