



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

## Webster Groves Garden Club

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## November Meeting

**Monday, November 14, 2022 - 7:15 p.m.**  
**Webster Groves Rec Complex - 33 E. Glendale**

**TOPIC: Floods, Flash Floods and Floodplain  
Development in the St. Louis Region**

**SPEAKER: Dr. Robert Criss**



### **WGGC Board Members**

The WGGC is looking for individuals who are interested in serving as an officer or member of the Board of Directors and would be willing to chair one of our committees.. Currently there will be several vacancies for 2024. The only qualifications are an enthusiasm for and some knowledge of gardening. The Board currently meets in a ZOOM meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of most months. You don't need to be a Webster Groves resident to serve. If you are willing to serve or know someone who is willing, please contact Carol Evans at [www.mgcwg.org](http://www.mgcwg.org)

### **Topic**

Flooding has been a problem in certain areas in St. Louis for many years. On July 26 of this year St. Louis experienced a deluge of water from a series of thunderstorm that causes flooding in various area, maybe even your yard. Specifically 12.22 inches of rain fell resulting in a record for the most rain to fall in any single one day in the history of St. Louis. July 2022 was rated as the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest month in the recorded history of St. Louis. Many homes were flooded beyond repair and Webster Groves, along with University City are currently making arrangements for buyouts for the homeowners.

### **Speaker**

Our November speaker, Dr. Robert Criss, is a Professor Emeritus of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. He will explain why

floods are a recurrent St. Louis phenomenon due to flash flooding of small suburban streams being remarkably sudden and dynamic. Resulting in flood damage that could be preventable. Robert has written numerous books and has published papers in over 50 scientific journals, several dozen of the papers were in reference to Missouri hydrogeology and floods. He is also co-editor of the book-*At the Confluence: Rivers, Floods and Water Quality in the St. Louis Region*.

In recognition of his study and work on floods, Dr. Criss was the recipient of the Lewis C. Green Environmental Service Award of the Great Rivers Environmental Law Center. Dr. Criss lives in University City and is currently working with the Gateway Green organization and the University City Council to on a solution to prevent the flooding and resulting damage in the city. We invite you to join us for this most interesting and important talk.

### ***Discussion***

Since we are pleased to have a lecturer for this meeting, the usual yearly discussion feature of our "Garden Success & Failures" will consist more in the form of photos that you may bring for display.

### ***Annual Awards Dinner***

Monday, Dec. 12th is our annual awards dinner. Seating is limited to 60. Please respond no later than **December 5th**. However, if the limit is reached prior to December **5th**, we will not be able to accept any more reservations. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. The reservation form is attached

**We thank all of the officers and board members for their service this year.**

### ***2023 Membership Dues***

You may send in your 2023 membership dues for next year to our treasurer: Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119. Membership dues are \$15 per individual or \$20 for a family.

If you are a new member and have joined our club since August, you do not have to pay dues again for 2023.

### ***Recycling Clean Pots***

If you have any clean, plastic pots from 4 inches up to 1 gallon, please repurpose them for use in next year's digs to help save on our expenses.

Please contact the chairman of the Plant Sale Committee at

[Plant-Sale@mgcwg.org](mailto:Plant-Sale@mgcwg.org)

### ***Website and Facebook***

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<http://www.mgcwg.org/>.

### ***President's Corner – November 2022***

Although we've had our first frost, there are still some nice, sunny days ahead. So hopefully it looks like cool nights and warm days are here for a while.

Here are several tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)** for November. They suggest you continue watering your evergreens until the ground freezes. Planting trees and shrubs is still possible. When you plant, don't forget to remove any wires, ropes and/or non-biodegradable materials

from the roots before you fill the hole with soil. Make sure to keep mulch several inches distant from the trunks when applying. A mulch application of 2-3 inches is suggested.

If damaged by frost, remove the spent flowers and foliage of perennials. And don't forget to plant tulips now.

Mums will benefit from being cut back to several inches from the ground after flowering is done. A 2-3 inch layer of loose mulch can be placed after the ground freezes. Flower and bulb beds can also be mulched after the ground freezes to avert injury to plants caused by frost heaving.

The **University of Minnesota Extension** advises that you not clean up all the plant matter in your yard. They suggest leaving plants be as, in addition to winter interest, they can provide seeds for birds and stems for stem-nesting bees. Using fallen leaves as mulch for garden beds, trees and shrubs helps overwintering pollinators. Their report on creating habitat for stem-nesting bees gives more information:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUNONY2PIiLyhVfCO3P\\_UfvDiy1jhE9M/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUNONY2PIiLyhVfCO3P_UfvDiy1jhE9M/view)

Some of you may have already heard of the spotted lanternfly. While it hasn't reached Missouri yet, it has been found in Iowa and Indiana. This blog from the **University of Illinois Extension** has more information about what is known of this destructive pest--better to be forewarned.

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/garden-scoop/2022-08-13-new-invasive-insect-may-threaten-illinois>

Local, in person, programs of interest include:

**Wednesday, November 2nd - 7:00 p.m.** *Observing Dragonflies: Opening Another Door of Nature Study* given by Yvonne Homeyer at the **Webster Groves Nature Study Society General Meeting**. Meeting at: **Webster Groves Library, 301 E. Lockwood Avenue.**

*Container Gardening* will be the subject of a presentation by **Seed St. Louis** at various **St. Louis County Library** branches on three different days. Space at these in person programs is limited so, if you are interested, register as soon as possible. The branches are:

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.** There are 19 spaces available.

**Jamestown Bluffs Branch, 4157 N. Highway 67, Florissant.** Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=299243>

**Friday, November 11, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m.** There are 18 spaces available at the **Mid-County Branch, 7821 Maryland Ave.** Register at:

<https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=305050>

**Monday, November 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** There are 23 spaces available at the **Bridgeton Trails Branch, 3455 McKelvey, Bridgeton.**

Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=309010>

Some virtual programs that may be of interest to you this month are:

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - 1:30 p.m. *Deep Bark Secrets of Tree Selection*

will be presented by the **University of Illinois Extension**. Register at:  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=26179>

**Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (CDT)** The **Smithsonian Gardens** will present *Revolutionize Your Tree Pruning: Learn to Prune Better and Speak for the Trees*. Register at:  
[https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/3116630113230/WN\\_NyRiQOBC Td2N9A82zSoC0A](https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/3116630113230/WN_NyRiQOBC Td2N9A82zSoC0A)

**Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 11 a.m. -12:00 p.m., (Central time).** *Creating Hypnotizing Horticultural Displays* will be presented at the **Smithsonian**. Register here:  
[https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/5416626543856/WN\\_MJ5dOX05 RiqB5mqsD1000Q](https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/5416626543856/WN_MJ5dOX05 RiqB5mqsD1000Q)