From the President’s Desk
by George Hibbard, State Advisory Board President

As the new Chairman of the Missouri State Master Gardener Advisory Board, I would like to thank Teri Loney for her leadership of the Board this past year. I would also like to thank Mary Kroening for her leadership as the Missouri Master Gardener State Coordinator the past many years. As most of you probably know, Mary had to resign due to illness in her family. We wish her and her family well.

Mary’s position is not being filled at this time due to the statewide budget cuts. However, a committee of Extension agents, lead by MU Prof. David Trinklein, will continue to ensure that we all can fulfill our Master Gardener mission to provide horticultural information and training to the gardening public based on proven research specific to the local climate, soils and plants.

Looking out at my frozen, snow-covered yard, I am not thinking much about my home garden; however, Master Gardener volunteer opportunities still abound. In the last ten days I have had the opportunity to work outside at the Missouri Botanical Garden cleaning up after the New Year's Eve storms, and inside at the Kemper Center for Home Gardening taking training and answering questions from the public. I also volunteered at the National Green Center convention at the Americas Center in St. Louis. This was primarily a meeting of growers, equipment manufacturers, etc. that sell to retail garden centers. Numerous Master Gardeners were there helping. Elaine Fix invited me to attend a “mud ball party”. Turns out this is an opportunity to make mud balls with native plant seeds imbedded, which will then be thrown out in the Spring to help native plant restoration at a new park in St. Charles County. Finally, I got to work at an unused St. Louis County high school greenhouse that St. Louis Master Gardeners are now operating. My point in listing these activities is not to show that I am busy or have any special skills. In fact, most of these activities involved no skill, which made them perfect for me. Rather, my point is that these are all very worthwhile projects that would not be happening without the support of Master Gardener volunteers.

What I have learned while serving on the St. Louis and Missouri Master Gardener Advisory Boards is that most of the public and public officials have
very little appreciation of what Master Gardeners do. This directly affects funding available to support our programs. While diligently reporting the hundreds of thousands of hours contributed by Master Gardener volunteers each year is very important, it is not enough. We need to be able to show the real impact of these hours on our communities. So please take the time as you volunteer to document the resulting benefits and share these “feel-good” stories in your newsletters and with the media and public officials. These stories will help ensure the public support needed for our Master Gardener programs to continue to thrive in this difficult economy.

Thanks and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year and Successful Gardening.

**News From Around the State**

**New Graduating Class - Master Gardeners of the Ozarks**

*By Sandra Reames, Master Gardener*

On December the 8th, 2010, a new class from Branson graduated into the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks. After 6 weeks of training, they have all learned how to deal with the problems and the joys of gardening in the Ozarks.

Front Row - L to R : Rita Hlasney, Marva Ramsey; Phyllis Gavillet, Colleen Walpert, Carolyn Crawford.
Back Row – L to R : Joy Crelin, Leroy Adams, Cathy Meyer, Mary Raymond, Marty Bennett, Ann Waterman, Larisa Houck, Dennis Goodnight

Not pictured included: Barbara Horn, Betty Kiley, Barbara Orle, Tena Roberts, Alicia Rohrer Alicia Rohrer and Carolyn Crawford attended the Christian County training class but will participate in the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks. We had 16 new in the Branson class.

**Rhonda Anson Named 2010 St. Louis Master Gardener of the Year**

*By George Hibbard, St. Louis Master Gardener*

Rhonda Anson was announced the winner of the 2010 Saint Louis Master Gardener of the Year award at the annual Master Gardener Holiday Party at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Rhonda volunteers at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) several times a week. Rhonda is a Monday morning volunteer at the Horticulture Answer Service and a Monday afternoon volunteer at the Plant Doctor Desk at the MBG Kemper Center for Home Gardening. She has worked regularly to verify and process the over 2000 pest images from apple maggot to voles, available in the MBG GardeningHelp.org Integrated Pest Management website pages. She has taken a very keen interest in insects and has done extensive study in the area to develop a landmark set of Insect Order web pages that are available in GardeningHelp.org. The pages have also been used in Plant Doctor training classes. They are heavily illustrated with images and are a remarkable educational tool for anyone who wants to learn more about insects. Rhonda is also a member of the Kemper Center’s Plant Informational Services committee that plans and coordinates events and training as well as develops resource materials for the Kemper Center volunteers.
For the past two years Rhonda co-taught the yearly Plant Doctor class with Glenn Kopp, the Center’s Horticulture Information Manager. Rhonda has brought her wealth of skills and abilities to make a tremendous difference in the scope and quality of horticulture information available to volunteers and the general public. Her love of learning, and sharing what she learns with others, makes her a most exemplary winner of the Saint Louis Master Gardener of the Year award.

