



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

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## August Meeting

**Monday, August 9, 2021 - 7:15 p.m.**  
**Webster Groves Rec Complex**  
**33 E. Glendale, Webster Groves**

**Speaker: Dan Billman**

**Topic: Conifers**



### ***Webster Groves Recreation Complex***

Please note that this meeting will be an in-person meeting at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex. However, we will not be able to serve refreshments. It will not be a Zoom meeting.

### ***Dan Billman***

“Is St. Louis a Conifer King? What is a conifer and what are the pros and cons of growing conifers in the St. Louis areas?”

Our August speaker will be Dan Billman, a certified ISA Arborist, who has been in the horticulture field for 34 years. He has a Master’s degree in Plant and Soil Science from Southwestern Illinois University-Carbondale. After graduation, he went to work for Home Nursery Inc., as a research and development manager. He specialized in integrated pest management, plant nutrition and water management. After that he had an opportunity to become an Assistant Professor in the biology/horticulture department at St. Louis Community College Meramec where he taught for 18 years. He taught introductory horticulture, woody plant identification, pest management, plant propagation and soil science.

Currently Dan works at Kirkwood Gardens. In addition, he presents “Plant

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Walkabouts”, through St. Louis parks, arboreta and natural areas educating the general public on the plants and various ecology. Dan is a great asset to the horticulture community of St. Louis and we are pleased to have him speak to us.

Dan will be speaking about confers and evergreens. Please come and bring your questions, as Dan has the answers!

### ***President's Corner.***

Can't believe that summer is almost over. It's almost time to start thinking about garden clean up. August is just about the last chance to prune your boxwoods and other shrubs before winter. Also, don't forget to deadhead your perennials to get that last bloom of the season.

As to our feathered friends, August is when hummingbirds will start preparing for their long trip to Central America. Now is the time to make certain your feeders are full so these tiny birds have plenty of food and are healthy before they begin the long trip home.

A 'What's Wrong with My Plant' guide for all types of plants can be found at the University of Minnesota Extension website. Click on this site which gives information by category of flowers, shrubs, trees, etc. and you may find the answer to your plant problems. You can find this resource at:  
<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/vegetable/>

On the agenda for the month of August are several interesting webinars. You can find information and register for these at the sites listed below:

**Wednesday, August 11 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CDT.** As part of the Growing Black Roots: The Black Botanical Legacy, the program “Common, But Not Ordinary: Patterns of Avian Diversity in Florida’s Mesic Flatwoods” is offered by Holden Forest and Gardens in Ohio. The program describes the biodiversity of Apalachicola National Forest, the largest U.S. National Forest within the state of Florida. Different habitats are home to different plants and diverse animal life. This area supports endangered species such as the cockaded woodpecker and is home to many migratory birds in winter. Register at:  
<https://holdenfg.org/resources/seeing-red-how-plants-influence-coloration-in-birds/>

**Thursday, August 12 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** How to grow Asian vegetables. This webinar describes how to grow ethnical vegetables. Register at:  
<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-08-12-how-grow-asian-vegetables>

**Tuesday, August 17 – 1:30 p.m.** End of Summer Planted Fall Vegetables | Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series offered by the University Extension. To be discussed are which vegetables are better suited for a late summer planting and how to store fall harvested vegetables for their long shelf life. Register at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-08-17-end-summer-planted-fall-vegetables-four-seasons-gardening-webinar-series>

**Thursday, August 19 - 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.** (Virtual) Conversations: From the Ground to Your Gut offered by the Danforth Plant Science Center. You will get an inside look into soil and gut microbiomes and hopefully get to know yourself—and the world—a little bit better. Find this at:  
<https://www.danforthcenter.org/event/virtual-conversations-from-the-ground-to-your-gut/>

**Thursday, August 26 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Gardening for Butterflies. Presented by the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House. Register at <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=274276>

***Metro Garden***

Extra Plants Available

The WGGC maintains the Metro garden at the corner of Rock Hill Road and Lockwood Avenue. We sometimes have extra plants available to the membership. Currently we have extra Shasta Daisies, Amsonia, Nepeta, Russian Sage and Cup Plant seedlings. The Metro garden is generally sunny and well drained and these plants will do best in this type of garden.

Anyone who is interested in having some of these varieties or who would like to volunteer at the Metro garden is invited to contact Mike Tierney at [Michael.Tierney@mgcwq.org](mailto:Michael.Tierney@mgcwq.org).

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If the weather is threatening for any of our club's meeting times, we will send an email notice of cancellation for that event. If we do not have an email address for you, we will try to call you. If you have any questions, please call Joan Tilford, 636 532-0695