

# MADISON COUNTY 2015 Master Gardener

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## From The President

I want to start with a huge "Thank You" to Jason Reeves for a beautifully planned and executed trip to St. Louis. The Missouri Botanical Gardens and Lantern exhibit were really amazing. There was so much there to see and learn from, it was well worth the trip. And of course, everyone came home with some (read "a lot" of) beautiful new plants for their home gardens.

As you know, Summer Celebration, "Bees, Butterflies, and Bottles", is just around the corner on Thursday, July 9th. Contact Darlene Tanner if you have any questions about volunteer shifts that day. Watch your email as I am sure Jason will be calling for volunteers to help move plants and set up during the days leading up to the sale. It is a great way to add on to those volunteer hours.

Speaking of hours, please remember to go on line to: <https://mastergardener.tennessee.edu> to post your volunteer and education hours as you work them. If you do not do your reports on line, please make sure you keep track on a calendar so we can make sure every hour gets reported by the end of the year.

Remember, we have no meeting in July and unless you hear differently, we will still be meeting at 6:30 at 309 N Parkway in August. It sounds like the construction project at the Ag Center is on-going. Our speaker in August will be the butterfly lady, Rita Veneble so mark your calendars!

President, Mary Nenarella

## Fellow Master Gardeners, Summer Celebration

I have been asked by several members exactly what each job is at Summer Celebration. \*\*Last year, we had a problem with the people who wanted to have plants set aside in a "pile" before they paid for everything. In other words, they were gathering all of the plants they wanted before they paid for everything. That is fine, but we are not responsible for plants that are set aside this way. **DO NOT** give them a name card to "hold" their plants until they pay for them. **The name card is for SOLD plants only.**

**Sellers:** your job is to be familiar with the plants and where they are. You will be available to the customer to help them. There will be a "walk through", or explanation of the plants for sale on Wednesday at 6PMish (after the set up time) and then Thursday at 8AM if you need help with this.

**Adders:** you will need pad, pen and calculator. Your job is to add up the costs of the plants, and write the **NUMBER OF PLANTS, TOTAL COST, and circle** the number of plants on the same piece of paper they will then hand to the cashier.

**This paper will also be the customer receipt.** The circled, total number of plants will help the members in the holding area at the end of the day when they come back to get their plants.

**Holding:** your job is to accept the plants that are sold, and put them **alphabetically** in the holding area so the customer can pick them back up later. If they have a large order, there is orange tape to put around the pots to keep them together. You may have to help write the name of the customer on the name cards if it gets too busy. Work together to put the small plants on the ground, and large plants on the tables whenever possible.

**Cashiers:** Your only job is to take the money and give change. **DO NOT EVER LEAVE THE MONEY BOX FOR ANY REASON.** Make sure your customer **takes the paper** the Adder gave them. **That is their receipt.**

Your assistant (hopefully you will have one) will **write the last name of the customer on the name card** (card on a Popsicle stick) and stick it in each pot. When your money box gets too full for comfort, let me know.

\*\*There will be a sign-in sheet in the holding area tent, so please come and sign in before you start your shift. You may need to wear a vest if you are an adder or seller.

**Whew!** I feel like a drill sergeant right now, but I hope you understand what each of us does better now. Just remember, we are all in this together. **If we smile, no matter what happens, we can diffuse potential problems with a positive attitude:).** I'm looking forward to working with each of you, Darlene Tanner, David Tanner and Tom Stallings

Fellow Master Gardeners,

Summer Celebration is quickly approaching!

Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is the big day!

Many of you signed up to work setting up on

Wednesday (the 8<sup>th</sup>) at 5pm. Thank you!

