

BITTERSWEET GARDEN CLUB

Growing Flowers and Friendships



JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
2016

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND FIELD TRIPS

JANUARY

JANUARY 21 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hawthorn Community Room
3600 Amazonas · Jefferson City

Host: Judy Schneider

Co-Hosts: Mari-Anne Antweiler, Betsy Bax, Jeannine Brickey, Jill Dobbs, Millie Jones, Kathy Laur, Kris Leech, Beth Michitsch, Susan Scovill, Susan Stork

Installation of Officers—Tanya Stanley, Central District Director

Program: *“Looking Forward to Spring”*

Alice Longfellow, Bittersweet member and co-owner of Longfellow’s Garden Center, will provide insight on the upcoming gardening season.

JANUARY 24 (Sunday) - *(Alternate date, February 21)*

New Member Welcome—*Linda Block’s home at 2:00 p.m.*

All members are invited to visit in a relaxed atmosphere about Bittersweet activities...past, present, and future. This is a time to get to know one another better and to learn more about Bittersweet opportunities.

JANUARY 30 (Saturday)

Succulents with Alice Longfellow

Alice Longfellow, Bittersweet member and co-owner of Longfellow’s Garden Center, will conduct a succulent workshop at the garden center.

2015 Officer Installation



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 18 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall

537 State Highway T · Jefferson City

Host: Beth Michitsch and Judy Schneider

Co-Hosts: Karen Basel, Jeannine Brickey, Cheryl Eichelberger, Jane Epperson, Brenda Hancock, Johnnie Kramer, Stacy Landwehr, Sharon Pennington, Anika Rudloff

Program: *"Rock Around Your Garden"*

Mic Hays, owner of Hays Rock Work, will share his expertise in using natural as well as man-made rocks in the garden.

Alice Longfellow shares photos of her English Garden Tour



Central District Spring Meeting

MARCH

MARCH 17 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall
537 State Highway T · Jefferson City

Host: Barb Miltenberger

Co-Hosts: Barb Crader, Jane Davis, Roni Flood, Alice Hansen, Merrilee Holzhauser, Diane Irwin, Jacki Johnson, Kathy Kolb, Naydene Quisling, Marge Talken

Program: *“30 Gardening Website Tips in 30 Minutes”*

Bittersweet Garden Club member, Linda Oligschlaeger, will lead a panel to share and discuss some of the best gardening websites and some really fun ones also.

March Madness



APRIL

APRIL 3 (Sunday)

4th Annual Brunch and Blooms—Rhineland/Starkenburg

This year's presentation will feature hydrangeas. Visit the vendors in the Garden Market, check out the live and silent auctions, and enjoy a delicious brunch. Afterward, we will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, established in 1847.

APRIL 11 (Monday)

Sinquefield Reserve — Westphalia, Missouri

The Sinquefields' vision transformed this former farm overlooking the Osage River into a 1,700-acre private estate, including a 15-acre lake, waterfall, Japanese garden, moss garden, upper and lower arboretums, geodesic dome greenhouse, and wildlife reserve. After the tour, we'll stop for lunch at the historic Westphalia Inn.

April 21 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall
537 State Highway T · Jefferson City

Host: Gail Cummins

Co-Hosts: Barbara Brennaman, Wendy Cavin, Marilyn Curtit, Eileen Gawriluk, Merlene Hockman, Jacquie Huhman, Kris Leech, Donna Lynch, Marcia Reed, Linda Smittle

Program: *"Easy to Make Garden Art"*

Jane Davis, Bittersweet member and owner of Davis Farm Garden Art, will demonstrate methods of creating unique garden art to add interest and beauty to our gardens.

APRIL 22 & 23 (Friday & Saturday)

Kansas City, Missouri

Join us for a fun-packed trip to the Kansas City area! We'll visit **Bird's Botanicals** for shopping and sightseeing - all in a cave. Then on to **City Market** for an eclectic mix of dining and shopping. Take in a slice of the life from the 1850's at the **Steamboat Arabia**. After freshening up at our hotel, head to the **New Theatre** for dinner and the production of **Moon Over Buffalo**. Saturday, travel to **Cockrell Mercantile**. The vintage Cockrell village is a unique and charming shopping experience. Then off to **Powell Gardens**, Kansas City's botanical garden.

MAY

MAY 19 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hawthorn Community Room · Trust Services
3600 Amazonas · Jefferson City

Host: Linda Phelps

Co-Hosts: Karen Basel, Sharon Coleman, Rita Esterly, Johnnie Kramer, Linda Samson, Judy Schneider, Nikia Schulte, Susan Stork, Marge Talken, Jennifer Urich

Program: *“Garden Tour Preparation”*

Members will prepare for the **17th Annual Bittersweet Garden Tour**. Tickets will be distributed to ticket chairs (for members) and to business representatives. Yard signs and flyers will also be distributed.

