



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

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January Guest Speaker Angie Weber

## JANUARY MEETING

*Natives, Cultivars & Varieties, Oh My!*

Guest Speaker: Angie Weber

Monday January 13 • 7:15pm

Webster Groves Recreation Center

Is selecting plants for your garden creating more grief than joy with the seemingly infinite plant possibilities available? Does it also make your head spin to read plant tags like *Amelanchier arborea*, *Juniperus x pfitzeriana*, *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivanti* ‘Golstrum’ and not know what they really mean?

Rest assured that help is on the way! During **Angie Weber’s** presentation, she’ll introduce you to the various types of plants found at your local nursery, what differentiates them between each other, and which ones are best to incorporate into your garden. Afterwards, you’ll be one step closer to creating a beautiful landscape that is beneficial for wildlife as well.

**About Angie Weber:** Angie Weber has over 20 years of experience in the fields of conservation planning, volunteer management, environmental consulting and native landscapes. She recently became the proud founder and owner of **EcoLandscaping STL LLC** which provides ecological landscape consulting services to residential clients and community organizations. This month, Angie will also begin a consulting role with Crestwood to develop the City’s first comprehensive conservation program which will include creating native landscape & habitat management plans, grant writing, volunteer management, public outreach and coordinating their Back to Nature restoration project at Crestwood Park. Angie also manages the **EcoCrew** volunteer program on behalf of the South Grand Community Improvement District and leads monthly workdays to conduct stewardship activities for their native gardens. In her previous collaborative role with

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the **Missouri Department of Conservation** and **Missouri Botanical Garden**, she offered in-depth assistance to community organizations on the planning, installation and stewardship of urban native landscapes.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the **River des Peres Watershed Coalition**. In addition, Angie is one of the founding members of two new nonprofit organizations and will serve as a Board of Director on their Executive Committees. The first is President of Beautify Crestwood and the second is Treasurer of Show Me Stormwater Solutions. Angie received her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Biology from **Drury University** and earned a Master of Science in Biology with an emphasis in Ecology from **St. Louis University**.

## PHOTOS FROM THE HOLIDAY BANQUET

*Photos courtesy of Kathy Johnson*







## GARDENER'S CORNER – JANUARY 2025 (aka Carol's corner)

Happy belated New Year! With the current snowy weather, it is hard to believe that my family was planting tulip bulbs in Michigan the Saturday after Christmas!

Hope you all survived the holidays in good order and are preparing to think about spring gardening. To help get you through the winter, here is an article from **Garden Design** entitled, *16 Winter Flowers for your Garden*:

<https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/winter.html>. My personal favorites are Hellebores (Lenten Rose or Christmas Rose). I have several varieties in my garden. They are easy to grow, and the foliage stays green almost all year long.

Some tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** about your houseplants include the following. Foliage of houseplants should be kept dust free so that leaves can get optimal light. Using pebble trays or a humidifier can ensure that houseplants get adequate humidity. Inspect plants for common pests such as aphids, spider mites, scale, mealybugs, whiteflies, thrips and fungus gnats. If you bring new plants in, they should be quarantined and inspected for pests before setting them with existing ones.

Once your amaryllis have bloomed, remove their flowers and put the plant in a sunny window to allow for leaf development. Water them so that the soil is evenly moist. An occasional dose of all-purpose fertilizer will also be helpful

Regarding your outside flora, let ice melt off branches of trees naturally to help prevent broken branches. Also avoid walking on frozen lawns to keep from injuring turf grass.

I just came across a website in **MU Extension's** *Garden Spade* that might be of interest to you. The site is <https://www.missouriplants.com/>. It is a compilation of plants that grow wild in Missouri with interesting information about where they are found and their characteristics. For those of you who like natives, this may be helpful. The site also

identifies if a particular plant is not native but has been introduced into our State. Another website that might be of interest to those of you who grow natives is Native Plants Database at: <https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>.

[Videos to watch while waiting for the snow to melt:](#)

*10 Perennial Groundcovers that are Attractive and Hardy!* offered by Rosanne's Garden. Ground covers are an important layer in the garden, adding visual interest and complexity. She introduces 10 interesting and attractive groundcovers that either she or friends and neighbors are growing in their USDA Zone 4 gardens.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ\\_RUD8TBBU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ_RUD8TBBU)

*The Weed Assassin's Guide to Killing Stuff: And Other Beautification Tips* offered by Ken Williams Kenzhort. If you struggle to keep up with weeds in a native garden, this video contains a lifetime of knowledge in not only killing weeds, but in preventing them in the first place. Many of the traditional garden practices that work to keep our wallets chained to yardwork are here debunked and replaced with science-based common sense.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqX3kjbkAr8>

*Top Ten Things New Native Gardeners Need to Know* offered by Ken Williams Kenzhort. This webinar presented to West Cook Wild Ones as the first of a three part series of talks intended for gardeners just entering the world of Native Plants. It also contains information that might be useful to experienced native gardeners. Emphasis is placed on practical methods, and on wonder. Because "10 Things" is a lot of information, some viewers might want to watch only a few topics at a time, as time permits. In an attempt to get my channel monetized, some content on this channel has moved to a newer YouTube channel, "Kenzhort other stuff". Please check it out for more focused discussions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJuMSHIFje4&t=154s>