On Thursday (the 9<sup>th</sup>), the plant sale **starts at**



**9AM, so please be there at 8AM for a review of procedures and a final walk through of plants!**

If you have not signed up to help yet, please look at the list and

**E-MAIL ME AT: [dndtanner@gmail.com](mailto:dndtanner@gmail.com). I will put your name on my list, but please make a note of the time(s) you signed up for. As you know, it takes ALL of us, and we are counting on you to be at your station at the time you signed up for!**

**\*\*\*We especially need more help from 4-6PM in the afternoon!!!**

Remember the “walk through” of the plants at 6PM on Wednesday and 8AM on Thursday. This way you will know what to sell and where it is. If you can’t be there for the “walk through”, please take a minute to acquaint

yourself with the plants when you get there.

\*If you have any wagons we can use, please bring them. We will hang signs on them so they don't "walk off"!!

Thank you for your help! We look forward to working with you!



David Tanner, Tom Stallings, and Darlene Tanner

**WEDNESDAY, July 8, (5:00 PM set up). Meet us in front of the station, to the left of the circle. We need heavy lifters for tables.**

1. ~~Mary Kay~~ John HAVRANEK ~~SMISKY~~
2. Sharon Reifer SUSAN BOSCO
3. Bill Wyatt BILL & Frances Bobbitt
4. Leslie Smelser ~~Doris Stark (5:20)~~
5. Patti Harris

**(WALK THROUGH AT 6:00PM AFTER SET UP)**

**THURSDAY, July 9. SALE DAY!!**

**\*\*8:00AM-10:00AM\*\***

**PLANT SELLERS**

1. Mary Kay Kucinich
  2. Diane Montemayor
  3. Susan Sheppard
  4. Nancy Blair
  5. Pam Roberts
  6. Ann Reaver
  7. John HAVRANEK
  8. Elizabeth Edwards
- 9410 Bill & Frances Bobbitt

**ADDERS FOR THE LINE**

1. Betty Powell
2. Sherry Caldwell
3. ~~Jane Beets~~
4. Paulette Crew
5. Mary Renarella
6. David Kry
7. Ankey
8. JACK BOSCO

**HOLDING**

1. Charlie Trotter (ALL DAY)
2. Donald
3. Leigh Sanders
4. Wayne Herler (all day?)
5. Bill Wyatt
6. Camille Mussenden
7. Cami Mussenden
8. Tommy Crews

Martha Coleman Nancy Blair?  
Diane Griffin

**\*\*10:00AM-12:00PM\*\***

**PLANT SELLERS**

1. Pam Roberts
2. John HAVRANEK
3. Susan Luckey
4. ~~Debbie Sorrells~~ Jean Wadsworth
5. Annie Pomeroy
6. Martha Coleman
7. Caroline Davis
8. Andrea Lowe

**ADDERS FOR THE LINE**

1. Sherry Caldwell
2. ~~Annie Pomeroy~~ Archer
3. ~~Bob Stocker~~
4. Bob Stocker
5. Paulette Crew
6. ~~Tommy Blanks~~
7. ~~Wanda Brown~~
- 8.

**HOLDING AREA**

1. Charlie
2. Donald
3. Leigh
4. Bill Wyatt
5. Tommy Crews
6. Diane Griffin
7. Nancy Murray
8. Martha Green.

**\*\*12:00PM-2:00PM\*\***

**PLANT SELLERS**

1. Annie Pomeroy  
 2. Georgia Morehead  
 3. David Dennis  
 4. Jason Bunch  
 5. Vicki Bunch  
 6. April Coleman  
 7.  
 8.

will do  
my job  
if you  
need me to  
change  
from  
seller.  
(AC)

**ADDERS FOR THE LINE HOLDING AREA**

1. Paulette Crews  
 2. Peggy Allen  
 3. Dianne Harris  
 4.  
 5.  
 6.  
 7.  
 8.
1. Charlie  
 2. David  
 3. Leigh  
 4. Bill W  
 5. Tommy Crews  
 6. Marilyn Howell  
 7.  
 8.

**\*\*2:00PM-4:00PM\*\***

**PLANT SELLERS**

1. ~~John Shaurane~~  
 2. Jason Bunch  
 3. Vicki Bunch  
 4. Deborah Alexander  
 5. Kim Jones   
 6.

