



# The “Show-Me” Gardener

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## Webster Groves Garden Club

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## In Memoriam



It saddens us to announce that our long-time member, Frank Peterson, passed away Thursday afternoon, June 11th. Over the course of many years, Frank contributed countless hours to the Club's activities, including but not limited to the Plant Sale, the Metro Garden, and as a Board member. His dedication and efforts were boundless, always with thoughtfulness and in good spirit. Above all, Frank was a good friend to many. We will miss him greatly. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Molly, and his entire family. Memorial service will be at the Missouri Botanical Garden on July 25, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Spink Center.



## 🌿 Save the Date: Garden Gathering 🌿



[Other](#)

**Plant Sale**

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A Garden Gathering at Lockard's Garden on Monday, June 29th at 6 p.m. to celebrate our successful plant sale! Adult garden club members and plant sale donors/contributors are invited to bring their picnic dinner and chair(s). Desserts and beverages will be provided, including vegan and gluten-free treats.

This event acknowledges those who contributed to the plant sale and welcomes all our new and continuing members. Please click on the link in email invitation to complete the Google form and indicate whether you can attend as space is limited. Thank you!



## Parade Volunteers



The Webster Groves Garden Club is looking for volunteers to help with our 4th of July parade float! We need 4–5 volunteers to help decorate the float before the parade (July 3<sup>rd</sup>), as well as 6 volunteers to serve as wheel walkers and candy throwers during the parade. This is a fun way to represent the Club, celebrate the holiday, and share our garden club spirit with the community. If you are available to help, please contact the Club as soon as possible ([wggc.63119@gmail.com](mailto:wggc.63119@gmail.com)).



## Gardener's Corner



It's almost summer: flowers are blooming, birds are singing and all's right in St. Louis. Although it's starting out warm and humid, let's hope we have a pleasant, not too hot, summer this year.

**The Missouri Botanical Garden** tasks and tips for the month include examining your plants, especially junipers and arborvitae, for bagworms. Make certain to collect and dispose of them as they are found. Roses can be fed after they bloom with either a fertilizer higher in phosphorous or one that is balanced. Finish pruning any spring flowering trees and shrubs before the end of June to help them bloom well next year.

It is recommended to hand collect adult Japanese beetles early in the morning and put them in soapy water as pheromone traps may not be able to trap enough beetles, which can cause more damage to plants.

Watch for powdery mildew, especially on phlox and peonies. If found, using preventative fungicides, providing good airflow and pruning out infected stems may be helpful in controlling this.

And now for some "creature comfort" advice: Here are some articles about those pesky insects, flies, ticks and chiggers, that might be helpful to you in planning your garden. Although the first discusses May planting, it won't be too late to put these flowers in your garden now. This article in *Gardening Know How* is entitled [6 Gorgeous Flowers to Plant in May that Keep Flies Away – They Look and Smell Lovely in Summer Containers](https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/pests/gorgeous-flowers-that-repel-flies-with-fragrant-container-color?utm_source=Selligent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20260526_XGK_NWL&utm_content=20260526_XGK_NWL&utm_term=31060374&m_i=xugQAvQ2OfM). You can find it at: [https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/pests/gorgeous-flowers-that-repel-flies-with-fragrant-container-color?utm\\_source=Selligent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20260526\\_XGK\\_NWL&utm\\_content=20260526\\_XGK\\_NWL&utm\\_term=31060374&m\\_i=xugQAvQ2OfM](https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/pests/gorgeous-flowers-that-repel-flies-with-fragrant-container-color?utm_source=Selligent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20260526_XGK_NWL&utm_content=20260526_XGK_NWL&utm_term=31060374&m_i=xugQAvQ2OfM)

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The second article from the **University of Missouri Extension** is especially timely: MU Extension recommends treating clothing to repel ticks. It can be found at: [https://extension.missouri.edu/news/mu-extension-recommends-treating-clothing-to-repel-ticks?utm\\_campaign=1276125\\_June%202026%20Crop%20management&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_Link\\_Name=repel%20ticks&dm\\_i=42N5,RCNX,17WA7U,3BJ2E,1,0,0,1MR5](https://extension.missouri.edu/news/mu-extension-recommends-treating-clothing-to-repel-ticks?utm_campaign=1276125_June%202026%20Crop%20management&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email&utm_Link_Name=repel%20ticks&dm_i=42N5,RCNX,17WA7U,3BJ2E,1,0,0,1MR5). Another article from *Gardening Know How* has this to recommend for ticks: Worried About Ticks? Create an Easy No-Go Zone With This Simple Barrier Trick You Can Complete This Weekend. It is at this website: [https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/insects/create-a-simple-tick-barrier-around-yard?utm\\_source=Selligent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20260525\\_XGK\\_NWL&utm\\_content=20260525\\_XGK\\_NWL&utm\\_term=31060374&m\\_i=szp0OuRVaRkvUaDCAptr4MYc9IFZ0fcTas\\_RvgtzxpqbF7b0z9KI3hbybLBhOcGxiWG0YxtFjhN7kByEzvA%2B1%2BnNjHmWcgY7sw](https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/insects/create-a-simple-tick-barrier-around-yard?utm_source=Selligent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20260525_XGK_NWL&utm_content=20260525_XGK_NWL&utm_term=31060374&m_i=szp0OuRVaRkvUaDCAptr4MYc9IFZ0fcTas_RvgtzxpqbF7b0z9KI3hbybLBhOcGxiWG0YxtFjhN7kByEzvA%2B1%2BnNjHmWcgY7sw)

Finally, my personal nemesis, chiggers, have caused me much distress lately. This timely article in the Bob Villa website by Nicole Shein has some insights on how to deal with these critters. You can find it at:

[https://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-get-rid-of-chiggers/?utm\\_source=googleads&utm\\_medium=display&utm\\_campaign=23133494052&gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=23133500370&gbraid=0AAAAAqKPjn3wjuxkrVJd8PVHfDYRx3pYc&gclid=CjwKCAjw857RBhAgEiwAI-lyKMn3KX4aDQ-Y5MGuHQxpgTJTugZyJrGZ-8jDwaaTr7ydtMt-hYnVWBoCN4YQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-get-rid-of-chiggers/?utm_source=googleads&utm_medium=display&utm_campaign=23133494052&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23133500370&gbraid=0AAAAAqKPjn3wjuxkrVJd8PVHfDYRx3pYc&gclid=CjwKCAjw857RBhAgEiwAI-lyKMn3KX4aDQ-Y5MGuHQxpgTJTugZyJrGZ-8jDwaaTr7ydtMt-hYnVWBoCN4YQAvD_BwE)