



# THE “SHOW-ME” GARDENER

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## NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING Hostas, Queen of the Shade Guest Speaker: Gene Pulliam Monday November 10 • 7:15pm Webster Groves Recreation Center

Gene Pulliam has been a lifelong gardener. He grew up on a small farm south of Kansas City in Harrisonville, Missouri where his family grew large gardens to support their interest in growing their own food to be self-sufficient. After entering the banking world with Bank of America, Gene purchased his own 120-acre farm where he raised registered Angus Cattle for more than 25 years.

Thirteen years ago, Gene relocated to St. Louis transferring with BOFA, selling his cattle ranch and settling into where he lives today in Glendale. Upon retiring 3 years ago, he focused completely on his passion for gardening and specifically a great interest in Hosta. His garden has been featured in several local magazines and was on the Missouri Botanical Garden 2024 garden tour. Gene is a recent past President of the St. Louis Hosta Society; still an active member of both the local and National Hosta Societies. He is an Active Members Board member for the Missouri Botanical Garden and currently takes care of 8 gardens for his hand-selected clients to keep his hands in the dirt and remain active in his retirement doing what he loves the most: gardening.

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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET (For Members Only)

Wednesday, December 10th at Pietro's

We are returning to Pietro's again this year and are looking forward to a festive event! Menu choices will include beef, chicken, and fish, plus salad and pasta. Desserts will be provided by the WG Garden Club. Please see the attached holiday banquet registration form for additional details!

Date/Time: The Webster Groves Garden Club Holiday Banquet is Wednesday, December 10th, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar.

If you have questions about your membership status, please contact our Secretary, Kathy Johnson, at [secretary@mgcwg.org](mailto:secretary@mgcwg.org) or via the WGC email at [wggc63119@gmail.com](mailto:wggc63119@gmail.com)

## FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY AT THE METRO GARDEN

Volunteers are needed for the Metro Garden Fall Cleanup on **Saturday, November 15th** from 9am to roughly 11am, at the corner of Rock Hill Rd and Lockwood Ave.

This is a great opportunity to socialize and support our adopted community garden. The cleanup mainly involves cutting back the native plants so that they do not seed and overspread. Then cultivate and mulch the various beds.

Volunteers should dress for gardening work: gloves, long pants, hats, bug repellent. Also, tools such as long-handled pruners, hedge clipping shears, shovels and a few wheelbarrows will be needed if you can bring them.

Parking is restricted to the gravel drive and surrounding grassy areas. Refreshments will be provided. And the Metro restrooms will be available. Please call or text Rob Telker at 314-497-6089 with any questions.

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

Brrrrrrr! It didn't seem like there was much of a transition between summer and fall this year. While it's been great to finally get some much-needed rain, I prefer to have a gentler (and warmer) introduction to fall.

Recommendations from the **Missouri Botanical Gardens** will help us finish out the planting season as the weather gets colder. They suggest it's time to winterize your roses by applying a 6–10-inch layer of mulch after a heavy frost. Trees and shrubs can be planted if the ground can be worked. Remember to remove any of the packing materials (wires ropes and non-biodegradable) before backfilling with dirt. These new plantings,

as well as older trees and shrubs, should continue to be watered until the ground freezes. Use the “donut” method of applying mulch rather than “volcano” mulching.

Flowers and foliage of perennials should be removed if they are damaged by frost. This includes hostas, daylilies and irises. Depose of any plant material with fungal disease on foliage. Plant tulips until the ground freezes, then add mulch.

There are some interesting articles in the latest issue of the **University of Missouri Extension Garden Spade**. The first is on the spotted lantern fly. This destructive insect has already had a few sightings in Missouri. If it becomes more prevalent, it threatens to do great damage, particularly to the wine and grape industry.

The second article is about fall webworms. In addition to describing how to contend with them, it provides information about how to distinguish them from bagworms and Eastern tent caterpillars. You can find these articles here:

[https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/9/4/0/0/9/1/files/27571\\_october-2025-garden-spade-newsletter.pdf](https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/9/4/0/0/9/1/files/27571_october-2025-garden-spade-newsletter.pdf)

An article entitled *How to keep birds fed and happy this winter* can be found on the **University of Minnesota Extension** website. While it specifies conditions in Minnesota, there are some good tips for helping birds in our Missouri backyards through the winter. The article can be found here: <https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-news/how-keep-birds-fed-and-happy-winter>

An interesting video from the **University of Illinois Extension** on changing leaves is available on YouTube. You can view *Why leaves change in the fall and which do it best* at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2VGsf8SPiU>