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Bumper Crop of Master Gardeners from Flora Conservancy



The 2007 class of Master Gardeners will have a heavy dose of Flora Conservancy volunteers including Martha Conzelman, Terry Cox, Sue Pinker Dodd and Karla Edwards, the newest member of Flora Conservancy. Unfortunately, due to a demanding work schedule, Terry Cox was unable to finish the class, but still continues her routine volunteer schedule with Flora. Best wishes during the next four months of intense study for our students.

The Master Gardener program was established in St. Louis in 1983 and has been producing gardening volunteers ever since. Students learn a smattering of plant information including botany, plant physiology, pruning, Latin names of plants and much more. For more information about the Master Gardener program, visit www.stlmg.com



Master Gardener Class of 2007 students Martha Conzelman (left) and Susan Pinker-Dodd and Karla Edwards (right).



Poinsettia Show Featured in AAA MAGAZINE

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The poinsettia show at the Jewel Box was featured in the AAA magazine's January 2007 edition. While the poinsettias are quickly fading, the azaleas are

almost ready to be placed in the Jewel Box. The Easter lilies are green and growing right on schedule in the greenhouse and will be ready of the Easter season.



Azalea Show coming to Jewel Box in February. *Stock Photo*

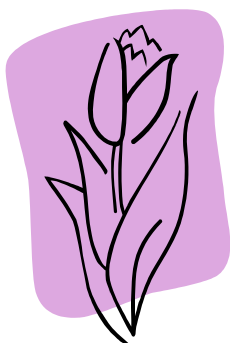
Garden Symposium Scheduled for March 3rd

A Garden Symposium is scheduled for March 3rd at Meramec Community College. Guest speakers include Paul Cappiello, Richard Hartlage and Dan Heims for more information visit www.hortco-op.org.

Flora Conservancy will have an informational table at the Symposium and if you are interested in helping staff the table please contact Karen at kkoehneman@earthlink.net. This promises to be an educational experience and as space is limited to 500, register soon.

Dan Litsch

Flora Conservancy volunteer Dan Litsch is working on a project at the Campbell House in downtown St. Louis. Dan has been taking cuttings of coleus, pentas and angelonia that he plans on growing and planting in the garden around this historic old house. Dan has been working in the greenhouse for the past several years and is said to be the coleus-cutting expert. Best wishes to a successful garden at the Campbell House. For more information about the Campbell House, visit <http://stlouis.missouri.org/chm/>



Plants of Merit Garden at the Jewel Box

This year a special area of the Jewel Box grounds will be set aside to showcase Plants of Merit, a program started at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Plants of Merit have all been extensively tested to thrive in the St. Louis area. For more information about the Plants of Merit program, log on to www.plantsofmerit.org

Scholarship Money

Any Flora Conservancy volunteer taking horticulture related classes should submit their receipt for reimbursement to Anabeth. This includes classes at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Meramec Community College or any other horticultural continuing educational class.



Tulip Festival

The fourth annual Tulip Festival is scheduled for April 7, 2007 and preparations are beginning to take shape. As in previous years, Flora Conservancy will have a Plant Sale, a Children's Table, entertainment and, of course, thousands of vibrantly colorful tulips. Volunteers and warm dry weather will be essential in the success of this annual event. Invite your friends and family.