Congratulations, Rhonda!

Master Gardener State Advisory Board Minutes - November 5, 2010
by Elaine Fix, Secretary

Welcome Guests and Board Members: Terri Loney called the meeting to order at 9:20 am and handed out our agenda. Members and guests introduced themselves. There were 17 members in attendance and 5 guests.

Quorum: Terri Loney declared a quorum.

Approval of September Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Mike Collins shared with us that funds are available for training. The Endowment has $2,400/$14,000 in corpus. Income comes from Level 1 class fees of $45.00. Frankie Anderson stated the $6,768.44 is allocated toward the convention. Steve Stacey stated that $5.00 is allocated to the state from convention fees.

Status of State Coordinator Position: Mike Collins stated that they are looking into models from other states. The goal of the University is to create a staff person as a hub to coordinate activities. Dave Baker will be the on campus faculty leader. The Horticulture area is understaffed. Mike said a team of regional coordinators will be established for the development of programs. This will be a two stage process and Dave Trinklein will be the liaison to work with on the leadership process. Dave Moll asked about where the money would come from for staff support. They haven’t established this yet. Jim Quinn asked what % of Mary Kroening’s time was devoted as Coordinator. Mike Collins replied 50/50.

Dave Trinklein discussed forming a self directed work team. They do not know what this will look like at this time. Terri Loney stated that the Coordinator’s position (duties) did not work efficiently.

Elaine Fix from St. Charles stated that the St. Charles Extension program is not dependent on the position being filled. Patrick Farrell wanted to know what the hourly commitment of the team would be. That could not be determined at this time due to budget cuts. Mike Collins stated that they must provide for the administrative duties and the work came from Regional Coordinators. The team will include 8 regions for people interested to work under Dave Trinklein within 30 days. Mike Collins stated six areas they will focus on:

1) We want to make sure the next Master Gardener conference takes off.
2) Provide Advance Training
3) Improve marketing our program to the community
4) Improve website maintenance, instructor guide for the core chapters and provide a state wide resource of a library for a speaker’s bureau.
5) Provide online training
6) Continue adding to the Core Book course material
7) March will be the next meeting

**Master Gardener Local Logos:** Molly Fusselman brought up the marketing of logos for the shirts. George Hibbard commented on how St. Louis does their shirts differently from their name tags. Each extension does this differently. Laura Redfield-Jacobs moved to redo the badge to the green background. Vicki Stark seconded the motion and amended that we should table the topic to hear from Christine Chu on the design.

**State conference Report 2011:** Maxine Moore said the theme will be “Gardening in America’s Hometown” on Sept. 23 – 25, 2011 in Hannibal. There was discussion on seed money from the state. Maxine wants to know what to do. A $ 5.00 per member will be allocated to go into the conference fund from the upcoming classes.

**State Conference Report 2013:** Todd Lorenz needs the state conference manual. Their quad county group consisting of Morgan, Benton and Cooper counties will discuss the 2012 Master Gardener conference in Sedalia.

**Advanced Training:** It was discussed that the Jeff City group be given the opportunity to have an advanced training in their community for Master Gardeners. George Hibbard stated that Advance Training be left up to each Extension. To be eligible for certification you need 2 years. Vicki Stark seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Stacey shared that they are presenting a class on Landscapes.

**Other:** Carolyn Lidge questioned what needs to be done if a local chapter opens an endowment. As long as they have designated funds to do this on the local level with a bank, it was up to each Extension. Terri Loney will also help with the Endowment campaign with Patrick Farrell and Maxine Moore.

**Election of Officers:** Carol Buck nominated George Hibbard as Chairman. Vicki Stark seconded the motion. George Hibbard nominated Elaine Fix as Vice President, Laura Redfield-Jacobs as Secretary and Carolyn Lidge nominated Patrick Farrell as Treasurer. The new officers were installed.

Carolyn Lidge moved to adjourn at 12 pm.

**Winter Friends of the Garden Newsletter**
*by George Deatz, President, Friends of the Garden*

Winter has arrived in the Ozarks and so has the Winter 2010 *Friends of the Garden* newsletter. It can now be viewed here with its great color photographs -> [Friends of the Garden Winter](#)
Upcoming Events

Swing into Spring with the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Spring Conference

By Sandra Reaves, Master Gardeners of the Ozarks

The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks in conjunction with Missouri University Extension will be presenting their annual spring conference on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in Branson, MO. Each year they provide several great speakers and a catered lunch all for $16.00.

