



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

## Webster Groves Garden Club

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## June Meeting

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**  
**10:00 am**

**Garden Visits at the homes of  
Brenda Dribbin  
Joan & Dave Poos  
Lunch at the Sappington House**



### ***June Meeting – From Janet Nobel***

The Webster Groves Garden Club goes on outings during the summer and this year we will be touring two fabulous gardens and stop for lunch in between. The tour will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2022 and the first garden is at Brenda Dribbin’s house, located at 444 Park Road in Webster. Her garden was on the Missouri Botanical Garden Tour last year and in the past has won the Webster Groves Garden of the month contest, has been listed in a Better Homes and Garden tour and also listed in the St. Louis Homes and Lifestyle Magazine. All of her yard is a lovely garden, very enchanting, with storybook charm that fits the style of the house perfectly.

Next we will go to lunch at the Sappington House restaurant, otherwise known as The Barn, located at 1015 Sappington Road, Crestwood, 63126. Please note, the restaurant does not take reservations but they will try to seat us as close together as possible. Outside dining is also available. The Thomas Sappington House Museum which is adjacent to the restaurant has a small herb garden which is open for viewing.

The last garden on the tour will be at the home of David and Joan Poos, located at 9904 Crestwood Drive, Crestwood. Their garden encompasses all of the side and back yard. From the street view one would not imagine what gorgeous beauty awaits in the back yard. The garden has won many awards and has been on numerous garden tours over the years. David is an avid gardener and due to

storm damage over the last several years has had to change and rearrange plants and bushes in the yard. Some of you who think you have seen his yard in the past may find his back yard looks differently than before. However, it is still beautiful and well worth seeing.

The tour will start at 10:00 am with lunch planned around 11:30 am and hopefully arriving around 01:00 pm at David Poos garden. We ask that you be mindful of the perimeters of the gardens and yards and be careful where you step. Brenda will not be available for questions regarding her garden but David will be glad to answer your questions. We have placed photos of the gardens on our Facebook page, so take a look. Please use Google Map or Map Quest to locate the gardens.

Finally, please call, do not text, Janet Noble at 314 307 8600 if you plan to attend the tour and/or lunch at the restaurant. Lunch is at your expense. We will try to contact you if for some reason the tour is cancelled, bad weather or if other changes occur. Arrangements are being planned in July for touring several other local gardens, so stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information. Happy summer, it only comes once a year!

***A Note from Becky Scherer***

Betty Kellerman long time garden club member and board member has passed away. Her daughter has let those of us connected to the Webster Groves School District know that Betty passed away in January after a long illness.

Betty was one of the kindest, most generous and intelligent persons to ever be associated with Webster Groves School District. As several of her friends have said "A friend of grand and immense proportions! We will never know all the people she helped." and "What a blessing to have been able to know her."

If you would like to send a card, Kathy's address is:

Kathy Kellerman  
424 Buel Av  
Pacifica, CA 94044

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Many of us have her plants from her garden in our yards. Her garden was a major supplier for the annual sale for many years. She will be greatly missed.

***Can you help?***

We have had a request from the President of the Board of Directors of the College Hill Foundation. They have been working in an underserved North St. Louis area to revitalize their neighborhood. As part of this, they started a lavender garden called "Seeds of Grace Lavender Farm" about 5 years ago. They need volunteers to help harvest the plants so they can sell their lavender to benefit their community. With their profits they help the elderly with home repairs and much more.

They will be harvesting on June 10, 17 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Harvest starts at 8 a.m. If you are interested in helping, either email Gail Olson at [ole20@att.net](mailto:ole20@att.net) or call her at 314-330-6414 so she can give the exact location on each day.

### ***June President's Corner***

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 pick 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](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 3p.m. on weekdays. You can also email to: [stlgardenhotline@gmail.com](mailto: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 if \$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>

***For Your Consideration - Planning Ahead for Next Year's Plant Sale :***

- **Photo Plant Identification:** If you think you may be offering Daylilies or Irises to our annual plant sale in 2023, please send a photo of the flower. We would also appreciate any photos you may have of other plants that you may be donating. Plants sell better if we have a photo of the plant in bloom.
- **Recycling Pots:** If you have any plastic pots from 4 inches up to 7 inches in upper diameter, please recycle them for use in next year's digs to help save on our expenses. Contact Joan Tilford ([JTilford@charter.net](mailto:JTilford@charter.net) or call, do not text, at 636 532-0695) for pick-up or drop-off.