



The “Show-Me” Gardener

April 2026

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🌱 Join us for a Plant Sale that’s all about growing together. This isn’t just a chance to pick up beautiful flowers and other landscaping plants—it’s an opportunity to connect with neighbors, share gardening tips, and support the spaces we all care about. Whether you’re a longtime gardener or just discovering the joy of nurturing something green, you’ll find friendly faces, helpful advice, and plants ready to thrive in our community. Come be part of something that blooms beyond the garden.

APRIL PLANT SALE

FRIDAY APRIL 24 • 8am – 6pm

SATURDAY APRIL 25 • 8am – 12PM or sooner if we are sold out!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE APRIL PLANT SALE

If anyone would enjoy volunteering and being in on the fun, please contact us! We find the plant sale ends up being a learning experience, picking up something about the plants we’re digging or potting or selling. Reach out to Dorothy Lockard, 313.369.7528, text or email us at wggc63119@gmail.com.

Other

Plant Sale

Plant-Sale@mgcwg.org

Turn Around Garden

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<https://m.facebook.com/WebsterGrovesGardenClub>

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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 sale room is sufficiently complete on Thursday 4/23, usually early afternoon.

Hope you will join us!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Digs are usually 9-11am and our Pot Parties are usually 1-3pm. Our schedule is developed based on plants coming out of the ground and cooperative weather. It is communicated via email to those who have signed up to help.

Set-Up Day – Thursday April 23

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

Full Day Sale – Friday April 24 • 8am – 6pm

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 25 • 8am – 12pm or sooner if we sell-out

(volunteers work same as Friday, then limited clean-up duties)

GARDENER'S CORNER – April 2026 (aka Carol's corner)

Gardener's Corner- by Carol Evans 

Happy Spring! So far, April is bringing much-needed showers. Although it's difficult to get into the garden, I'm not complaining because we sorely need the rain now so flowers will bloom in May.

Tasks and tips from the **Missouri Botanical Garden** suggest that now we can plant trees and shrubs. Some shrubs and trees that should be planted or transplanted in spring, rather than fall, are butterfly bush (Buddleja), dogwood (Cornus), rose of Sharon gum (Nyssa), Vitex, redbud (Cercis), Magnolia, tulip poplar (Liriodendron), birch (Betula), Ginkgo, hawthorn (Crataegus), and most oaks (Quercus).

Look out for galls on junipers and dispose of them before the orange jelly galls emerge so they don't spread rust diseases to other trees like apples, crabapples, and hawthorns. You can apply a preventative fungicide to these trees as they bloom

Once new growth on established rose bushes is about 2" long, a balanced fertilizer can be applied. Spraying for control of black spot can begin now.

Prune dead and weakened wood from winter injured broadleaf evergreens. Wait until the last average frost date, April 15th, to prune boxwoods. Also inspect these shrubs for leafminer as their new leaves emerge. Spring-flowering shrubs, such as Weigela, Viburnum, Rhododendron, and lilacs should be pruned after they bloom.

Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) can be transplanted after they bloom but before the foliage disappears. Late April is the time to begin planting caladiums, gladioli and cannas. Once your Easter lilies are finished blooming, they can be planted outdoors.

Garden Design has a good article on *How to Design a Wellness Garden for Healing and Relaxation*. It discusses what a healing garden is, some of the common elements, and helpful design tips in creating one. You can find it

at: https://www.gardendesign.com/landscape-design/wellness-garden.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=wellness-garden-3-26-26

Some virtual programs of interest in April are the following:

April 7th, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Growing a butterfly garden: Illinois butterflies and their host plants*. **University of Illinois Extension**, [4 seasons gardening webinar series](#).

Register here: <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-growing-a-butterfly-garden-april-7>

April 8th, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. *Native Plant Initiative – Growing Equity, Resilience and Community*. **St. Louis County Library**. Register

at: <https://slcl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=292568>

April 22nd, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. *Trees for Bees*. **St. Louis County Library**. Register

at: <https://slcl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=292570>