

2012 Annual Report



St. Louis
Master
Gardener



“He is happiest who hath power
to gather wisdom from a
flower.”

Mary Howitt (1799-1888)
Poet who wrote the poem
The Spider and the Fly.



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About Us . . .

The St. Louis Master Gardener Program was established in 1983 by the Missouri Botanical Garden in partnership with University of Missouri Extension. The purpose of this partnership has been to provide horticultural education and outreach into the St. Louis Community through training volunteers to educate the gardening public. The world renowned Missouri Botanical Garden plays home to the St. Louis Master Gardener Program. Classes and meetings are conducted in the Kemper Center for Home Gardening. The Master Gardener Program is coordinated by an Advisory Committee consisting of nine Master Gardeners who are elected for 3-year terms. Within the Advisory Committee, individuals are elected to positions as Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/Treasurer, Secretary, and sub-committee heads to include Education, Communications, Community Outreach and Membership. Representatives from our partner institutions act as coordinators to manage training, program priorities, resources, budget and volunteer service.

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Our Mission

To provide horticultural information and assistance to the public for community service and gardening pleasure through the volunteer efforts of Master Gardeners.

What the Numbers Show . . .

\$21,000

Amount donated in 2012 to community organizations in our new donation program.

Almost 36,000

2012 Total hours volunteered by St. Louis Master Gardeners.

More than 4 Dozen

Number of places we volunteer at in the St. Louis area.

Over 650

How many people are in our organization.

2013

The year we turn 30 years old.

Advisory Committee

Mark Kalk, Chairperson
Karen Koehneman, Treasurer
Gary Hartman, Secretary
Chuck Brust
Ann Case
Chris Kirmaier
Ginny McCook
Stephanie Sigala
Karla Standlee

Camellia japonica
'Claudia Lee'



Advisory Committee Chairperson's Message

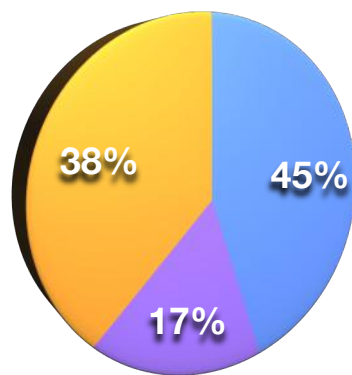
The pink Camellia bloom is said to represent "a longing for" or "yearning"; a persistent desire for something that remains unfulfilled. As gardeners we yearn for a wildly perfect garden or perhaps a perfectly wild garden. In the St. Louis Master Gardener program we strive to help people fulfill this unfulfillable need. So you can see that our job is never done.

A yearning for learning keeps people joining our program, then taking our continuing education classes, listening to mentors and collaborating with fellow gardeners. We are fortunate to be able to provide a wealth of field-experienced experts to present in our classes and continuing education offerings.

Our partnerships with many local organizations, including the Missouri Botanical Garden, University of Missouri Extension, Gateway Greening, Brightside-St. Louis, Flora Conservancy, St. Louis County Parks, Lafayette Park Conservancy and many more, give all of us a chance to scratch the itch to volunteer.

In reading this 2012 Annual Report, I hope you will see what a ripe, fruitful experience it is to be involved with the St. Louis Master Gardeners.

2012 Master Gardener Volunteer Hours



- 16,038 Community Service Hours
- 6,220 Administration & Training Hours
- 13,639 MO Botanical Garden Hours

35,897 TOTAL hours volunteered

Community	Administration & Training	MO Botanical Garden
Gateway Greening	Advisory Committee Meetings	Kemper Center for Home Gardening
Flora Conservancy	Education Committee	Horticulture Answer Service
Brightside-St. Louis	Outreach Committee	Plant Doctor Desk
MG Speakers' Bureau	Membership Committee	Orchid Range
St. Louis County Parks	Communications Committee	Bloom Recording
Forest ReLeaf	Greenhouse Administration	Docent
Urban Roots	MG Training Classes	Plastic Pot Recycling
Lafayette Park Conservancy	Mentoring Program	Adult Education
Litzsinger Road Ecology Center	General Administration	Outdoor Gardens
Tappmeyer House & Gardens	Fundraising	Festivals & Shows
Shaw Nature Reserve	Continuing Education	Arbor Day
Longview Farm & Gardens	Speakers' Bureau	

Missouri Master Gardener Association

In 2012 the St. Louis Master Gardener organization joined the Missouri Master Gardener Association (www.momga.org) along with many of our outstate and Kansas City fellow gardeners. The Association helps to keep everyone in contact and assists host cities in putting on the state master gardener conference. In 2014 the conference will be in St. Louis, watch our website (www.stlmg.com) for details.



