

PROJECTS CULTIVATE GARDENING SKILLS

The mission of Missouri Master Gardeners is "helping others learn to grow".

Our programs are designed to teach area residents about home horticulture and to offer environmentally sound solutions to gardening and landscaping challenges. Over the years, Master Gardeners has developed a reputation in the community for its quality programs.

Master Gardener Hotline

Garden questions are answered year round by members who volunteer to offer research based information. The Hotline is staffed from March - October. Off season callers may leave a message for a response. Visit us at The Botanical Center, call 417-881-8909, or email: greenemg@missouri.edu.

Special Events

We often host exhibits, classes, and activities at annual events such as the Lawn & Garden Show and the Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival, and Young Sprouts in the Garden. Event are posted online at this calendar: swmogardens.com/fogcalendar

Annual Plant Sale

Traditionally the last Saturday in April, our chapter's major fundraiser offers area gardeners an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of hardy plants at bargain prices.

Special Projects

We collaborate with libraries, local schools, The Botanical Center, and several nonprofit organizations in the area to consult with special projects that benefit the community.

Speakers Bureau

We offer presenters of a wide variety of topics for garden clubs, civic organizations, schools and other groups. Call 417-379-9786 to request a speaker. A minimum honorarium of \$25 is encouraged to support chapter projects.

Public Demonstration Gardens

We maintain two public gardens which offer hands on learning for members. Anyone may tour the gardens from dawn to dusk to view the plantings, observe their growth throughout the seasons, and enjoy their beauty for inspiration.

- **Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens:** 2400 S Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo. Just north of The Botanical Center building. Beds include mixed border, herbs, vegetables, turf, ornamental grasses, and Missouri natives.
- **Xeriscape Garden:** at National Ave. & Linwood St., south of the Springfield Art Museum. The focus is on waterwise gardening and includes a Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

Seminars & Workshops

Continuing education on numerous garden related topics is a popular service the public enjoys throughout the year.

Grow with us!

*Just as plants need sun to grow,
Extension Master Gardeners need
enthusiastic volunteers to thrive...*

Each year brings a new opportunity for area plant and garden enthusiasts to take the Master Gardener training. Community service is equally as important as any garden expertise. You don't have to be an expert gardener to become a member.

Participants receive 30 hours of classroom training, and as an intern, pledge to contribute 30 hours of volunteer service during the first year. When achieved, you've earned the title of Certified Master Gardener. 20 hours annually are required to maintain member status.

Training typically begins in January each year and alternates day or evening every other year. There is a fee for the training which includes the **Grounds for Gardening** horticultural guide-book, a complete collection of the research based horticultural information from the University of Missouri Extension. If the fall of the year is better with your schedule, you may take the training in a neighboring county and, upon completion, transfer into our chapter.

As a benefit for continued service, Extension Master Gardeners may attend advanced horticultural training and most educational programs free of charge.

For information about becoming a member of the Master Gardener organization, call the Greene County University of Missouri Extension at 417-881-8909.

Growing...

It's what Master Gardeners of Greene County is all about – cultivating interests in gardening, nurturing skills and knowledge in order to garden successfully, and last but not least, reaping the rewards of community service while accomplishing all of the above.

Extension Master Gardeners is a group of trained volunteers who contribute thousands of hours each year in the Springfield area and surrounding region.

'Helping others learn to grow' is the mission of the Extension Master Gardener 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.



Established Roots

The Missouri Master Gardener program began in St. Louis in 1983 and is designed to assist the University of Missouri and Lincoln University with a mission of bringing horticultural information to the public. Master Gardeners of Greene County was formed in 1984. Nationally, the program began in 1972 in Washington state and has since spread to all 50 states and several Canadian provinces.

Master Gardeners of Greene County

Learn more about our chapter:
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