**ADDERS FOR THE LINE HOLDING AREA**

1. Sharon Reiter  
 2. ~~Jane Bate~~  
 3. Paulette Crews  
 4. Celeste Pope  
 5.  
 6.
1. Charlie  
 2. David  
 3. Leigh  
 4. Bill W  
 5. Tommy Crews  
 6. ~~Denise Stewart~~ (?)

**\*\*4:00PM-6:00PM\*\***

**PLANT SELLERS**

1. Carol Dennis  
 2. Deborah Alexander  
 3. Kim Jones   
 4.  
 5.  
 6.  
 7.  
 8.

**ADDERS FOR THE LINE**

1. ~~Mary Jenkins~~  
 2. ~~Robert Jenkins~~  
 3.  
 4.  
 5.  
 6.  
 7.  
 8.

**HOLDING AREA**

1. Charlie  
 2. David  
 3. Leigh  
 4. Bill W  
 5. Stella Rivera  
 6. Denise Stewart  
 7.  
 8.

**CASHIERS ONLY (TAMMY WILL CONTACT YOU).**

**\*\*8:00AM-10:00 AM\*\***

1. Robert Caldwell
2. Nettie Jean Cooper
3. Katie Alguire
4. Harriet Alexander / more
5. Tharon Kirk
6. John Overby

Tammy Overby

**\*\*10:00AM-12:00 PM\*\***

1. Robert Caldwell
2. Katie Alguire
3. Tharon Kirk
4. Nettie Jean Cooper
5. ANN TAFoya
6. CAROL KRISS

**\*\*12:00PM-2:00 PM\*\***

1. Shawn Reiter
2. CAROL KRISS
3. Sandra Reiter
4. LIZ WHITSETT?
- 5.
- 6.

**\*\*2:00PM-4:00 PM\*\***

1. Lorene Crone
2. Becky Wilson
3. John Overby
4. LIZ?
- 5.
- 6.

**\*\*4:00PM-6:00 PM\*\***

1. Lorene Crone
2. LIZ?
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

## **Meet Me in St. Louis MCMG Spring Trip 2015**

Having just returned from the most recent MCMG travel to St. Louis, MO, which is about 4.5 hours from Jackson, I would highly recommend that you consider a visit if you are looking for a weekend getaway or are traveling through the area on your summer vacation. It's an easy drive north on Rt. 412 to I55. The Missouri Botanical Garden, Shaw's Nature Reserve and The Butterfly House were the places we visited and enjoyed.

The group boarded the bus at WTREC at 7 am on Thursday, 6/11, arriving after lunch at Shaw Nature Reserve where Jason Reeves interned in 1997. He will tell you that it has changed dramatically from those days when he was using Round-Up to help clear 5 acres of the 1200 acres of wild prairie weeds to help transform them into a panorama of plains and glades covered with native trees and plants that have been carefully nurtured into a beautiful and restful "reserve".

The first part of the visit was a guided tour of the prairies, explaining how burning is used to control the environment and growth. Next, we toured a beautifully landscaped garden displaying plants and trees native to Zone 5 including: butterfly weed, sedges, wild hydrangeas, feverfew, wine cups, Indian pinks, milkweed, coneflowers, ferns and gold seal. Our guide knew his plants and loved them, explaining each area in great detail.

Our next stop was Garden Heights Nursery, a busy, well-stocked retail store where we spent an hour shopping (you will see that word a lot). While Jason was handing out our name labels for the plants that would identify our purchases (thank you, Tammy Overby), he came across one that he didn't recognize, raising the very serious question, "Who is Linda Wallace?"