Master Gardener Garden Tour

In 2012 we conducted our first Master Gardener garden tour during which 5 of our members opened their gardens to all of us. The tour was designed so that all gardens could be seen in a couple of hours. At one of the gardens we had a social gathering with refreshments. It was a good way to see some stunning displays of our group's gardening abilities. Tour attendees took home many ideas for their own gardens, so next year's tour should be even better!

Master Gardener Plant Sale

This year was our second annual plant sale. We are fortunate in that we can use the greenhouse facilities at South Technical High School to grow our plants and then use that same site to hold the sale. Besides bringing in funding for our other programs, the plant sale and working in the greenhouse gives valuable experience to our volunteers. If you've been in St. Louis during winter, then you can imagine how lovely it is to be in a warm, moist, fragrant greenhouse filled with flowers.



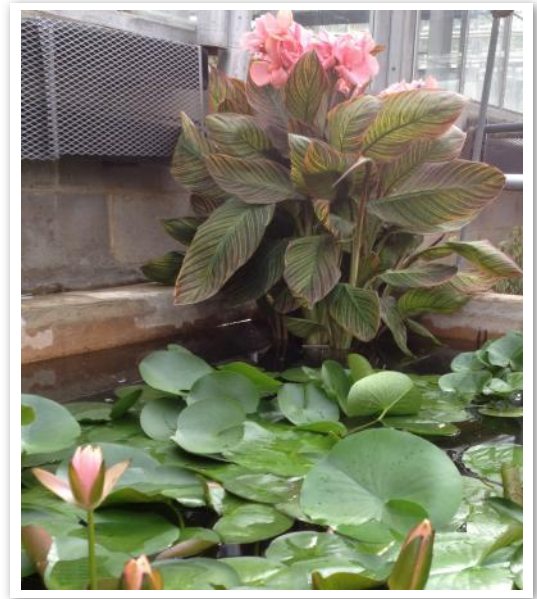
Master Gardener Apple Cider Press

Again this year, despite a terrible drought, we were able to acquire the necessary (though more expensive) apples needed for the apple cider press booth. This is exactly as it sounds, the apples you see in the picture are literally crushed in a large wooden press. The resulting juice is bottled and sold at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Best of Missouri Market event in autumn. It's messy, but fun and an interesting rustic skill that may come in handy some day. Volunteers are always welcome (and so are customers!)



Aquatic Ponds at the Greenhouse

When the Master Gardeners assumed operation of the South Tech greenhouse in the fall of 2010, we discovered an unusual feature: two 10' x 15' pools. They are made of concrete and are located in the middle of one of the greenhouses we use. Starting with five tropical and three hardy *Nymphaea*, the greenhouse collection soon began to grow. One of the pools is dedicated to hardy cultivars and one to tropical lilies, with marginals scattered in and around both. Propagations from the pools go toward the Master Gardeners' annual plant sale at the end of April. Additionally, the pools produce aquatics for donation to other gardens.



Lafayette Park

This public park is a jewel of the old St. Louis neighborhood that shares its name. The Lafayette Park Conservancy is the organization charged with taking care of the park. The picture shows an area called the Grotto which is below the recently partially restored bridge in the southeast quadrant of the park. Lafayette Park is an integral part of many cultural events throughout the year including two neighborhood house tours, free movies in the park, historic walking tours, free music concerts and fundraisers. It's also a place where our master gardeners get to show off in a very public way!

Speakers' Bureau

Our organization believes in outreach to the public to provide gardening knowledge. Several of our volunteers put in a lot of time making our Speakers' Bureau a great success. In 2012 the most often given presentation was one of our newest, "Plants of the Bible" and the second most requested talk was one of our long standing ones, "Birds in the Garden". We gave a total of 85 talks to almost 1700 people. Currently our 23 speakers offer 52 topics and 5 tours.





Tree Measuring Project

The Missouri Botanical Garden has 4687 trees and it was estimated to take 7.5 years to measure all of them. Several master gardeners and other volunteers helped and were able to do the whole project in 2012, just one year. The oldest tree in the Garden is a Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) while the tallest is a Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*).

Shelter Garden

Students from the 2012 class adopted the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence as a place to provide healing through gardening activities. The installation, which will take place in spring 2013, will include a children's garden and sensory garden that will complement the shelter's new Nature and Nurture Therapy Program. The St. Louis Master Gardener Advisory Committee donated \$3000 toward the purchase of plants and supplies. To the left is a hand drawn concept diagram for the shelter garden.



