**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.

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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>

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=oddtdtcreator>