From there we journeyed to the private garden of Sue Chairs, an accomplished Master Gardener. Sue has an award-winning business that services approximately 50 private and corporate gardens in the St. Louis area. Her home was, as she put it, an experiment that became a passion. It was located on a tree-lined residential street near a busy highway. She planted a screen of trees and shrubs around the front yard that faced the highway to hide traffic and buffer the noise. Two large planters of brilliant red dragon-wing begonias graced the front of the white garage. Behind the house the color scheme turned purple and blue to set off the in-ground pool and give a cool feel to the area surrounding it. There were plenty of trees and plants packed into the acre as well as a vegetable garden that featured bag planters. The small forest that encircled the yard gave a serene feeling to a great variety of perennials. It was an oasis in a city setting. **By Mary Kay Havranek**

We arrived at our hotel, Best Western Kirkwood Inn, about 7 pm and were on our own for dinner.

Day 2 started at 7:30 am with a trip to Bowood Farms Garden Center in downtown St. Louis. It was pricey, but we got a 10% discount as MG's. They featured native plants and pollinators. We spent an enjoyable hour shopping, then headed to The Bug Store & Gringo Jones for more. These two stores have plenty of decorating ideas for the garden and they will ship large items home for you. The rest of the day was spent touring and enjoying the Missouri Botanical Garden. It was extremely hot, but the garden has beautiful shady areas with plenty of seating. The restaurant and gift shop are lovely and easily accessible.

We left MOBOT at 4:30 to return to the hotel to rest in preparation for the evening event, the Lantern Festival. We returned in time for the 7:00 performance by a troop of young Chinese performers demonstrating their acrobatics, strength and endurance as well as song and dance talents. When the show was finished at dusk, we began the tour back around to visit all the spectacular sets designed to bring a new perspective of the professional relationship that has been established with China working on botanical projects and research. It was a stunning visual display and you may have already seen some of the pictures on Facebook, but here is a sample of what we saw after dark.



It was magical! Check out the Facebook page, [Jason Reeves – In The Garden](#), for more pictures. In addition to his other talents, Jason an expert photographer, too. On Saturday we left at 8 am for Greenscape Gardens. When we arrived, Jason boldly stated that there was still plenty of room under the bus for more plants, maybe as many as 50! Well, we shall see....

Greenscapes also promoted and provided native plants and pollinators to enliven our yards and landscapes. They had a great variety and we bought them! From there we went to the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House, a part of MOBOT family, where we saw an excellent video on metamorphosis before entering the actual garden setting that contained between 1,200 – 2,000 butterflies. The story of metamorphosis was clearly evidenced in a display of chrysalis that we viewed. Butterfly life span is short (4-5 weeks) so they keep hundreds of chrysalis specimens on hand to replenish the population regularly.

Contributed by Mary Kay Havranek



Remember to check in on the [Madison County Master Gardener Facebook](#) page. It is a public page so anyone can find, and view it. In order to post your own comments just click on “Join.” The purpose of this page is to share with the community all of the wonderful projects our group participates in and to share gardening information. Please use to post things from your own garden that you are particularly proud of, or disease/insect damage that you come across, as well as gardening events, and reliable resource information.

I only ask that you not share the information of others. Example: Don’t download the directory through the “files” tab. I have already added a lot of great group photos, project updates, and articles. Check it out and invite others to join as well. Happy Facebooking!! P.S. The events calendar on the MCMG facebook page has been updated. Please let me know of any events that may need to be added in the future!

<http://madisoncountymg.org/>

# Ramblings

David W. Sams June 2015

Natalie Bumgarner: Our new master gardener coordinator comes across as an intelligent young woman who seems to be equal to the demands of her job. Look for workshops, updated publications new ideas and for a greater appreciation of the MG program at the University level. Natalie speaks well, seems willing to work and knows how and when to listen!

St. Louis Trip: This was a wonderful trip to what I consider to be as good a botanic garden as I have ever seen. The gardens are superb with weed free with healthy well-labeled plants. The lantern festival filled the garden with well-behaved families wandering through a fairyland of lights and music. Why should we not live in a fairyland if we create our physical environment and we prefer harmony and beauty to other alternatives? It was an experience to be long treasured rather than quickly forgotten.

