

How much do you charge?

Our volunteer speakers do not accept payment for their time. Many use their own resources as well as valuable literature and materials provided by the University of Missouri Extension. Although there are no fees for our presentations, a minimum honorarium of \$25 is encouraged to support the volunteer community projects of the Master Gardeners of Greene County. This helps to offset costs incurred with program development, materials, expenses and educational programs sponsored by our chapter. In some instances, mileage and fuel reimbursement may be required for a speaker to travel to an engagement.

How do I request a speaker?

Visit our website at www.mgggreene.org. Click on the *Speaker's Bureau* button, then *Speaker Engagement Form*. Complete the form and submit. Or, you can call 417-881-8909 x 320 and speak to one of our Hotline volunteers or leave a message in the voice mailbox. Email us at speakersbureau@mgggreene.org.

One of our coordinators will contact you to get your detailed information. They will forward your request to the appropriate Master Gardener speaker. Your request for a speaker should be placed at least 30 days in advance of the speaking date. This allows enough time for scheduling and presentation preparation.

Helping others learn to grow.



"Helping others learn to grow" is the mission of the Missouri Master Gardener Extension program. University of Missouri Extension provides in depth horticultural training to individuals throughout Missouri who then volunteer their time applying what they have learned to help others in their communities to learn about gardening and environmental education. The Master Gardener program throughout Missouri promotes and raises public awareness of the University of Missouri Extension as a source of unbiased, research based gardening information.

Through activities such as Extension hotlines, workshops, speaker's bureaus, garden tours, classes, seminars, garden show booths, community projects, demonstration gardens and special events, Master Gardeners provide gardening information to thousands of Missourians each year.

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Master Gardeners of Greene County

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

What is the Speaker's Bureau?

We are volunteer members of the Master Gardeners of Greene County chapter who are available to speak to garden clubs, civic organizations, schools and other groups on a wide variety of topics within the world of gardening, horticulture, landscaping and the environment.

Speakers choose the topics in which they feel proficient and offer slide or PowerPoint programs to illustrate their talk. The Speaker's Bureau also offers a limited number of demonstrations and hands-on workshops.





Who will be my speaker?

All members of the Speaker's Bureau are certified Master Gardeners with advanced knowledge and interest in the subjects in which they speak. They have received training in horticulture from the University of Missouri Extension and serve as volunteers providing educational information and training to the public. Extension Master Gardeners are members of the community whose mission is "helping others learn to grow." When you choose your topic, we will find a speaker who is available on that date. Once you have confirmed with the Speaker's Bureau, we will provide a brief biography of your speaker for publicity purposes.

What subjects do we speak on?

See the list of topics to choose what your group would like to learn more about. Is there a subject of special interest to your group that is not listed? Don't hesitate to ask. We may be able to fulfill your request!

What topics do you offer?

Landscape With Confidence

Learn basic and not-so-basic design principles to landscape your property with "no fear."

Establish, Maintain & Enjoy Your Lawn

Learn about the right treatments at the right time. They're often not what you think they should be.

Are Bad Bugs Really That Bad?

Understanding our pests can help us keep them under control.

Harvest Your Own Backyard Meal

Learn basics of vegetable gardening so you can reap the rewards of growing your own produce.

Growing in Containers

Basic tips and tricks to designing lovely and interesting container gardens.

Can You Garden in February?

Things you can do to be an active gardener even while it's snowing outside.

Environmentally Friendly Gardening

The impacts of gardening as well as "earth kind" gardening, rainwater harvesting, irrigation and integrated pest management.

Grow & Use Your Own Herbs

Cook, clean and decorate with these aromatic, multi-functional plants.

Plants of the Bible

Over 100 plants are mentioned in the Bible. Learn their identification, significance and uses as they related to Bible lands and people.

Garden in the Sunshine

Make the most of full sun areas on your property. Learn how to prepare for the heat of summer.

Growing a Four Season Garden

Create year round beauty and interest in your garden. There's more to appreciate than you think.

Garden in the Shade

Create your own shady area showplace with proper plant selection.

Grow Healthy Indoor Plants

Learn the basics of selection, care and feeding of houseplants and what not to do.

Terrific Tomatoes

Learn about varieties, planting, care, training, harvest, pests and diseases of this popular treat.

What's the Dirt on Soil?

Lay the foundation for healthy plants which yield optimum results & less heartache in the long run.

Garden Organically

Use proven methods and practices for a productive garden you will enjoy.

Square Foot Gardens Increase Production

Grow more in a smaller amount of space with succession planting and intensive practices.

Proven Annuals & Perennials

Select flowers for success in southwest Missouri.

Proven Trees and Shrubs

Select trees and shrubs for success in our region.

Enjoy Bouquets Every Day

Grow your own flowers for a "cutting garden."

Say Goodbye to Weeds in the Garden

Learn the low maintenance principles of lasagna gardening. This easy technique may surprise you.

Fall in Love With Your Compost Bin

Use your greatest ally for a lush, beautiful garden.

Heirlooms Are a Living Legacy

Why it matters to continue the tradition of growing heirloom plants.

Understand & Use Ornamental Grasses

Select, plant, care for & maintain this unique bed.

Planting a Watergarden

Learn how to grow plants in a garden pond.

To learn more about our local chapter visit:

www.mggreene.org

Visit our Hotline Room and the Extension offices located inside the **Springfield/Greene County Botanical Center** at 2400 S. Scenic Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807.

