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Webster Groves Garden Club (WGGC) Picnic June 11th, 2023

Lots of Fun for Everyone!

The WGGC Family Picnic is being held at Blackburn Park’s main pavilion on Sunday, June 11th, from 12 noon to 4 pm. All WGGC members, and those that support the club, are invited to bring family and interested friends. This first ever social event will celebrate our successful 2023 plant sale.

We will be serving Dailies BBQ, Pasta House salad, some traditional picnic side dishes, chips, cookies, tea and bottled water. We have a permit for beer/wine if attendees would like to bring their own (and are of legal age). Picnic attendees are also welcome to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages if they just want to hang out and have fun with the group but the provided menu doesn’t meet their needs.

We will be hosting a Bingo game and there will be some yard type games. There is also a children’s playground near the Blackburn main pavilion for the younger crowd’s enjoyment.

Please RSVP to Mary Telker at mary.f.telker@gmail.com by June 9th if you plan to attend, providing the number of your party so we can have plenty of food for everyone. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.webstergrovesmo.gov/171/Blackburn-Park>

Plant Sale a Success!

We had a successful plant sale with our best return on sales ever! Thanks to all who worked on and supported the plant sale! Proceeds from the plant sale help to fund Meramec Community College Horticulture scholarships, meeting speakers, club events and community projects/support such as the turn-around garden (TAG) at the W. Lockwood-Rockhill Rd. Bus Stop.

In September, we will resume our second Monday of the month meetings. We hope to schedule an exciting group of speakers for the coming year.

Annual Membership Dues:

Don’t forget to pay your dues. Club dues for 2023 are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. If you have not yet renewed for 2023, please make your check payable to “Webster Groves Garden Club.”

Mail dues payment to: Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont Ave, St. Louis, MO 63119.

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Officers Needed!

We are looking for folks interested in serving as 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. The 1st Vice President is in charge of programs. The 2nd Vice President publishes and distributes the newsletter, maintains the WGGC website, produces the WGGC membership and distribution list. The Secretary attends and takes minutes for the monthly WGGC Board Meetings. Please contact Mary Telker if you are interested or have additional questions.

Member Updates:

Joan Tilford, stalwart WGGC Plant Sale lead, recent 2nd VP and many year member of the board continues to recover from a heart attack. Joan just graduated to Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) at MO Baptist Hospital from the Cardiac-Vascular ICU. Hooray! She is alert and following news of the WGGC Plant Sale, the Cardinals and life in general. Joan has decided to relinquish her 2nd VP position. Thanks to Joan for all her contributions to the WGGC! We did not realize how much work she contributed until we had to fill her shoes these past few months. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Lynnda Greene passed away May 20th after a brief illness. Lynnda was a long-time WGGC member, master gardener, valued friend and major contributor to several other St. Louis organizations. We will miss Lynnda greatly. A service will be held on Saturday, June 24th, times and location are TBD so check news outlets for specific details.

Gardener's Corner – June 2023 (formerly President's Corner)

The weeds are growing with vengeance. Creeping Charlie is my nemesis; I seem to spend most of my time these days pulling those pesky weeds out. Is there no end! Despite this, the garden is beginning to really look nice with lots of early summer blooms.

Some of the tips and tasks for the month of June are noted by the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)**. For instance, as their blossoms fade, now is the time to deadhead your spring flowering perennials and bulbs. Bagworms may appear on several plants, most notably juniper and arborvitae. Start looking for them so you can begin to eradicate them before they do damage. (Here is a good article about bagworms and how to eradicate them from **The Spruce**: <https://www.thespruce.com/bagworms-1402517>).

Once night temperatures are reliably above 50 degrees, you can bring your houseplants outdoors. Most will favor a bright spot, but one shaded from the afternoon sun. For plants in the garden, as soon as the ground warms you can begin to apply organic mulches to conserve moisture, discourage weeds, and enrich the soil as they decay. Spring flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned before the end of the month. Fertilize trees and shrubs before the 4th of July.

The **University of Minnesota Extension** has some tips about the best height for mowing your lawn. You can find this short article about mowing at: <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/raise-your-mower-height>.

They also have some good information about saving space in your garden. These space saving ideas can be found at *Save Space in the Garden by Growing Up*: <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/save-space-garden-growing>.

And while we are speaking about space, for those of you who live in an apartment or condo with a balcony, **Garden Design** has a great article on how to create your perfect balcony garden including maximizing your space and watering your plants. You can find it at: https://www.gardendesign.com/small/balcony-garden.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Balcony-Gardening-5-25-23

There are a couple programs of interest this month—some in person, some on-line. They include the following:

Friday, June 2, 12:30 to 2 p.m. “In the Mudd” Garden Talks: *My Week in Plastic* – Jean Ponzi/Green, Resources Manager at the **MBG** talk on turning the plastic tide and where we have to deal with and forgive our limits to recycling action. In person event at: Mudd’s Grove, 302 W. Argonne Road 63122.

Wednesday, June 7 – noon to 1:00 p.m. Kansas State Garden Hour: *Drought Tolerant Lawns Of Kansas - Warm Season Turfgrasses*. Dr. Ross Braun, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass and Landscape Management, explains what it means to live in our “transitional climatic zone”, with the option to grow both cool- and warm season turfgrass species. Learn how to grow grass species that are more drought tolerant, so they can better survive our summer weather and conserve water. Register at: https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IXIjvtedRu-pvfFA6Kzvxw#/registration.

Saturday, June 10 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Growing and Harvesting Herbs hosted by MGS Caitlin Istriggs and Yvette Luedde at the **Kranzberg Education Lab** at Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road 63127. Learn about harvesting and cooking with popular herb varieties. In person event, but register at: <https://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/calendar/2023/6/10/conversation-series-all-about-herbs>.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 10:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. *Staying Cool in the Garden and Orchard*. Presented by **Seed St. Louis** in conjunction with the **St. Louis County Library**. Discover ways to reduce heat stress on plants to keep your garden growing through the extreme heat of summer while making sure you stay safe while caring for your garden and orchard. Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=327870>.