Our busload of people returned to Jackson with what must have been nearly a thousand plants packed into a space which should have held about a hundred. Jason is a packing wizard and managed also to unpack every plant and set it at its owner's feet in a half hour! Just watching his team work was worth the price of the trip! I wouldn't have believed it possible.

Summer Celebration: Summer Celebration is right around the corner, the second Thursday in July as always. I have never missed Summer Celebration and don't intend to miss this one. The speakers, plant sale and information available make it well worth tolerating the heat for a day. Many of us will have to help if that day is to fully reach its potential.

Around the Yard: The oakleaf hydrangeas and daylilies are putting on their show of beauty now. New and renovated beds are becoming established. I continue planting. My yard is very hot and dry and I am watering steadily. Plants which are not fully established can die very quickly during periods of heat and drought. I use mulch and watch them as closely as I can.

England Trip: Carol and I will go to England with Jason and his group on August 10 and return on August 23. We have one person committed to water for us while we are gone but really could use another one or two. If someone is interested in helping to watch our place and to assist with watering with plants as their reward please let us know. We have lots of plants to share! A young person who works for money would also be welcome.

Trends: Homeowners continue to move toward less use of chemicals and away from genetically modified plants and foods. Nurseries are moving toward plants and seeds grown organically and toward those which blend into native ecosystems. Human movement was strongly out of our inner cities just a few years ago. Now buildings in city centers are being renovated and we see restaurants, lunchrooms, art centers, small nurseries and community gardens appearing where vacant buildings once stood. All of this frequently led by hard-working young people who exude an aura of joy and competency. Recognize them by their joyful demeanors and ready smiles. We have one or more in our group! These are healthy trends which I fully support. My generation wanted to change the world but somehow never got it done. Some are still trying! The youth of today may be the ones to lead the accomplishment of the change we tried to bring about so long ago.

## Definitions of Flowers

**CAMELLIA** These impressive, lush flowers were beloved by the Victorians, and were given the meaning "my destiny is in your hands."

**PURPLE HYACINTH** Owing its origin to the myth of Apollo and Hyacinthus (the former accidentally killed the latter), the purple version of this bloom means "please forgive me."

**CARNATION** These ruffly flowers don't have the best reputation, but if you love to give them, choose white ("sweet and lovely") or pink ("I will never forget you"). The two-toned version means "I cannot be with you," and yellow ones signify "disdain."

**ANEMONE** These quirky blooms take their name from the Greek word for wind (*anemos*) since their lives are so short. The Victorians offered anemones the meaning "forsaken"

**CHAMOMILE** Though a symbol of rest and relaxation today (mmm, chamomile tea), this flower signified "energy in adversity" in the 19th century.

**RHODODENDRON** The Victorians labeled this bloom "beware," – which is actually appropriate, since [they're quite poisonous](#).

**SUNFLOWER** Legend has it that when Spanish explorers reached the Americas, they thought [sunflowers](#) were made of real gold. Of course, they were wrong, hence the meaning "false riches."

**VERBENA** Due to their prominent place in religious ceremonies throughout history, these petite purple flowers mean "pray for me."

**TANSY** These yellow puffballs look friendly, but they carry a sinister message: "I declare war on you."

**BASIL** This herb isn't often grown to give as a bouquet (it's more of a pizza topping than a floral centerpiece), and maybe that's a good thing – according to the Victorians, who didn't care for the strong flavor, it means "hate"

# Wanted!! Articles for the Newsletter

You can earn volunteer hours by writing about some garden you visited, some technique you tried which worked (or did not), or share your enthusiasm for some special plant, or condensing a gardening article you read.

Keep contributing. Keep reading. Keep sharing.

Please send your contributions to:

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UT Gardens Jackson  
On Facebook!**

Lots of great info being shared there, and you don't have to wait for a monthly newsletter!

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