



THE “SHOW-ME” GARDENER

JUNE 2025

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SOCIAL WEEDING SATURDAYS AT THE METRO GARDEN



Social weeding days at the Metro Garden are moving to **Saturday mornings from 8am to 10am** (at Rock Hill & Lockwood). Come anytime you can... to support, learn, and enjoy the garden. Bring gardening gloves, long sleeves and your favorite weeding tools. Many hands make light work, and more fun.

Metro Garden Photos courtesy of Kathy Johnson

JOIN US FOR THE JULY 4th COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE

Would you like to be a part of the Webster Groves Garden Club's 4th of July float? The parade starts 10am and will travel along a two-mile route throughout Webster Groves. Our float will be celebrating all levels of gardeners and our love for community and the beauty of nature! Come dressed in your favorite gardening garb and sun hats and hold your spears and shears high as we wave to the crowd. Our float will be a joyful, rolling tribute to green thumbs everywhere!

Interested in being a part of the float? Send an email to wggc.63119@gmail.com with your name, email & phone # and we'll send you more details at the end of the month.

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EVENTS AROUND ST LOUIS

WEDNESDAYS MAY 28 – July 30 • 5pm doors/ 7pm music begins • Whitaker Music Festival @ Missouri Botanical Garden. The open-air Whitaker Music Festival presents free Wednesday evening concerts under the stars every summer. The schedule and more details can be found here: <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/signature-events/whitaker-music-festival>

JUNE 21 - 22 • 9 am to 5 pm • The annual Pond and Water Feature Tour, Pond-O-Rama (the St. Louis Water Garden Society's premier event) brings hundreds of guests to 29 of the most beautiful water gardens in the St. Louis Metro area. Aside from adding aesthetic and relaxation value, a backyard pond provides a habitat for wildlife and pollinators, stores water for dry periods/droughts, while reducing erosion. More information about this event is on the St. Louis Water Garden Society official site - <https://slwgs.org/pond-o-rama/>

JUNE 26 • 6 – 7pm • Bell Community Garden. Presented by Seed St Louis. Learn about low-maintenance, high yielding plants like herbs. Open to gardeners of all levels. Register for this free event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/intro-to-growing-herbs-tickets-1366200324949?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

More St Louis area events for garden lovers can be found here:
<https://gatewaygardener.com/upcoming-events>

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

As I write this, it's the first day of June and our temperatures are in the 80's. If this weather continues, it's going to be a hot summer after a difficult spring that brought low temperatures and devastating tornados. Let's hope for more moderate weather conditions for this month and all of summer.

Some tasks and tips for June from the Missouri Botanical Garden may help your garden thrive. They note that now is the time to look for bagworms on trees, particularly junipers and arborvitae. If you find them, pick them off and dispose of them (More about bagworms and their treatment from a University of Nebraska Extension publication, <https://extensionpubs.unl.edu/publication/g1951/na/html/view>).

To assure as many blooms as possible next year on trees and shrubs that flower in spring, pruning should be done before the end of June. The effect of pruning too late may cut off next year's blooms. If you notice lace bug damage (bronzing or stippling) on the upper side of azaleas and other plants, you can remove these bugs with a strong stream of water.

If the unreliable weather has kept you from planting warm season vegetables, there is

still time to do so. Such vegetables as beans, cucumbers, edamame, eggplants, melons, okra, peppers, summer squash, sweet potatoes, basil and tomatoes can be planted through June.

Do you have blue flowers in your garden? Garden Design notes that blue flowers are relatively rare and make up less than 10% of plant blooms. In their article entitled [20 Beautiful Blue Flowers for Your Garden](https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/blue.html), you can find some good information about plants with blue blossoms. Many will be familiar to you and may already be in your garden; others you may want to try growing to give additional color. You can find the information here: <https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/blue.html> Another article from [The Spruce](https://www.thespruce.com/blue-flowers-1402304), [37 Best Garden Plants With Blue Flowers](https://www.thespruce.com/blue-flowers-1402304), has some of the same plants and also less familiar ones. You can find these at: <https://www.thespruce.com/blue-flowers-1402304> Both articles give some basic information such as planting zone, light exposure, etc. so that you will be able to decide whether and how to grow blue beauties in your garden.

The University of Minnesota Extension has a handy gardener's guide to identify problems on its [What's Wrong with my Plant garden](https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/) site. This guide can give you a way to quickly check for problems caused by insects, diseases and nonliving factors you may encounter by type of plant (flowers, vegetables, trees, etc.). Find it at: <https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

SOME VIRTUAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST IN JUNE ARE THE FOLLOWING:

June 5, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Ask the Experts About Edible Perennials, a program given by experts at the National Garden Bureau. Watch <https://youtu.be/0S5Vp6-2kiM?si=OBOCJ3Mw5JZP1bqW>

And be sure to check out National Garden Bureau **Great Garden Webinars** that can be accessed at <https://ngb.org/great-garden-webinars/>

June 26, 11:00 AM-1:00 p.m. PM. The Flight Garden at the National Air and Space Museum is part of the Let's Talk Gardens series through the Smithsonian Gardens. It describes the revitalization of the Museum's garden. Register at: https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GSCtXMNcR96sgq0Tgale8A#/registration