



The “Show-Me” Gardener

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March Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022 - 7:15 p.m.
Webster Groves Recreation Center

Speaker: Vaughn Meister

Topic: All Things Forest Releaf



March Meeting

Forest Releaf Volunteer, Vaughn Meister will be our speaker this month. She is very excited about native plants and will tell you why they are vital to preserving the wonderful balance to the world in which we live. Her background includes a Masters degree in biology, which enabled her to teach biology, chemistry and industrial hygiene safety. After retiring in 2010, she wanted to spend more time with nature and became a Missouri Master Naturalist and a volunteer with Forest Releaf.

Forest Releaf Arboretum and Nursery is located in Maryland Heights, near Creve Coeur Lake Park. It is the only non-profit community-assisted tree nursery in our area and part of their mission is to restore and sustain our urban forests. The nursery sells plants, native to Missouri and they may be ordered during certain times of the year to the public.

Urban forests consist of the trees, plants and vegetation in our yards, our city parks, street medians, greenways, and nature preserves. This green infrastructure is critical to the remaining bee and wildlife populations all over the country. Urban forests also enable pollution control by providing cleaner air and water, noise reduction and beauty that attracts us to live in these areas. Areas with urban forests have increased economic property value. Please come to learn the many benefits of urban forests!

President’s Corner Through the President’s Corner we hope to bring you up to date on issues, events, classes, that will keep you interested in and learning

about gardening and how to maintain and improve your skills.

April Meeting

We will not have a monthly meeting on the second Monday in April.

President's Corner

February is almost over--That was quick! Three weeks in a row we went from 60 degrees one day to 20 and snow and ice the next. I have daffodils coming up. Will they survive and bloom this year?

Some information from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** for the month indicates that you can plant trees, shrubs and perennials as soon as you see them at local nurseries. For iris, they suggest cleaning and destroying old foliage before the new growth starts as this may control iris borer. You can also apply a balanced fertilizer (6-12-12, for example) to your perennials when their new growth shows.

This year for the first time I grew some amaryllis. So, of course, I had to figure how to make them bloom next winter. If you are wondering, too, some helpful information about this can be found from **Iowa State University Extension** at: [https://hortnews.extension.iastate.edu/faq/what-should-i-do-my-amaryllis-after-it-done-blooming#:~:text=After%20the%20flowers%20fade%2C%20cut,replenish%20its%20depleted%20food%20reserves](https://hortnews.extension.iastate.edu/faq/what-should-i-do-my-amaryllis-after-it-done-blooming#:~:text=After%20the%20flowers%20fade%2C%20cut,replenish%20its%20depleted%20food%20reserves.). There is also a helpful **YouTube** video that you can watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnNuDb31gHw> Oh, and before I forget, February 28th to March 3rd is National Invasive Species Awareness Week. Not sure how we celebrate except to keep destroying Japanese honeysuckle and other nasty plants and pests. For anyone interested, the **University of Missouri Extension** is offering a full day, in-person workshop on invasive plant species in St. James, Missouri on March 17th. You can find more information here: <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/learn-to-identify-and-manage-invasive-plant-species>.

This will be a busy month for virtual programs. Those that may be of interest to you are:

March 10, 2-3 p.m. How to Plan Your Backyard Vegetable Garden. Presented by **Seed St. Louis** and the **St. Louis County Library**, this program will address best practices in design and spacing of your vegetable garden. Register at: <https://www.slcl.org/content/virtual-program-how-plan-your-backyard-vegetable-garden>

Partners for Native Landscaping will be presenting a series of nine virtual programs through the **St. Louis County Library**. For more information and registration for each of the programs, go to: https://www.slcl.org/events/filter?field_age_group_tid=All&field_age_group_tid=All&field_date_value%5Bmin%5D%5Bdate%5D=&field_date_value%5Bmax%5D%5Bdate%5D=&distance%5Bpostal_code%5D=&distance%5Bsearch_distance%5D=10&distance%5Bsearch_units%5D=mile&keys=Partners+in+Native+Landscaping+series. The series includes the following:

March 10, 3 p.m. Keynote: Let It Be An Oak with Doug Tallamy will start the series.

March 15, 2p.m. A 3-Year Suburban Landscape Makeover. Dave Tylka, presenter.

March 16, 7p.m. Life in the Soil presented by Jerry Pence, **St. Louis Community College**.

March 22, 2 p.m. Native Plant Gardens Bring Pollinators. Nina Fogel and Jenny Mullikin, Billiken Bee Lab at **Saint Louis University**

March 23, 7 p. m. Investing in Native Trees and Shrubs. Meridith McAvoy Perkins, **Forest ReLeaf** of Missouri.

March 29, 2 p. m. Garden Maintenance for Wildlife: A New Way to Garden. Scott Woodbury, **Shaw Nature Reserve**

March 30, 7 p.m. Rainscaping with Native Plants. Rob Kennedy and Cody Hayo

April 5, 2 p.m. Homegrown National Park. Jean Ponzi, EarthWays Center of **Missouri Botanical Garden**

April 6, 7 p. m. Gardening for Backyard Wildlife, Erin Shank, **Missouri Department of Conservation**

Service Project

Spring cleanup at the TAG. The Webster Groves Garden Club maintains the Metro bus turnaround garden (TAG) at the corner of Rock Hill Road and Lockwood. The membership has been renovating the TAG for the past two years and we are looking forward to seeing the results of that effort.

This year, Mike Tierney has decided to take care of the Spring Cleanup by himself. You are welcome to come just to see the garden..

If you have questions or would like to volunteer at the TAG in the future, please feel free to contact Mike via email at MichaelJTierney@SBCGlobal.net or 314-308-1117. There is usually some weeding or watering to be done throughout the season and we solicit and install additional plants donated by members. Thanks, everybody!

Facebook

The Garden Club has a Facebook page.

Memberships:

Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Please make your check payable to the Webster Groves Garden Club and send to Steve Seele, 223 Rosemont, Webster Groves, MO 63119.

Plant Sale:

Our annual Plant is scheduled for April 29th and 30th at the Webster Groves Recreation Center. Thursday, April 28th will be a setup date. If you can help, by digging, potting, labeling or at the sale, please contact Dorothy Lockard at dglockard2@gmail.com.

If you have any extra **clean** plastic pots of 6 inches width or greater to contribute for use in our sale, please contact Joan Tilford at JTilford@charter.net .