MAY 21 (Saturday)

Shelter Gardens, MU Botanical Gardens, and Strawberry Hill Nursery — Columbia, MO

Shelter Gardens is an award-winning five-acre garden that has many fantastic features from a “sensory garden” to a replica 19th century one-room school house. Enjoy a visit to The **MU Botanical Gardens**, a living museum of thousands of plants displayed among famous icons. On the way home **Strawberry Hill Nursery** might entice us with quality garden & bedding plants.

MAY 26 (Thursday)

Tour of Governor’s Gardens

Bev Rademan, Master Gardener, will give us a commentary and history of the gardens concluding with a personal tour inside the Governor’s Gardens — 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The Tickets Are Here!



JUNE

JUNE 10 (Friday)

Homestead Farms Nursery

Homestead Farms Nursery is a family-owned perennial plant nursery located in Owensville, specializing in field-grown daylilies, hardy ferns, peonies, Siberian iris, hostas, and clematis.

JUNE 23 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Schnucks • 1801 Missouri Blvd • Jefferson City

Host: Cassandra Bates

Co-Hosts: Mari-Anne Antweiler, Karen Basel, Linda Block, Jeannine Brickey, Sharon Coleman, Sandy Hiatte, Jacki Johnson, Marcia Reed, Sue Scott, Jan Schwaller

Program: "Garden Preview Tour"

Members will tour the gardens featured on the annual Bittersweet Garden Tour. We will then convene for a brief business meeting at **Linda Oligschlaeger's home—804 Sherwood Drive, Jefferson City.**

JUNE 26 - *Annual Bittersweet Garden Tour*

This public tour of six gardens is Bittersweet's primary fund-raising activity. Proceeds from the tour help fund scholarships offered to area students.

It's Tour Time!



JULY

JULY 10 (Sunday)

“Share Your Garden” Member Garden Tour

Enjoy a sampling of five of our own Bittersweet members’ gardens. Share your gardening talent or just enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members while viewing the gardens. Gardens might be complete or in need of a few helpful hints or suggestions.

JULY 16 (Saturday)

Jim the Wonder Dog Memorial and Gardens

These beautiful gardens were established as a memorial to this special setter from Marshall who was considered the canine enigma of the 20th century. On to Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site, Sedalia, one of the best representations of early 20th Century sensibilities in the Midwest. The Katy Depot officially opened in 1896. The restored Katy Depot and Heritage Museum with its unique design of exhibits represents the way railroads influenced the community.

JULY 21 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

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Host: Jill Dobbs

Co-Hosts: Debbie Boyce, Cheryl Eichelberger, Kathy Kolb, Sharon Pennington, Linda Phelps, Christa Roehl, Jan Schwaller, Jenelle Schwieterman, Sue Scott, Tina Spillers

Program: *“Quilts and Gardening”*

Bittersweet member, Jennifer Urich, will tie quilting and gardening together in a very unique way .

Lake Country Gardens Daylily Nursery—Perry, Missouri



AUGUST

AUGUST 12 & 13 (Friday & Saturday)

Lincoln Memorial—Springfield, Illinois

Get ready for a fun-filled step back in time. We plan to visit the historic Abraham Lincoln Home, Museum and Library; Old State Capitol; Edwards Place Historic Home; Oak Ridge Cemetery/Lincoln Tomb; Lincoln-Herndon Law Office; Presbyterian Church; Washington Park Botanical Garden; and Executive Mansion.

AUGUST 18 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

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Host: Barb Crader

Co-Hosts: Linda Bledsoe, Rita Esterly, Brenda Hancock, Johnnie Kramer, Kathy Laur, Rosella Reinkemeyer, Anika Rudloff, Linda Samson, Jenelle Schwieterman, Donna Stokes

Program: "Table-Top Water Gardening"

LaDonna Arrowood, member of the Saline County Water Garden Club, will demonstrate how to make a table top water garden to add interest to your garden...inside and out.

Callaway Fields Twilight Garden Party—Auxvasse, Missouri



SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8 (Thursday)

Pea Ridge Forest Tree Farm—Hermann, Missouri

Hop on a wagon for a tour of the **Pea Ridge Forest**. Nestled in the hills along the Missouri River, one of the largest choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms in the state. We can top off our day with lunch and shopping in Hermann.