2012 Master Gardener Volunteer Hours by Person

Those with 400+ Hours

Ronda Anson
Chuck Brust
Claire Chosid
Gary Hartman
George Hibbard
Mark Kalk
Karen Koehneman
Laurian McGrath
Susan Pinker-Dodd
John Stephens
Ron Stevens
Leon Zickrick

Those with 300+ Hours

Betsy Alexander
Mary Jo Anderson
Chick Buehrig
Debra Ebel
Carole Fehr
Gordon Gosh
Dennis Green
John Hensley
John Lorenz
Karla Standlee

Those with 200+ Hours

Chyrle Arens
Ann Case
Carol Gravens
Dan Gravens
Barb Hilton
Marlene Katz
Bonnie Lorenz
Jeff Lund
Ginny McCook
Sue Reisel

Those with 100+ Hours

Helen Albrecht
JoAnn Alexander
Barbara Anderson
Cathy Arnold
Virginia Bangert
Katie Belisle-Iffrig
Carol Berry
Don Bley
Richard Blowers
Nicole Blume
Linda Bolhofner
Jack Brier
Rita Buckley
Dennis Chambers
Marilyn Claggett
Sophie Connor
Linda Coonrod
Debra Davis
Carole Dean
Patty Erker
Judy Evans
Karlene Feldker
Pamela Fournier
Cheryl Fox
Keith Gentry
Jan Gowen
Diane Grubbs
Judith Haldeman
Emory Harmon
Jan Hermann
Irene Hindman
Jim Horn
David Horton
Veronica Johnson
Doris Johnston
Linda Kalicak
Madelynn Kester
Ray Kirkman
Anne Kirkpatrick
Chris Kirmaier
Jeanne Klebusch
John Kolar
Deborah Ladd
Margaret Lahrmann
Jack Lane
Barbara Lawton
William Lenz
Pam Manning
Sarah Martin
Jim Massey
Don McQueen

Angie Menard
Betty Meyer
Sandy Meyer
Cherie Moody
Larry Morrison
Barbara Mutz
Greg Newell
Barbara Nichols
Nancy Novack
Barbara Novack
Tammy O'Brien
Donna Olson
Fred Ortlip
Amelia Patrick
Lisa Pestronk
Anne Rankin-Horton
Alan Raymond
Cynthia Rill
Don Rumer
Linda Robson
Joyce Schoeneberg
Sarah Schmidt
Ned Siegel
Stephanie Sigala
Anne Silverstein
Maxine Stone
Betty Struckhoff
Peggy Struckmeyer
Audrey Swinford
Harold Tennyson
Tina Wagner
Linn Wells
Ken Wheat
Sandra Willems
Carolyn Willmore
Carol Wilson

Those with 50+ Hours

Gail Abbott
Karla Abel
Diane Abernathy
Sharon Baldassare
Kay Banks
Peter Barnidge
Patty Benner
Theresa Biggs
Judy Bolian
Lucyann Boston
Sandy Brooks
Kathy Bumberry

Jerry Buterin
Leigh Butler
Wally Cammarata
Marcia Carpenter
Sue Chaires
Bruce Chalker
Mary Chapman
Alberta Chulick
Jeanne Clerc
Megan Clinton
Dick Cone
Martha Conzelman
Evelyn Dickerman
Pamela Dickey
Denise Dippel
Joyce Driermeyer
Berta Dulle
Jasmine Fazzari
Julie Francois
Paula French
Joyce Fry
Kim Gamel
Julie Geary
Hera Gerber
Constance Goss
Alex Granada
Joan Griffard
Julie Grimm
Mary Hacking
Susan Hackney
Pamela Hass
Toni Marie Hayes
Gwenne Hayes-Stewart
Jane Helbig
David Hepperman
Carol Higgins
Karen Hindman
Patsy Hodge
Becky Homan
Sandra Hopkins
Linda Howell
John Huelsing
Charmaine Hutchings
John Hyland
Robert Irwin
Maggie Jackson
Kathryn Jepsen
Anita Jogerst
Elizabeth Johnson
Meg Johnson
Rick Johnston
Christy Jones
Mary Keilty

Jean Kelly
Deborah Kettler
Mary King
Lynn Koeneman
Linda Koenig
Julie Kolberg
Jessica Krafcik
JoAnn Kresko
Sharon Kruszewski
Kathy Kuehn
Yvette Kurtz
Bill Lampe
Bonnie Langston
Virginia Lay
John Lewis
Tracie Lewis
Linda Lieb
John Lizzo
Jennifer Loman
Janice Madden
Gloria Mahoney
Janice Markham
Elizabeth Mattingly
Susan Mauer
Kelly Mazzacavallo
Brianna McGuire
Parker McMillan
Alex McNett
Brenda McPherson
Alice Mitchell
Cindy Mittanck
Linda Monday
Betty Moore
Durinda Mullins
Rosemary Murphy
Laura Murray
MaryJo Nowobilski
Alison O'Brien
Cathy Osborn
Susan Pang
Holly Parks
Ve'Niecy Pearman-Green
Sharon Pedersen
Frank Peterson
Bruce Pflanz
Lee Phillion
Caroline Phillipone
Denise Pott
Cheryl Rafert
Joann Rawson
Holly Records
David Reindl
Joanne Richardson
Ann Robison
Stacy Rolfe

