



The “Show-Me” Gardener

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September Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021 7:15pm
Webster Groves Rec Complex
33 E. Glendale, Webster Groves

Speakers: Chick and Bruce Buehrig

Topic: Garden Design Using Perennials



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.

Chick and Bruce Buehrig

The presenters will be Chick and Bruce Buehrig, who describe themselves as hobbyists' gardeners. Bruce is a co-founder of the St. Louis Hosta Society and a past president of the St. Louis Rock Garden Society and Chick is a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden Daylily group. This group consists of six volunteers who work and maintain the Jenkins Daylily Garden at MoBot. In addition the Buehrig's have co-authored numerous articles for the American Conifer Society and The American Daylily Society. Many of us in the Webster Groves garden club saw the Buehrig's beautiful yard and garden landscaping at one of our outings last year. In addition, they also have had numerous other garden clubs and societies tour their garden over the years. They have many perennials to view such as daylilies, hostas, ferns, iris, Solomon seals, carex and lavenders. In addition they have evergreens, conifers, Japanese Maples and hemlocks that are scattered throughout which creates a magnificent view. Many of us who have tried to grow some of the northern evergreens and conifers in our yards in St. Louis have problems keeping them healthy and alive due to our ever changing warmer climate but the Buehrig's seem to have found a way to overcome these issues and grow these beautiful trees. Please come to see their presentation which will show

pictures of the yard and landscaping and learn what has worked for them and how they handle the maintenance of such a large garden. You will not be disappointed in the beauty of this garden as it has something for all seasons of the year!

President's Corner August 2021

I can't believe that summer is almost over. August is when hummingbirds will start preparing for their long trip south. Now is the time to make certain your feeders are full, so they have plenty of food to eat and are healthy for the long trip home.

It's also time to start thinking about garden clean up. August is just about the last chance to prune your boxwoods and other shrubs before winter. Now is the time to deadhead your perennials to get that last bloom of the season. Many perennials can be divided now, especially spring bloomers.

And while we're talking about garden clean-up, have you noticed powdery mildew on your plants? In my garden, it is on both my phlox and peonies. The Missouri Botanical Garden has three integrated pest management strategies to deal with this condition before resorting to fungicides. First, you can buy powdery mildew resistant varieties—something to remember when buying new plants next spring. Second, you can prune out the diseased tissue. I cut down my peonies at this time to remove the infected leaves. Third, spacing the plants so they get adequate air circulation and plenty of sun can help as can watering in the morning and avoiding overhead watering. If these strategies don't work, fungicides can be used to prevent powdery mildew. Check out the Missouri Botanical website for more information:

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/pests-and-problems/diseases/powdery-mildew/powdery-mildew-outdoors.aspx>

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

Thursday, September 9th – 11:00 a.m. CDT. Smithsonian Gardens Let's Talk Gardens Plants, *Passion and Perseverance: A Focus on Positive Solutions and Experience Gained*. Speaker: Janet Draper, Smithsonian Gardens, Horticulturist.

https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SL956ob9QSqooG900wZBJw

Friday, September 10th – 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. *Shaw Wildflower Market* at Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray's Summit. This year, Shaw Nature Reserve's Wildflower Market returns to the market-style event with plant and market vendors providing day-of sales of native plants, crafts, beer, wine, and more.

Tuesday, September 14th- 1:30 p.m. *Garden Tool Maintenance*, University of Illinois of Extension. How to maintain your equipment. Richard Hentschel will cover care for hand tools and small engine equipment commonly used in the garden and home landscape.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23879>

September 18th – 10:00 a.m. The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society's 6th *annual Butterfly Festival* will be available Online. The Festival will go live online at 10:00 a.m. and remain available for you to watch at your convenience. Please learn more about the event and register below:

<https://utarboretumsociety.org/rsvpmaker/ut-arboretum-society-virtual-butterfly-festival-registration/>

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@mqcwg.org.

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<https://www.facebook.com/WebsterGrovesGardenClub/>

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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 send an email to Joan Tilford, 2ndvp@mgcwg.org.

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