SEPTEMBER 22 * - **MONTHLY MEETING**

* *This is the 4th Thursday due to the unavailability of the K of C hall.*

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Program: *"Bonsai"*

Lee Snyder and Susan Morgan will demonstrate how to make and maintain bonsai. Snyder, an MU retired professor, has authored books on microenvironment gardening and teaches Bonsai classes. Morgan has been a member of the Mid-Missouri Bonsai Society for ten years.

Barb Crader Presents Alliums for All



Fall District Meeting—Eldon, Missouri

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1, (Saturday)

Best of MO Market/ Magic Chef Mansion—St. Louis, Missouri

Best of Missouri Market, held at the **Missouri Botanical Garden**, features over 120 Missouri food producers and crafters offering fresh produce, baked goods, fresh and dried flowers, herbs, handcrafted items, baskets, wooden toys, custom jewelry, and more.

Magic Chef Mansion—Constructed in 1908, the Magic Chef Mansion is one of St. Louis' premiere old-world estates. Surrounded by two acres in the city's landmark Compton Hill Reservoir Square neighborhood adjacent to Compton Heights, this beautiful manor is an oasis of sophisticated elegance.

OCTOBER 20 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hawthorn Community Room · Trust Services
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Host: Marcia Reed

Co-Hosts: Betsy Bax, Linda Bledsoe, Barbara Brennaman, Brenda Hancock, Merlene Hockman, Diane Irwin, Millie Jones, Kathy Laur, Kris Leech, Beth Michitsch, Linda Smittle

Program: “Edible Herbs”

Trained chef, Amber Moore, will discuss a wide variety of herbs that can be locally grown and incorporated into delicious recipes.

Jane Davis— Fall Pumpkin Creations



NOVEMBER

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Program: "Bittersweet Auction"

Members may spend their bittersweet bucks bidding in lively, but friendly competition for many carefully chosen items. **Members whose names begin with A-K are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the other members.**

Food Bank Collection

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items to be donated to the Samaritan Center Food Bank. *Let's set a new record!!*

Bittersweet Bidding Buddies



DECEMBER

DECEMBER 8 - *MONTHLY MEETING*

Social 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hawthorn Community Room - Trust Services
3600 Amazonas- Jefferson City

Host: Jeannine Brickey

Co-Hosts: Cassandra Bates, Linda Block, Alice Hansen, Stacy Landwehr,
Linda Oligschlaeger, Linda Phelps, Jeanne Schwaller, Tina Spillers,
Donna Stokes

Program: *"Merry Christmas!" — Dinner & (optional) Gift Exchange*

Members whose last names begin with L-Z are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Members wishing to participate in the gift exchange may bring a \$20 gift to add to the "Dirty Santa" fun.

Santa's Helpers



FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MISSOURI

2016 State Activities Calendar

And Other Dates of Interest

January

- 15* Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters to FGCM Chrmn**
- 25* Club Publicity Pressbooks to FGCM Chrmn**
- 31* Deadline: *The Garden Forum* Spring Issue—Nancy Howe, Editor

February

- 1* Presidents' reports due to District Director and FGCM Club Ratings Chrmn**
- 1* Club Yearbooks due to District Director, District Awards Chrmn, FGCM President, & FGCM Club Programs Chrmn**
- 1* Deadline: Scholarship Applications to FGCM Scholarship Chair

March

- 6-8 "Art in Bloom" St. Louis Art Museum
- 21 Bird Appreciation Day — Missouri
- 21-23 Environmental Studies School, Series III, Course I, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis—Gloria Whyte, Chair

April

- 1* Missouri Arbor Day (1st Friday of April)
- 15 Central District Spring Meeting—Ashland, MO
- 29 National Arbor Day
- 30* Deadline: *The Garden Forum* Summer Issue

May

- 2-7 NGC Convention - Grand Rapids, MI
- 16-19 FGCM 83rd Annual Convention - Springfield, MO

June

- 5-11* National Garden Week (1st full week in June)
- 6-8 Gardening Study Course #2—Springfield, MO
- 13-16 FGCM Bloomin' Bus Tour—Nashville, TN
- 26 Bittersweet Garden Club Annual Garden Tour 12:30-5:00 PM
- 28-30 Flower Show School IV—Weldon Springs, MO

July

- 31* Deadline for *The Garden Forum* Fall edition

August

- 10-11 Missouri Symposium—St. Louis, MO

- 13-23 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- 15* Deadline: Sanctuary and Bluebird Trail Applications due to District Bird Chairman (*deadline date changed in 2016*)
- 17* FGCM Federation Day at Missouri State Fair (Wed. of full wk)
- 17 FGCM Flower Show—Missouri State Fair
- 31* Deadline: Sanctuary and Bluebird Trail Applications due to FGCM Bird Chrmn**
- 31* Deadline: Butterfly/Hummingbird Application to FGCM Chrmn