This conference is open to all who want to attend and learn more about gardening.

Some of the speakers and their topics are listed below with others to be added.

PINES SUITABLE FOR SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
Robert Lovett, The Pinetum, Springfield

2011 PLANTS OF MERIT
Chris Nejelski, Missouri Botanic Garden, St. Louis

XERISCAPING: WATER-WISE GARDENING
Barbara St. Clair, Science consultant, Nixa Schools

HOSTA SPECIFICS
Lee Coates, Peggy's Flowers, Highlandville

Master Gardeners will be there to answer any question on your gardening problems: flower, vegetable, landscaping, lawns, wherever you may need help.

This year’s conference will be held at:
Faith Lutheran Church,
221 Malone St.
Branson, MO
Check-in starts at 8am, with speakers starting at 9am and ending at 3 pm.

Pre-registration is required. For your convenience you can go online and sign up at www.mgozarks.com or phone the Stone County University Extension Office at 1-417-357-6812 for more info.

Register early, seating is limited. Last year 200+ attended this educational annual conference.
The Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City present

**Sustainability with Style**

10th Annual Spring Gardening Seminar

Saturday, March 5
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Bonus Session**
Friday, March 4, 2011
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

JOIN US for our region’s largest and most affordable annual gathering of gardeners to learn, grow and gain inspiration

**NEW THIS YEAR**
an in-depth session on Landscape Design!

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Choose from 14 speakers with knowledge of what works in our climate!

Tim Moloney is an instructor of Landscape Design and related courses at the University of Missouri and has over 15 years experience as a landscape designer with Rost, Inc. He will be teaching Friday night and the Saturday workshop.

Friday night’s Bonus Session (3 hrs Advanced Training Credits for Missouri Master Gardeners) will cover methods that can be used at the design stage to help reduce overall maintenance ... without reducing aesthetics and function.

Saturday’s in-depth workshop (4 hrs Advanced Training Credits for Missouri Master Gardeners) will feature the principles that need to be followed when designing any outdoor space. The course will take a fast paced yet in depth look at each of the six principles of landscape design and show you how to apply them to your garden.

Andy Allen is the Extension Viticulturist for Missouri with the Institute for Continental Climate Viticulture and Enology at the University of Missouri. Have you been thinking of making your own wine? Learn how to grow quality wine grapes by starting with the right cultivars, growing healthy vines and managing the vines’ crop loads and canopies to maximize fruit quality. In a few years you will be sipping a fine wine that was grown in your own backyard!

Mike Arduer is a natural history biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. He has worked with native bees and pollination throughout the Midwest for over 25 years. Learn about the fascinating world of pollination and pollinators and why both are important in natural and managed habitats. Hear what people can do to bring more pollinators into their surroundings and keep them there.

Jenny Doty is the Park Naturalist for the City of Lenexa. She created and manages the Lenexa Bluebird Trails program and is a graduate from Kansas State University. This session will help you attract specific species of birds and butterflies and keep them coming back for your endless enjoyment. Learn what plants are must haves and other materials that will make your backyard a haven for your favorite birds and butterflies.

Kim Dyer, Missouri Master Gardener, has been involved with Missouri Basketweavers Guild where she learned to weave a birdhouse out of natural materials from her garden. Create a birdhouse in this hands-on class from dried daylily foliage, honey suckle and ivy. Take your own creation home to use as a decoration in your home or to rent to a feathered friend for the season outdoors. All materials provided.

Kathy Hoggard, Master Gardener, started learning about “the living soil” as a child when she helped her mother and aunts dig “leaf mold” out of the woods to add to the soil. She’ll cover the basis of how organic matter and microorganisms make our soil great and keep it that way. How mulch, compost and compost tea foster and cultivate the life in the soil that determines the difference between poor soil and great soil.

Duane Hoover holds a degree in Horticulture from Kansas State University and is the horticulturist for The Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden In Kansas City, Missouri. In this photo-filled review of a decade of gardening at Kauffman Garden, he’ll cover favorite plant combinations, plant pathogens and lessons learned.

Kristin Middleton, Master Gardener, is a terrarium expert who will lead you through making your own “miniature garden under glass” to take home. Learn about different types of terrariums, their history and how they work. If you have small items (max 1.5”) to personalize your terrarium, bring them along. $30 materials fee.

