

President's Corner – November 2022

Although we've had our first frost, there are still some nice, sunny days ahead. So hopefully it looks like cool nights and warm days are here for a while.

Here are several tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)** for November. They suggest you continue watering your evergreens until the ground freezes. Planting trees and shrubs is still possible. When you plant, don't forget to remove any wires, ropes and/or non-biodegradable materials from the roots before you fill the hole with soil. Make sure to keep mulch several inches distant from the trunks when applying. A mulch application of 2-3 inches is suggested.

If damaged by frost, remove the spent flowers and foliage of perennials. And don't forget to plant tulips now.

Mums will benefit from being cut back to several inches from the ground after flowering is done. A 2-3 inch layer of loose mulch can be placed after the ground freezes. Flower and bulb beds can also be mulched after the ground freezes to avert injury to plants caused by frost heaving.

The **University of Minnesota Extension** advises that you not clean up all the plant matter in your yard. They suggest leaving plants be as, in addition to winter interest, they can provide seeds for birds and stems for stem-nesting bees. Using fallen leaves as mulch for garden beds, trees and shrubs helps overwintering pollinators. Their report on creating habitat for stem-nesting bees gives more information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUNONY2PiiLyhVfCO3P_UfvDiy1jhE9M/view

Some of you may have already heard of the spotted lanternfly. While it hasn't reached Missouri yet, it has been found in Iowa and Indiana. This blog from the **University of Illinois Extension** has more information about what is known of this destructive pest--better to be forewarned. <https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/garden-scoop/2022-08-13-new-invasive-insect-may-threaten-illinois>

Local, in person, programs of interest include:

Wednesday, November 2nd - 7:00 p.m. *Observing Dragonflies: Opening Another Door of Nature Study* given by Yvonne Homeyer at the **Webster Groves Nature Study Society General Meeting**. Meeting at: **Webster Groves Library, 301 E. Lockwood Avenue.**

Container Gardening will be the subject of a presentation by **Seed St. Louis** at various **St. Louis County Library** branches on three different days. Space at these in person programs is limited so, if you are interested, register as soon as possible. The branches are:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. There are 19 spaces available. **Jamestown Bluffs Branch, 4157 N. Highway 67, Florissant.** Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=299243>

Friday, November 11, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m. There are 18 spaces available at the **Mid-County Branch, 7821 Maryland Ave.** Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=305050>

Monday, November 14, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There are 23 spaces available at the **Bridgeton Trails Branch, 3455 McKelvey, Bridgeton.** Register at:
<https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=309010>

Some virtual programs that may be of interest to you this month are:

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - 1:30 p.m. *Deep Bark Secrets of Tree Selection* will be presented by the **University of Illinois Extension.** Register at:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=26179>

Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (CDT) The **Smithsonian Gardens** will present *Revolutionize Your Tree Pruning: Learn to Prune Better and Speak for the Trees.* Register at:
https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/3116630113230/WN_NyRiQOBCTd2N9A82zSoC0A

Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 11 a.m. -12:00 p.m., (Central time). *Creating Hypnotizing Horticultural Displays* will be presented at the **Smithsonian.** Register here:
https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/5416626543856/WN_MJ5dOX05RiqB5mgsD1000Q