



The “Show-Me” Gardener

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April Meeting 2022

No regular WGGC meeting this month.



Mark Your Calendar!!! **Annual Plant Sale**

Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30
(Set-Up Thursday, April 28)

Please contact Frank Peterson, fpeters@swbell.net, if you can put a plant sale sign in your yard or a friend's yard.

Please consider volunteering in some way, whether it's for a small or large amount of time or by contributing plants.

There are many jobs which require physical ability, but there are also a number of jobs that don't, such as sharing your store of plant knowledge with the customers, or making labels for plants being potted, or helping check out plants with the cashiers, etc.

Come join us for this great fellowship experience!
Please support your garden club.

Please support your club by volunteering, purchasing plants and inviting friends and family to our Annual Plant Sale..... Our only fundraiser of the year.

Please only volunteer if you are fully vaccinated and “boosterized”.

Volunteer to work on a Dig in another's garden (More volunteers welcomed)

- Please volunteer to dig, pot, or label donated plants from other gardens. Contact **Dorothy Lockard** at dglockard2@gmail.com or 314 369-7528 to volunteer.
- We appreciate **all** volunteers whether you come to multiple Digs or only one. We try to have enough workers to finish a Dig in about 2+ hours.
- Our Digs are in the morning and our “Pot Parties” are scheduled in the morning and afternoon.
- We have positions that will allow you to sit while working and positions that are more active. Potting is mostly outside weather permitting.

Volunteer to dig and pot plants yourself from your garden (Your contributions most appreciated!)

- If you want to donate plants, but don't have a lot of them, we will still be very pleased to accept them. You must be able to give us the name and other information about the plant.
- Please contact Joan Tilford at 636 532-0695 or JTilford@charter.net to coordinate the delivery of your plants. We will pot, label and price them..
- In the past, sedges, grasses, orange or unidentified daylilies and unidentified irises did not sell well.
- Photos sell plants. If you can provide a photo of your plants in bloom, or give us their botanical names we will find their pictures. If you put your name on the back of the photo, we will return it to you.
- Please do not bring unlabeled or unpriced plants to set-up day or the plant sale. It is very difficult for us to label and price plants in addition to the many things that have to be done on those days.

Volunteer for the Plant Sale

Set-up Day Thursday, April 28th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (More volunteers welcomed!)

- Transport donated plants to Rec Center
- Help manage outdoor staging area during delivery of plants.
- Set up indoor sale area.
- As a bonus, all plant sale volunteers will have first chance at shopping after set-up is complete.

Friday, April 29th, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (More volunteers welcomed!)

- Be available to help customers with questions
- Man the “Holding Area” for customer's plants to be purchased
- Tally customer's purchases
- Help with check out process
- Cashier
- Help at cashier tables
- Help customers take purchases to their vehicles
- Restock merchandise
- General helper

Saturday, April 30th, 7:30 a.m. - Noon (More volunteers welcomed!)

- Same type of help needed as on Friday
- Clean-up of sale area. Wipe tables, sweep, move unsold plants outside, etc. Rec Center employees will close and stack tables.

Garden Club Memberships for 2022

If we do not receive your dues by the end of April, we will assume that you do not wish to renew your membership and with much regret, will remove you from our mailing list. Please know that you are always welcome to come to our regular monthly meetings. Should you decide to rejoin, the annual club dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family.

Make checks payable to "Webster Groves Garden Club" and send to: Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont, St. Louis, MO 63119.

Direct any questions/concerns to: Joan Tilford at Joan.tilford@mgcwq.org or (636) 532-0695.

President's Corner – April 2022

Spring is almost here and there is so much information out there for us about gardening! It's exciting to watch plants emerge from the soil—seems like each day there is something new coming up.

The **Missouri Botanical Garden's** *Gardening by Month* tasks lists *Tips and Tasks* for April. For example, now is the time to think ahead and view your garden for places that might be good for spring bulbs in the fall. They also suggest that hardy annuals can be transplanted outdoors when crabapples bloom. Other tips include remembering to break off the rims of peat pots when you transplant and check those shrubs for winter injury and prune out dead wood. For those of you who like Easter lilies, you can plant them outdoors once they finish blooming. Set the bulbs 2 to 3 inches deeper than they grew in the pot. Mulch well if frost occurs.

If you are wondering what shrubs and trees are best planted or transplanted in spring, here is their list: butterfly bush, dogwood, rose of Sharon, black gum (Nyssa), vitex, red bud, magnolia, tulip poplar, birch, ginkgo, hawthorn and most oaks." You can find more of these tips at:

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/gardening-by-month.aspx>

Garden Design has 9 design tips for "selecting plants with purpose." These 9 steps range from thinking about sunlight's impact on color to attracting pollinators. Visit their website to read about these tips and find additional references that give help on designing your garden:

https://www.gardendesign.com/ideas/planting.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Planting-Ideas-3-31-22

This year, again, there is a Callery Pear Buy Back sponsored by **Forest ReLeaf** in partnership with **Forrest Keeling Nursery**. It will be held in St. Louis April 26th. More information can be found at this website: <https://moinvasives.org/2022/03/10/callery-pear-buy-back-event-4-26-22/>.

Some virtual programs at the **St. Louis County Library** that may be of interest to you are:

April 6 – 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Gardening for Backyard Wildlife. Presented Erin Shank, **Missouri Department of Conservation**. Learn who might consider your yard “home” and how to support biodiversity in your own backyard. Part of the Partners for Native Landscaping series. Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=290804>

April 11 10a.m. – 11 a.m. Planning Your Garden presented by **Aging Ahead**. Learn about vegetable gardening You can find at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErc--srDkoG9eKeBcKuzi8oSlg0WQaAOCg>

Last but not least: Don't forget our **Spring Plant Sale**, April 29th (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) and 30th (8 a.m. – 12 noon) at the **Webster Groves Recreation Center**.

Metro Garden – April 2022

Spring has arrived at the Metro garden located at the corner of Rock Hill Road and Lockwood Avenue. The WGGC has maintained this garden on Metro property for many years. During the past three years the club has performed a major renovation of this garden and enhanced it with many ornamental and native plants. Volunteers have a chance to work with well drained flower beds in full sun to plant, weed, mulch, prune and water. This is an ongoing community service.

To learn more you may contact us at : Webster-Groves-Garden-Club@mgcwg.org



Forsythia and Water Iris at the Metro garden