

## Who will be my speaker?



All members of the Speakers Bureau are Certified Master Gardeners with advanced knowledge and interest in the subjects in which they speak. They have received training in horticulture from the University of Missouri Extension and serve as volunteers providing educational information and training to the public. Extension Master Gardeners are members of the community whose mission is “Helping Others Learn to Grow”. When you choose your topic, we will find a speaker who is available on that date. Once you have confirmed with the Speakers Bureau, we will provide a brief bio of your speaker sufficiently in advance for use in publicity, if needed.

## What subjects do you speak on?

See the list of topics provided to see what you'd like to learn more about. Is there a subject of special interest to your group not listed? Don't hesitate to ask. We may be able to find someone to fulfill your request!

Learn more about our chapter:

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## Master Gardeners

# HELPING OTHERS LEARN TO GROW

‘Helping others learn to grow’ is the mission of the Missouri Master Gardener Extension Program. The University of Missouri Extension provides in depth horticultural training to individuals throughout Missouri who then volunteer their time applying what they have learned to help others in their communities to learn about gardening and environmental education. The Master Gardener Program throughout Missouri promotes and raises public awareness of the University of Missouri Extension as a source of unbiased, research based gardening information.

Through activities such as Extension hotlines or answer services, workshops, speaker's bureaus, garden tours, classes, seminars, garden show booths, community projects, demonstration projects, and special events, Master Gardeners provide gardening information to thousands of Missourians each year.

Master Gardeners of  
Greene County

# SPEAKERS BUREAU



## What is the Speakers Bureau?

We're volunteer members of the Master Gardeners of Greene County chapter who are available to speak to garden clubs, civic organizations, schools and other groups on a wide variety of topics within the world of gardening, horticulture, landscaping and the environment.

Speakers choose the topics in which they feel proficient, and offer slide or PowerPoint programs to illustrate their talk. The Speakers Bureau also offers a limited number of demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

### **Landscape With Confidence**

Learn basic and not-so-basic design principles to landscape your property with “no fear”.

### **Establish, Maintain, & Enjoy Your Lawn**

Learn about the right treatments at the right time. They’re often not what you think they should be.

### **Are Bad Bugs Really that Bad?**

Understanding our pests can help us keep them under control.

### **Harvest Your Own Backyard Meal**

Learn basics of vegetable gardening so you can reap the rewards of growing your own produce.

### **Growing in Containers**

Basic steps and how-to, plus tips and tricks to designing lovely and interesting container gardens

### **Can You Garden in February?**

Things you can do to be an active gardener even while it’s snowing outside.

### **Environmentally Friendly Gardening**

The impacts of gardening as well as “earth-kind” gardening, rainwater harvesting, irrigation, and integrated pest management.

### **Grow & Use Your Own Herbs**

Cook, clean, and decorate with these aromatic, multi-functional plants.

### **Plants of the Bible**

Over 100 plants are mentioned in the Bible. Learn their identification, significance, and uses as they related to bible lands and people.

### **Garden in the Sunshine**

Make the most of full sun areas on your property. Learn how to prepare for the heat of summer.

### **Garden in the Shade**

Create your own shady area showplace with proper plant selection.

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### **Grow Healthy Indoor Plants**

Learn the basics of selection, care, and feeding of houseplants. And what not to do.

### **Growing a Four Season Garden**

Create year round beauty and interest in your garden. There’s more to appreciate than you think.

### **Terrific Tomatoes**

Learn about varieties, planting, care, training, harvest, and pests & diseases of this popular treat.

### **What’s the Dirt on Soil?**

Lay the foundation for healthy plants which yields optimum results and less heartache in the long run.

### **Garden Organically**

Use proven methods and practices for a productive garden you can enjoy.

### **Square Foot Gardens Increase Production**

It is possible grow more in a smaller amount of space with succession planting, intensive practices.

### **Proven Annuals and Perennials**

Select flowers for success in southwest Missouri

### **Proven Trees and Shrubs**

Select trees and shrubs for success in our region.

### **Enjoy Bouquets Everyday**

Grow your own flowers for a “cutting garden”.

### **Say ‘Good Bye’ to Weeds in the Garden**

Learn the low maintenance principles of lasagna gardening. This easy technique may surprise you.

### **Fall in Love With Your Compost Bin**

Use your greatest ally for a lush, beautiful garden.

### **Heirlooms Are a Living a Legacy**

Why it matters to continue the tradition of growing heirloom plants..

### **Understand & Use Ornamental Grasses**

Select, plant, care for and maintain this unique bed.

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### How much do you charge?

Our volunteer speakers do not accept payment for their time. Many use their own resources as well as valuable literature and materials provided by the University of Missouri Extension. Although there are no fees for our presentations, a minimum honorarium of \$25 is encouraged to support the volunteer community projects of the Master Gardeners of Greene County.

This helps to offset costs incurred with program development, materials, expenses, and educational programs sponsored by our chapter. In some instances, mileage and fuel reimbursement may be required or a speaker to travel to an engagement.

### How do I contact you?

Call 417-379-9786 to request information from the Extension Master Gardener Speakers Bureau. Leave a brief message in the voice mailbox. Or email: [almamater\\_4@yahoo.com](mailto:almamater_4@yahoo.com).

Our coordinator will contact you to get your detailed information. They will forward your request to the appropriate Extension Master Gardener speaker.

Your request for a speaker should be placed at least 30 days in advance of the speaking date. This allows enough time for scheduling and presentation preparation.