Sammy Rutwitch
Don Ryan
Sarah Samuels
Lynne Sandler
Maria Schiavello
Ronda Schomburg
Jim Schuck
Mady Sheprow
Tina Short
Diane Siegel
Teresa Smith
Armetta Smitley
Maureen Spaete
Cindy Stein
Jean Steward
Holly Stiles
Sarah Strandemo
Barbara Swanson
Judy Sweeney
Ann Tansey
Ann Tuxbury
Leigh Walker
Liz Walker
Linda Waugh
Robert Weaver
Kathleen West
Nancy Zander
Donna Zerega

Honorable Mentions

Linda Anderson
Helena Bedalli
Robert Bischoff
Sharon E. Brown
Lillian Collins
Kim Comer-Ross
Jacqueline Corn
Diane Dunn
Karen Easley
Teresa Flanagan
Joanne Fogarty
David Heppermann
Chris Hereford
Norma Holler
Virginia Horrell
Janet Jump
Gary Karpinski
Peggy Knippel
Joyce Knobbe
Sally Kriegel
Anna Leavey
Ginger Maxey
Patty Mendicino
Terry Milne
Gloria Mitchem

June Mueller
Kimberly Myers
Deanna Nash
Betsy Newman
Berni Oppelt
Bonnie Pellegrini
Mary Ann Pelot
Rhonda Porche-Sorbet
Suzanne Ramsey Haubein
John Reiner
Betty Reinsch
Margie Richards
Vickie Rosenkoetter
Marlene Rush
Katherine Sauer
Norma B. Schechter
Ken Seher
Cindy Smith
Suze Stark
Donna Steinhoff
Alan Stentz
Barbara Tate
Jim Teng
Cici Tompkins
Linda Traina
Phyllis Weber
Carol Wellman
Rickey Wells
Linda Whitten
Judi Yemm
Bill Ziegenbein

Hey! I don't see
my name here.
What gives?

Well, it means you
were a bit naughty
and forgot to log your
hours (or some of
them) at the MG
website. Go to
www.stlmg.com, sign
in and log in your
hours. It helps the
MG program, the
Garden and
Extension.

Master Gardener names are listed in the order of the total number of hours reported using the MG website. The Honorable Mention category lists the members who reported volunteer hours but less than our 2012 annual goal of 50 hours per active Master Gardener. To be in good standing as an active St. Louis Master Gardener during 2012 we asked each gardener to volunteer 50 hours for the year.



St. Louis Master Gardener Donation Program

In 2012 we began an ambitious program of making donations to local horticultural organizations. We have been doing this in a limited way for years. Our new program steps up both the amounts being donated and the number of groups who benefit. The categories and recipients for this year are:

Horticultural Grants

Given to organizations making widespread or unique impacts in horticultural education or service.

Maplewood/Richmond Heights School District's Seed to Table program

 University City Children's Center

 Kathy J. Weinman Shelter

 St. Louis County Parks & Recreation

Community Service Awards

Given to organizations to recognize their good work in the horticulture community.

Brightside-St. Louis

 Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

 Gateway Greening

 Lafayette Park Conservancy

 Litzinger Road Ecology Center

 Paraquad

Scholarships

Given to students in the Horticulture program at St. Louis Community College-Meramec or other appropriate programs.

Missouri Botanical Garden

Given in support of six planters and their maintenance. The planters are located around Spoehrer Plaza and the large fountain first seen as you enter the garden from the Ridgway Building.

The 2012 St. Louis Master Gardener Graduating Class



2012 Graduates in alphabetical order

Diane Abernathy	Helen Albrecht	Ginny Bangert	Peter Barnidge	Dick Blowers	Rita Buckley
Kathy Bumberry	Pamela Dickey	Patty Erker	Carole Fehr	Julie Geary	Keith Gentry
Julie Grimm	Carol Higgins	Sandra Hopkins	Marlene Katz	Julie Kolberg	Linda Lieb
Bonnie Lorenz	John Lorenz	Brianna McGuire	Linda Monday	Nancy Novack	Tammy O'Brien
Donna Olson	Amelia Patrick	Caroline Phillipone	Cynthia Rill	Sarah Samuels	Tina Short
Anne Silverstein	Holly Stiles	Christina Wagner	Linn Wells	Kathleen West	