Kathy Pemberton coordinates group gardens for DCS and Sara Schell, Master Gardener, started a community garden through her church. Group gardening combines social contact with the joy of gardening. Hear about DST Systems, Inc. corporate effort to grow food for the hungry by putting vacant lots to work, including their new garden at 18th and Broadway. Learn how to get a “grass-roots” effort going to create a group garden in your community for families to grow healthy food. Whether you are curious about participating in a group garden or starting one, Kathy and Sara will share their experiences and enthusiasm for “strength in numbers” gardening.

Kristin Riott is interim Executive Director of Bridging the Gap, Kansas City’s local action and education environmental non-profit. Kristin’s work with a program called Five Green Things was honored in May 2010 with a national Clean Air Excellence Award for education and outreach from the EPA in Washington. She is a gardener who enjoys garden design and has designed more than a dozen gardens in Kansas City.

Whether you are a novice gardener or emeritus Master Gardener, you’ll leave with new ideas and new gardening techniques.

Teede Stipich, Master Gardener, is a jewelry designer and artist whose jewelry has been featured at The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and local galleries. Her yard art combines her passion for gardening and joy of whimsical art. Learn helpful techniques for creating unusual garden art objects. Even if you think yourself “unartistic,” you can make these whimsical creations from thrift-store items and found objects.

Terrence Thompson, Master Gardener, retired from the Kansas City Star in 2002. He is a member of the Great Plains Nature Photographers and has published three photography books. Bring your camera and learn the basics of garden photography including lighting, composition, photo editing and presenting your photos through websites and personalized books.

Chris Veach, Master Gardener, is a Missouri Master Naturalist and was the first volunteer to achieve the status of Tree Steward with the Heartland Tree Alliance. Learn to identify common garden pests and determine the least harmful methods to overcome their damage in your flower garden. Understand how to identify different life stages of beneficial insects to combat harmful garden pests. Hear of the pros and cons of using botanical, biologic and chemical controls.

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# Spring Gardening Seminar Schedule 2011

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<td>Carefree Landscape Design (3 hrs. Advanced Training Credits for Missouri Master Gardeners) Tim Moloney, Landscape Instructor, University of Missouri</td>
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<td>One of the most often requested requirements of the landscape design is that it be carefree and low maintenance. Learn methods that can be taken at the design stage to help reduce overall maintenance...without reducing aesthetics and function. Fee $30; Box Meal Provided</td>
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<td>9:00 - 9:35 a.m.</td>
<td>Sustainability with Style: Five Green Things Kristin Rott, Executive Director Bridging the Gap</td>
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<td>Hear an up-to-date and concise overview of the world’s—and our local—environmental issues. Understand the Five Green Things gardeners can do to help the most.</td>
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<td>The Principles of Landscape Design (4 hrs. Advanced Training Credits for Missouri Master Gardeners) Tim Moloney</td>
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<td>A fast-paced yet in-depth look at each of the six principles of landscape design and how to apply them to your outdoor rooms.</td>
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<td>A Decade of Digging, Debugging and Design at Kauffman Memorial Garden Duane Hoover, Horticulturist, Kauffman Gardens</td>
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<td>Photographic slide show featuring what's worked and lessons learned over the last 10 years at Kauffman Gardens.</td>
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<td>Bringing Out the Shutterbug in Every Gardener Terence Thompson, MG</td>
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<td>Learn the basics of garden photography. Bring your camera with instruction book!</td>
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<td>12:00 - 12:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch, Tour of Italy Buffet</td>
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<td>Imbibe in the knowledge to grow high-quality winegrapes in your own backyard.</td>
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<td>12:45 - 1:45 p.m.</td>
<td>D.I.Y. Winegrapes Andy Allen, Extension Associate, Viticulturist Institute for Continental Climate Viticulture and Enology, University of Missouri</td>
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<td>Petals and Wings: Attracting with Native Plants Jenny Doty, Naturalist, City of Lenexa</td>
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<td>This session will help you attract specific species of birds and butterflies and keep them coming back for your endless enjoyment.</td>
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**SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

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<td>“Strengths in Numbers” Group Gardening Kathy Pemberton, DST Sara Schell, MG</td>
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<td>Hear from these two leaders about different types of community gardens as they share their enthusiasm for “Strength in numbers” gardening.</td>
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### Taking Charge Ourselves - Hands On Activities

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| 9:50 - 10:50 a.m. | Eco-Frugal Art: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
|              | Teade Sipich, MG                                                                     |
| 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Gardens Under Glass  
|              | Kristin Middleton, MG                                                                |
| 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. | Lunch, Tour of Italy Buffet                                                        |
| 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. | Weaving Bird Abodes (Part 1 of 2)  
|              | Kim Dyer, MG                                                                         |
| 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. | Break and Conversation in Great Hall                                                 |
| 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Weaving Bird Abodes (Part 2 of 2)  
|              | Kim Dyer, MG                                                                         |

Save some money (and the planet)! Discover how the three Rs can be your best friend when creating environmentally friendly and whimsical yard art.

