



The “Show-Me” Gardener

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April Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021 - 7:15 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Speaker: Colleen Baum



April Meeting

This month we are pleased to welcome Colleen Baum, Owner of Droege Tree Care. She will talk about our changing climate and how this effects our local planting, hardiness zone, which trees and scrubs to plant and which ones most nurseries sell and why. She will also explain all the other services offered by a tree care company such as health and disease diagnostics, pruning, and plant care health for preservation.

Colleen has a degree in Organization Communications with a M.A. in Management. She is an ISA Chemical Applicator certified by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and is qualified to perform Tree Risk Assessment by the International Society of Arboriculture. She is involved in adjunct teaching at the St. Louis Community College Horticulture Department, as well as being a board member for the Washington University Tree Campus USA Committee. She has a wealth of information to share with us, so please join us for this most necessary talk to save our local trees and plants!

The Zoom information will be sent on Sunday.

President's Corner Through the President's Corner we hope to bring you up to date on issues, events, classes, that will keep you interested in and learning about gardening and how to maintain and improve your skills.

Spring has sprung, as they say, and trees and flowers are beginning to bloom in the neighborhoods. The Missouri Botanical Garden monthly calendar for April says it is time to transplant hardy annuals when crabapples bloom. Once Virginia bluebells bloom and before their foliage disappears is the time to transplant that spring ephemeral. Also, you can finish sowing cool season

vegetable seeds now. If you are really a planner-type, you can survey bulbs you have blooming, check what spaces are available, and decide what you might want to order in August (Oh, to be that organized!).

If you are having trouble with weeds popping up (wild onion, deadnettle, henbit, etc.), there is a handy guide on the MU Extension website that might be helpful to you. You can identify the culprit, through its leaves, flowers and other plant parts at this site: <https://ipm.missouri.edu/IPC/M/2011/4/New-Weed-ID-Website-Now-Online/>. The site also has other tools and services provided by the Extension for you to explore.

There are lots of events around town. Several organizations are sponsoring free programs through the St. Louis County Library in April and early May. Space is limited for these **virtual** programs so you must register and will receive Zoom information via email. To register: go to www.slcl.org and click Events & Classes, Adult Programs, and search by title or date. Programs and their sponsors include:

Partners for Native Landscaping continuing Spring Seminar Series: All About Native Plants.

April 5: Native Plant Gardening for Birds, 6-7 p.m.

April 19: Gardening with Native Shrubs & Trees, 7-8 p.m.

April 26: Rainscaping with Native Plants, 7-8 p.m.

May 4: Growing a Culture for Native Plants, 7-8 p.m.

Gateway Greening also has some Zoom programs through the Library including:

April 6: Spring Gardening and Planning Your Growing Space, 6-7 p.m.

Partners for Native Landscaping is also sponsoring, through the Library, the following:

April 19: - Gardening with Native Shrubs & Trees, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Facebook

The Garden Club has a Facebook page.

Memberships:

Members who paid dues for 2020 do not have to pay dues for 2021.

Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Please make your check payable to the Webster Groves Garden Club and send to Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont, Webster Groves, MO 63119. I will send a list of all members who paid dues for 2020 or 2021 when I send the Zoom information for Monday's meeting

Plant Sale:

Our annual Plant has been cancelled.

If you have any extra **clean** plastic pots of 6 inches width or greater to contribute for use in our sale, please contact Joan Tilford at JTilford@charter.net or 636 532-0695.