



The “Show-Me” Gardener

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Plant Sale Success!

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our members and volunteers, this year’s plant sale was a tremendous success! With over **90 volunteers**, more than **4,600 plants**, and **30+ new members**, the event exceeded expectations and set another record for participation and impact.

What began as a concern over plant shortages turned into a remarkable show of teamwork and generosity. Our community rallied to contribute a beautiful variety of plants, making this one of our most abundant sales yet.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen—donors, volunteers, and shoppers alike. Your support adds to our community and keeps our club growing



Congratulations to Alyson Snelling (left) and Natalie Rosales (right), our lucky Plant Sale raffle winners! 🌿 🎉

Save the Date: Garden Party!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Garden Party on June 29th!** More details on the time and location will be shared in a separate email to garden club members. We hope to see you there!

Other

Plant Sale

Plant-Sale@mgcwg.org

Turn Around Garden

Turn-Around-Garden@mgcwg.org

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

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Gardener's Corner

Ah, spring! We're still in the one-day it's 50, the next, it's 80+ phase. So waiting until after Mother's Day to start planting is a good idea—we have just a week to go. I'm getting eager to get tomato plants in the ground.

There are many tasks and tips for May from the **Missouri Botanical Garden**. For example, if a soil test indicates it, you can fertilize your azaleas after they bloom with an acid-based, slow-release fertilizer. It's also time to clip those dead blossoms, but more advice about how to do that for azaleas and other spring blooming shrubs below.

Although they may look unsightly, the foliage of spring bulbs (daffodils, tulips and others) should not be prematurely removed. Two videos on **YouTube** may help you tidy your garden now that the spring bulbs have spent their blossoms. One from **Gardening with Steil** from the *Gardening Tips* site can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbqRBMHKQg0&t=5s> Also view: *Care for Bulbs After Bloom - When to Safely Remove Flowers & Foliage*, which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WljeRS1ULC8>

Gladiolus, caladiums, dahlias, cannas, and elephant ears can be planted when the ground warms and night temperatures are dependably 50°F or higher. Start planting warm-season annuals about mid-May (around Mother's Day). Begin fertilizing them as needed once they are planted. Plants that are prone to droop over, such as penstemon, monarda, and asters, can be pruned before they bloom. All of us are consumed by how to contain weeds that seem to spring up overnight. An article that may help you in this, *Getting Ahead of Weeds*, is available on the **Gardening Know How** website. You can find the information at: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/gorgeous-plants-for-controlling-weeds-ground-cover-perennials>.

Confused about what and how to prune after spring blooms on shrubs? This column in **Gardening Know How** discusses how to prune 7 different spring flowering shrubs. *Entitled Be Fearless & Prune These 7 Plants in May – Here's EXACTLY How Much to Snip Off Garden Shrubs to Get Way More Flowers*, this information will be helpful for you to use during May so that next year your blooms are more plentiful. You can find the article at: https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/be-fearless-and-prune-these-plants-in-may-for-more-flowers?utm_source=Selligent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20260504_XGK_NWL&utm_content=20260504_XGK_NWL&utm_term=31060374&m_i=ybRZ%2BUtAvobfLhkG54oaLo7ioutrs9a0dLfkmpMF06CSs84Y_tIAlb4BfLyICCr5ml3n1hIH3e2vkl1Hw_dnGlfd80xhv_R

Virtual programs of interest in May are the following:

May 6th, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. *Natives vs cultivars: Making informed choices for your landscape*. You can register for this webinar from **Kansas State University Extension** at: https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IXIjvtedRu-pvfFA6Kzvxw#/registration

May 12th, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Veggie Visions: Unveiling New Flavors in 2026* is part of the Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series at the **University of Illinois Extension**. You can register for this at: <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-veggie-visions-new-flavors-may-12>