In this workshop you will learn about different types of terrariums, their history, and how they work. Make your own terrarium and find out which growing medium to use, how to select plants and which tools to use. **Materials Fee: $30**

Create a birdhouse in this hands-on class from dried daylily foliage, honeysuckle, and ivy. All materials provided.

### Accommodations:
- Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 8101 Church Road, Kansas City, 816-792-4000, $85-$90
- Shadow Lawn Bed and Breakfast, 704 Nashua Road, Liberty, 816-407-0704, $99-$120
- The Porch Swing Inn Bed and Breakfast, 702 East Street, Parkville, 816-578-6282, $90-$140

**Sorry – No refunds. If you cannot attend, feel free to send someone in your place.**

### Tenth Annual Spring Gardening Seminar Registration

Early Bird Registration ($49) will close Feb 4 and all registration ($69) closes Feb 25. **No walk-in registration**

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### Breakout Session C

- DI.Y.Winegrapes
- What Does It Take to Get Pollinated Around Here?
- Weaving Bird Abodes (Part 1 of 2)

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### Breakout Session D

- Petals and Wings: Attracting with Native Plants
- The Dirt on Dirt
- Weaving Bird Abodes (Part 2 of 2)

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### Saturday Sessions

Rank each breakout sessions from 1 to 3 in order of preference (1 is first choice):

- The Principles of Landscape Design: In-depth workshop
- Carefree Landscape Design: Box Meal Provided ($30.00)

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### Friday Night Bonus Session

- Carefree Landscape Design: Box Meal Provided ($30.00)

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### Breakout Session A

- Kauffman Memorial Garden
- Eco-Frugal Art: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Strengths in Numbers*Group Gardening

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### Breakout Session B

- Bringing Out the Shutterbug in Every Gardener
- To Be Bugged or Not to Be Bugged
- Gardens under Glass ($30.00)

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Vegetarian options will be offered on lunch buffet.

How did you hear about the seminar? _____e-mail _____friend  
_____newsletter _____advertisement

I am a Master Gardener (circle one)  
Yes  No

**Make check payable to:** University of Missouri Extension. 
Attach registration fee & return to:  
University of Missouri Extension Office  
1106 W. Main Street, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Registration and Session Assignment will be confirmed by mail.
Plant of Merit - *Helleborus* 'Walhelivor'  
*By Chris Nejelski, Coordinator, Plants of Merit Program, Missouri Botanical Garden*

A NEW Plant of Merit Introduction for 2011! And one of the earliest bloomers for spring, (I’ve personally seen blooms the end of February) *Helleborus* 'Walhelivor’ is commonly sold in commerce by the trade name of IVORY PRINCE.

It was selected in 1995 in Sussex, England from a controlled breeding program designed to produce new *Helleborus* plants that exhibited vigorous growth, upright form and flatness of flowers. It is a bushy, clump-forming perennial that typically grows to 12-18” tall. It is noted for its burgundy-pink flower buds, its late winter bloom of creamy white flowers and its glossy, leathery, evergreen, medium green leaves. Outward-facing, cup-shaped, creamy white flowers (to 2-3” diameter) with overlapping petals bloom atop reddish stems from late winter to mid-spring (March to May in St. Louis). Flowers acquire pink tones with age. Leaves, stems and roots are poisonous.

Easily grown in organically rich, humusy, slightly alkaline, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers light to moderate shade. Although the foliage is evergreen, it may become scorched and tattered in extremely harsh winters, particularly if not sited in locations protected from cold winter winds and/or insulated by snow cover. Cut back flowering stems after bloom to promote new foliage growth. This patented hybrid is reportedly sterile.

**Common Name:** Christmas rose  
**Zone:** 3 to 8  
**Plant Type:** Herbaceous perennial  
**Missouri Native:** No  
**Native Range:** None  
**Height:** 1 to 1.5 feet  
**Spread:** 1 to 1.5 feet  
**Bloom Time:** March - May  
**Bloom Color:** Creamy white  
**Sun:** Part shade to full shade  
**Water:** Medium  
**Maintenance:** Low