September

- 15 Central Region Awards to CR Awards Chrmn
- 16 Central District Fall Meeting—Grow & Glow GC—Tipton, Mo.
- 21-24 NGC Fall Board Meeting - Portland, ME

October

- 7-9 Central Region Annual Convention - Springfield, Il.
- 31* Deadline for *The Garden Forum* Winter edition

November

- 1* Deadlines:
 - ◇ State Dues, Contributions & Roster to State Treasurer
 - ◇ Dues and Roster to District Treasurer
 - ◇ Roster to State Membership Chrmn, Dist Dir., and *The Garden Forum* Circulation
- 1* Deadline: All youth contests to Dist. Chairman or Dist. Director (except Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest)
- 13-15* FGCM Fall Board Meeting, Jefferson City

December

- 1* Deadline: All youth contests to their respective FGCM Chairmen (except Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contests)
- 1* Deadline: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl entries to District Chrmn. or District Director
- 1* Deadline: All Books of Evidence to one of the following FGCM Chairmen:
 - FGCM Flower Show Awards (F-1—F-16) to FGCM Chrmn **
 - FGCM Projects Awards (P-1—P-30) to FGCM Chrmn**
 - FGCM Special Awards (S-5 & S-6) and Youth Awards (J-1--J-4) to District Chrmn**
- 20* Deadline: Holiday Flower Show Books of Evidence to FGCM Chrmn**
- 20* Deadline: Garden Club Award of Honor Applications to FGCM Chrmn**

* Indicates the same dates every year

** Contact information is in back of *The Garden Forum*

2016 PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR

Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'

Common Name: windflower



'Honorine Jobert' is a vigorous, fibrous-rooted, mounding, compact Japanese anemone hybrid cultivar which typically grows to 3-4' tall and spreads by creeping rhizomes. Single flowers (2-3" diameter) with 6-9 overlapping white petaloid sepals and yellow center stamens appear on long, wiry-but-graceful, branching stems over an attractive foliage mound of trifoliate dark green leaves. Lengthy August to September bloom period. Best grown in organically rich, humusy, evenly moist, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Soils must not be allowed to dry out. Plants are best sited in part shade locations with protection from wind. Foliage tends to burn in hot, dry, sunny summer conditions. www.mobot.org



Zone: 4 to 8

Height: 3 to 4 feet

Spread: 18 to 24 inches

Bloom Time: August to September

Bloom Color: White

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium

Maintenance: Low

Past Perennials of the Year

- 2015 *Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo' - hardy geranium
- 2014 *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwind' - switch grass
- 2013 *Polygonatum odoratum* - Variegated Solomon's Seal
- 2012 *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'
- 2011 *Amsonia hubrichtii* - Arkansas Blue Star
- 2010 *Baptisia australis* - Blue False Indigo
- 2009 *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' - Japanese Forest Grass
- 2008 *Geranium* 'Rozanne'
- 2007 *Nepeta* 'Walker's Low' - Catmint
- 2006 *Dianthus gratianopolitanus* 'Feuerhexe' (Firewitch) - Pinks
- 2005 *Helleborus x hybridus* - Lenten Rose
- 2004 *Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum' - Japanese Painted Fern
- 2003 *Leucanthemum* 'Becky' - Shasta Daisy
- 2002 *Phlox* 'David' - Garden Phlox
- 2001 *Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster' - Feather Reed Grass
- 2000 *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue' - Pincushion Flower
- 1999 *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivantii* 'Goldsturm' - Black-eyed Susan
- 1998 *Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus' - Purple Coneflower
- 1997 *Salvia* 'Mainacht' (May Night) - Wood Sage
- 1996 *Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red' - Beardtongue
- 1995 *Perovskia atriplicifolia* - Russian Sage
- 1994 *Astilbe* 'Sprite'
- 1993 *Veronica* 'Sunny Border Blue' - Speedwell
- 1992 *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'
- 1991 *Heuchera micrantha* 'Palace Purple' - Coral Bells
- 1990 *Phlox stolonifera* - Creeping Phlox

“To garden, you open your personal space to admit a few, a great many, or thousands of plants which exude charm, pleasure, beauty, oxygen, conversation, friendship, confidence, and other rewards should you succeed in meeting their basic needs. This is why people garden. It can be easy but challenging, and the rewards are priceless.”

--Tom Clothier

