



THE “SHOW-ME” GARDENER

MARCH 2025

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MARCH MEETING

Blackburn Park Bird Sanctuary: Creating a sanctuary for native plants, too

Guest Speaker: Vincent Huening

Monday March 10 • 7:15pm

Webster Groves Recreation Center

Vince Huening recently retired after 39 years at NGA, his last role as a Geodetic Earth Scientist working on hydrology projects. He studied Landscape Architecture and Earth Science at University of Illinois and from his early years has had an abiding interest in environmental issues, especially native habitat restoration. For the last half dozen years he has been lead volunteer at Blackburn Park's Bird Sanctuary, maintaining trails, building bridges, controlling erosion, removing invasive species, and planting and maintaining native species.

WGGC METRO GARDEN SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY MARCH 29

The WGGC Metro Garden Spring Cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, March 29th, from 9am** to roughly 11am, at the corner of Rock Hill Rd and Lockwood Ave. Wear gardening attire and bring tools for cutting back, raking up and disposing of the dead stems and leaves.

Refreshments will be provided, and restrooms are available.

Parking is restricted to the gravel drive and surrounding grassy areas.

This is a great opportunity to socialize and support our adopted community garden.

Please contact Rob Telker at 314-497-6089 with any questions.

WGGC PLANT SALE 2025

Dorothy Lockard here, with the Plant Sale committee. We're gearing up for the plant sale that won't be until late April.

I've been touching base with members to see if they would enjoy being in on the fun. We have a good process and leaders for every task needed to pull it off, now just looking for additional willing hands to join us.

We all find the plant sale ends up being a learning experience picking up something about the plants we're digging or potting or selling.

Any member who has contributed in any capacity to the Plant Sale is invited to shop ahead of the Public in a limited 2-hour time window after the room is sufficiently complete on Thursday 4/24, usually early afternoon.

Hope you will join us!

Dorothy Lockard, 314.369.7528, text or email us at wggc63119@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WGGC PLANT SALE 2025

March 2025

Lead meetings to coordinate activities. Plant labels party.

April 2025

Digs, potting, labeling and pricing scheduled based on plants coming out of the ground and cooperative weather.

Set-Up Day, Thursday April 24

Numerous set-up tasks beginning and ending at different times of the day.

Full Day Sale, Friday April 25 • 8am - 6 pm

Working in shifts, assisting customers, refreshing inventory on tables, check-out, running carts of plants to customer cars as necessary.

Half-Day Sale, Saturday April 26 • 8am - 12pm or until we are sold-out
(volunteers work same as Friday, then limited clean-up duties)

GARDENER'S CORNER – MARCH 2025

(aka Carol's corner)

It looks like March will continue February's up and down weather. Nonetheless, tulips and daffodils are starting to peek out of the ground and hellebore buds are showing. Both are a sure sign that spring is coming.

Some of the tasks and tips for March from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** include the following. You can plant trees, shrubs, and perennials when they are available at garden centers providing that the ground can be worked. Prune trees before they begin to leaf out. This includes oaks that should be pruned before mid-March to prevent insects spreading oak wilt from mid-March to April.

Remove weeds and dead foliage from garden beds now. Applying mulch now will help to suppress weed growth during the season. Summer and fall blooming perennials can be divided as new growth emerges. Cut ornamental grasses to the ground and divide them as new growth appears. Pansies, violas, snapdragons, sweet alyssum, dianthus and annual primrose can be planted outside. Now is a good time to test your soil so that, if needed, amendments and fertilizers can be applied.

If you are concerned about damage salt may have done to your plants this winter, here are a couple of articles that discuss how to address the problem. They also discuss how to prevent problems in the future. One article is from **Purdue University Extension** <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/id/id-412-w.pdf>; the other from the **University of Wisconsin Extension**, you can download it from here: https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/products/winter-salt-injury-and-salt-tolerant-landscape-plants-p1328?_pos=1&_sid=ef40b12e0&_ss=r

Looking for some new ideas for your garden? Here is an article that may help you focus on the latest design trends. The article is entitled *2025 Trends in Garden Design* and is from the **Garden Design** website. There is even a video attached which might help you develop some new plans. You can find it here: <https://www.gardendesign.com/trends/2025.html>

SOME VIRTUAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST IN MARCH ARE THE FOLLOWING

March 5, 11:00 a.m. to noon. **Kansas State Garden Hour** has a program entitled *Establishing a Native Prairie at Home*, learn about the benefits of prairie landscapes, plant selection, and maintenance techniques to create a beautiful, sustainable ecosystem right at home. Register at: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>

March 6, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Iowa State University Extension** presents *Shade Gardens*. Shade gardens create a fabulous opportunity for stunning plant combinations and comfortable outdoor spaces. Their limitations and restraints can also confuse and confound gardeners. This talk will build your confidence to tackle shady areas and create beautiful garden designs. Register at: https://iastate.zoom.us/webinar/register/6017334944055/WN_VpytVXaYRNaZs6C_sGvuEQ#/registration

March 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Iowa State University Extension presents *Slope/terrace Gardening*. Changes in elevation in the landscape can be a challenge to the gardener. The discussion will be about how we can turn these challenges into focal points and create intimate spaces that are not available when gardening on a flat site. Register at:
https://iastate.zoom.us/webinar/register/6017334944055/WN_VpytVXaYRNaZs6C_sGvuEQ#/registration