



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

## Webster Groves Garden Club

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### 2021

Lucia Oswald  
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Alice Sargent  
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## January Meeting

**Monday, January 10, 2022 - 7:15 p.m.**  
**Webster Groves Rec Complex - 33 E. Glendale**

## Speaker:

**Vaughn Meister**



## *Vaughn Meister and Forest Releaf:*

Happy New Year!

To start off the New Year our first speaker for 2022 will be Vaughn Meister, a volunteer with Forest Releaf of Missouri. Forest Releaf started in 1993 and is a nonprofit community-assisted tree nursery located on 7-acres near Creve Coeur Park in Maryland heights, Missouri. Several years ago some of our members took a tour of Forest Releaf during one of our outings. It is estimated that 200, 000 trees have been planted in the Missouri and Illinois regions since the nursery began. Many of the areas that have received trees are low-income or have been damaged after major weather disasters. Part of Forest Releaf’s mission is to restore and sustain our urban forests. Trees in big urban areas that are densely populated with heavy traffic do not live as long and are not as sustainable due to the poor environmental living conditions. Forest Releaf tries to prevent the void in these areas by planting more trees. Trees provide many benefits such as increase property value, decrease heat, prevent soil erosion, stabilize creek banks, and decrease storm water in street sewers thereby preventing flooding. In addition trees decorate our landscape-we all look forward to our spring blooming magnolias, redbuds, and fall sugar maples, yellow river birches and honey locusts. Forest Releaf has received many awards and also has many community opportunities that will be discussed at the meeting! Please come and learn about Forest Releaf!

### ***Elections of Officers for 2022:***

The Officers for 2022 will be elected at the January meeting.

Proposed officers for 2021:

1 Year Term

President: Carol Evans

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Secretary: Barb Novak

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Board of Directors:

Term expiring at the end of

2024 Lucia Oswald, Frank Peterson, vacancy

Returning Board of Directors

2023 Kathy Rowe, Mary Telker, vacancy

2022 Alice Sargent, Becky Scherer, Mike Tierney

President Ex-Officio: Immediate Past President, Beth Mattingly

### ***Happy New Year to Everyone!***

May 2022 be a wonderful year for enjoying our gardens.

Hope you'll join us often this year at our meetings held the second Monday of each month, visits to our club members' gardens, our annual April Plant Sale and year end annual Holiday & Awards dinner.

### ***Congratulations, Welcome and Thanks:***

**Welcome and Thanks** to our new & returning Officers and Board members, who will be elected at the January meeting.

### ***Annual Dues:***

Club dues for 2021 are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. If you have not yet renewed for 2022 please make your check payable to "Webster Groves Garden Club" and send to: Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119.

### ***President's Corner:***

#### **President's Corner – January, 2022**

It's been gray and rainy lately and is getting colder by the day.

Spring is some distance away, although it's never too early to start planning a garden. Seed and garden catalogs should be coming in the mail and on online soon, so we can, at least, start to think about spring. If you don't keep a garden journal, now is a good time to start one. Any planner or notebook will work. It can be used for deciding what new plants you wish to buy, noting when plants emerge in spring and when they bloom, recording their progress, etc.

Some hints from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** for this time of year include recycling your real Christmas tree. They suggest, for example, using it as a bird feeder outdoors by stringing fruits, peanuts, popcorn and suet through the boughs. What a treat for the birds at this time of year when food is more difficult to find. Also, they suggest using Christmas tree branches to mulch your garden perennials. You are probably spending time with houseplants these days. Some tips also from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** for watering your indoor plants include letting water sit in a container overnight to let fluorine and chloride settle before using. Also make sure the water is tepid, not cold, before watering those indoor plants. On their website, the **University of Minnesota Extension** has a list of typical indoor plants and their care that you might find helpful and informative. You can find it here: <https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/houseplants> To help you keep engaged over the month, below are some online classes and resources you might find helpful:

**Thursday, January 6 - 1-2 p.m. – Seed Saving.** This begins a series of interesting classes throughout the year beginning on January 6 at University of Georgia extension. You can find more about the program at: <https://extension.uga.edu/calendar/event/18916/2022-camden-county-virtual-lunch--learn-january-6-seed-saving.html>. You can see the other courses available throughout the year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and register at: [https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9pOXbEtXEiQ126y](https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9pOXbEtXEiQ126y)

**Tuesday, January 18 – 2 p.m.** An online program called **How to Design a Healthy Backyard Orchard and Garden** will be held virtually through the St. Louis County Library. You can register at: <https://www.slcl.org/content/virtual-program-how-design-healthy-backyard-orchard-and-garden>

An interesting series from the **United States Botanical Garden** includes 4 programs in January. They are held from 1 -2 CST on the following days:

January 14 - **Maple Sugaring: History, Biology, and Production;**  
January 21 - **Winter Wreath Refresh;**  
January 22 - **Planning and Planting for Winter Interest;** and  
January 28 - **Exploring the World of Hydroponics and Indoor Food Production.**

You can find these new and some archived programs including one entitled **All the Presidents' Gardens**. at this site: <https://www.usbg.gov/onlineprograms>

**Longwood Gardens** is offering an Online course called **The World of Plants: Exploring Horticulture**. More information is available at: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/events/world-plants-exploring-horticulture-online-open-class>.