



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

## Webster Groves Garden Club

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## Webster Groves Garden Club (WGGC) Picnic September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Lots of Fun for Everyone!

The rescheduled WGGC Family Picnic is being held at Blackburn Park's main pavilion on Sunday, September 17th, from 12 noon to 4 pm. All WGGC members, and those that support the club, are invited to bring family and interested friends. This is our first ever picnic and we hope you'll help make it a success!

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](mailto:mary.f.telker@gmail.com) by September 14th 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>

### September Meeting at Webster Groves Recreation Center

WGGC will resume our second Monday of the month meetings on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm at the Webster Groves Recreation Center. We plan on hosting a speaker from DJM Ecological Services. DJM Ecological Services is currently working on the Laclede Groves wetlands project where they are re-landscaping and planting natives. Refreshments will be served.

### Turn-Around Garden Support Needed

Our garden club has been maintaining the turn-around garden (TAG) at the W. Lockwood-Rockhill Rd. Bus Stop for many years.

### September Weeding

Like our own gardens, the weeds are stubborn and need recurring removal. Are

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you interested in volunteering this month? Please contact Mike Tierney at [michaelitierney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michaelitierney@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### **October Work Day:**

There will be a Fall Work Day at the TAG on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 am. The rain date will be Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We'll have more info in our October Newsletter!

### **Gardener's Corner – September 2023**

Summer is almost over, and children are back in school. Maybe there is time now to tackle those garden weeds. This week's temperature hasn't been as brutal as it was earlier, but summer heat will be coming back soon.

There are several tips and tasks from the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)** for September. If you plan to grow them indoors this winter, now is the time to dig up and pot parsley, rosemary, chives, thyme and marjoram. Perennials, especially spring bloomers, and peonies can be divided now. Since houseplants should be brought inside at least a month before the heat is turned on, start getting them ready for the transition by pruning back growth and protruding roots, and checking and treating for pests. Bring houseplants indoors at least one month before the heat is normally turned on.

Now is the time to fertilize your cool season lawns. You can also begin fall seeding or sodding of cool-season grasses. If soil becomes dry, established lawns should be watered thoroughly to a depth of 4-6 inches. More about September lawn care is available in a publication from the **University of Minnesota Extension**. You can find it here: <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/september-lawn-care-checklist>.

Do you know about the **University of Missouri Extension's Garden Spade?** This publication contains lots of good information about growing plants in Missouri. You can find the latest edition here: [https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/9/4/0/0/9/1/files/21408\\_august-2023-garden-spade-newsletter.pdf?utm\\_campaign=964157\\_August%20Garden%20Spade&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=email&dm\\_i=42N5,KNY5,4SVDF6,2BTT5,1](https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/9/4/0/0/9/1/files/21408_august-2023-garden-spade-newsletter.pdf?utm_campaign=964157_August%20Garden%20Spade&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email&dm_i=42N5,KNY5,4SVDF6,2BTT5,1)

There are a couple of online programs of interest this month. They include:

Available anytime on YouTube. *More than just Mums: Fall Blooming Plants for the Garden*. This program is presented by the **University of Illinois Extension**. See it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYmaaXnh7JY>

**Tuesday, September 19**, 2 pm. – 3:30 p.m. *Seed Saving and Plant Breeding* presented by **Seed St Louis** through the **St. Louis County Library**. Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=335613&df=list&backTo=List&startDate=2023/09/19&endDate=2023/09/19>

**Tuesday, September 19**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. *Role of Non-Native Plants in Butterfly Communities*, presented by the **North American Native Plant Society**. September 19, 6-7:30. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-role-of-non-native-plants-in-butterfly-communities-tickets-688475327237?aff=oddtcreator>