

President's Corner – June 2022

Rain has brought lovely flowers this spring. Hopefully it will stop long enough for us to get to those pesky weeds that have grown out of control in the last month.

There are several tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** for June. It's time to watch for bagworms on your junipers and arborvitae. If you find them, the bags can easily be picked off and destroyed. If you take your houseplants outside, make certain the nights are above 50 degrees, and remember to acclimate them slowly to avoid set back. Also don't forget to watch for scorch and/or sunburn. Finally, a balanced fertilizer can be applied after the first bloom of roses.

Because of our hot, dry summers, it is sometimes difficult to know what to plant so that we have beautiful flowers during the entire season. **GardenDesign** has a list of 20 drought tolerant plants for a beautiful landscape. Most of them will be familiar to you, thrive in our growing zone, and many are perennials. Check out these beauties at: https://www.gardendesign.com/plants/drought-tolerant.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Drought-Tolerant-Plants-6-2-22. If they aren't in your garden, it may be time to add them.

The **University of Minnesota Extension** has a "What's Wrong with My Plant" page that will allow you to diagnose problems with flowers, vegetables, trees, etc. You can find this information at:

<https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

To get information locally, you can call or stop by the **University of Missouri Extension** at 132 E, Monroe in Kirkwood, (314) 400-2115. Master Gardeners are available to help diagnose your plant problems from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. You can also email to: stlgardenhotline@gmail.com

St. Louis Master Gardeners are having a Garden Tour on Sunday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The tour will feature 10 homes and community gardens in the St. Louis County area. Cost is \$15 per person. You can register at: <https://farrarm8.wixsite.com/2022mggardentour>

Good information about creating a flowering bee lawn can be found in a **Michigan State University Extension's** article. It answers some of the questions you might have about these lawns. You can find it here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/consider-a-flowering-bee-lawn-to-help-pollinators>

Two virtual programs of interest are available this month:

June 16 – 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Beneficial Bees. Presented by **Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House**. Learn more about bees in our area. Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=296589>

June 21 – 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Natives vs. Cultivars. Presented by the **University of Illinois Extension** as part of their Four Season Garden Webinar series. Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25753>