



# The "Show-Me" Gardener

## Webster Groves Garden Club

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### Facebook

<https://m.facebook.com/WebsterGrovesGardenClub>

## The December 2023 Holiday Banquet:

We had a great time at the WGGC Holiday Banquet at Cyrano's Restaurant in Webster Groves on Monday, December 11th. Besides a delicious dinner, attendees participated in a drawing for gifts and a card game competition for poinsettias. The newly named Ann Case Scholarship was awarded to worthy recipients Ryan Johnston (in attendance) and Aaron Stovall.

Dick Lockard presented "2023 Outstanding Service" Awards to Mary Telker, President and Carol Evans, immediate Past President for service above and beyond the call of duty in pulling the WGGC through the trials of Covid.

Cyrano's was a new venue for our Holiday Banquet and the food, service and atmosphere was exceptional! Thanks to all that attended for helping to make the event a success!



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### **Ann Case Donation and Scholarship Honor**

The WGGC Board voted to Donate \$250 to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in honor of Ann Case. Ann was the first woman president of the WGGC and has contributed over the years to the club, the Missouri Botanical Gardens and other garden organizations. The WGGC Board also decided that our annual scholarship should be named in her honor.

### **Mon. Jan 8, 2024 Program Meeting**

Sharon Lloyd will be our guest speaker at the Monday, January 8th meeting. She will be doing a presentation on plant propagation methods. Sharon has been an instructor at the Missouri Botanical Gardens since 2013 and has covered a wide variety of gardening subjects. Prior to that she spent 30 years as an Elementary Teacher in the

Hazelwood District. Besides her interest in plants, Sharon enjoys hiking and exploring the western United States.

## WGGC Opportunities

The club has many ways to be involved and foster camaraderie in our love of plants/gardening. We would love to have folks help more with planning programs, serving on the board, and participating in the Metro Garden work days and plant sale. Let Dick or Dorothy Lockard know if you are interested in participating more in club activities.

## Slate of Officers and Directors

- President: Dick Lockard
- 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.: Mary Telker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.: Margo Parks
- Secretary: Kathy Johnson
- Treasurer: Steve Seele
- Board members for term expiring 2025
  - Carol Evans
- Board members for term expiring 2026
  - Lucia Oswald
  - Frank Peterson

## WGGC Survey

We will be sending out a survey to everyone on the mailing list in early Jan. 2024 and thank you for participating. Please contact Kathy Johnson if you have any questions

## Gardener's Corner (aka Carol's Corner)

A new year is here. While it's too early to garden, it isn't too soon to start planning for the spring. A good start is to look at those gardening catalogs coming in the mail and maybe even create a garden journal.

While you are thinking about spring, some information about creating those gardening resolutions can be found at **Garden Design** where there is a good list to help you get started. The article is entitled *New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners: 40+ inspiring ideas to kick off your gardening year*. You can find it at:

[https://www.gardendesign.com/holiday/new-years-resolutions.html?utm\\_source=article-newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Resolutions-11-28-23](https://www.gardendesign.com/holiday/new-years-resolutions.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Resolutions-11-28-23)

For those of you who want information about landscaping, there are some *Landscape Design* tips with videos on the **University of Minnesota Extension** website. Access the videos, *5 Considerations of Sustainable Landscape Design*, at:

<https://extension.umn.edu/lawns-and-landscapes/landscape-design#videos%3A-the-5-considerations-of-sustainable-landscape-design-1561810>

Before you start planning for spring, however, there are some timely tasks and tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)** that can help protect existing trees, shrubs and ornamentals this winter. For example, allowing ice to melt off branches can help to ensure they won't break. Should a branch break, it is best to prune it promptly so that the bark doesn't tear.

As to houseplant care, make certain to keep the foliage of houseplant dust-free which will permit the leaves to obtain the greatest amount of light possible. Keeping houseplants on a tray of pebbles will help to increase humidity as will using a humidifier or keeping them closer to each other. Harsh chemicals can cause damage to some plants, i.e., spider plants, dracaenas, calatheas, and peace lilies. Using distilled or filtered water can help prevent this. Letting tap water sit for 24 hours can also allow harmful chemicals to evaporate.

Some programs of interest in January include the following:

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2 p.m. – 3p.m. Presented by **MBG's EarthWays Center**, *Climate Change, Culture Change* explores facts, myths and opportunities related to Earth's climate, including key concepts of weather and climate, greenhouse gasses, carbon footprints, policy options and positive examples of how personal, business, and societal shifts are generating climate protection actions. Register at: <https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=357351&df=list&backTo=List&startDate=2024/01/01&endDate=2024/01/31>

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – 11 a.m. – noon. **The Smithsonian** presents *Garden Clubs – A Place for All*, a history of garden clubs. You can register here: [https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1EXNEbbZSiKcu\\_CTHHIT5g#/registration](https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1EXNEbbZSiKcu_CTHHIT5g#/registration)

January 25<sup>th</sup> – 1p.m. – 2 p.m. The **Xerces Society** will present *In the Life of Beetles: Superstars of soil health, pollination, and more!* You can find the webinar here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PsFB9P-8SjiX09XVO3lo6w#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PsFB9P-8SjiX09XVO3lo6w#/registration)

You may also want to visit their YouTube channel for more presentations.