Missouri State Master Gardener Conference
September 27, 28 & 29, 2002
Joplin/Carthage

Several wonderful areas of interest await you here at the Gateway to the Ozarks! Advance Registrations are $75 and are due by August 15. Later Registrations are $85 and will be accepted no later than September 15.

Don’t Miss Out!

Sign up as soon as possible for the tours and classes you prefer.

Conference Schedule:

Friday, September 27  
5 – 8 p.m.

Stop in at regional tourist attraction, Precious Moments Chapel, home of the famous figurine maker and artist Sam Butcher, for a wonderful tour of the gardens, great refreshments and fantastic entertainment. Join us for this special reception, it’s worth the extra $15. Driving directions to Precious Moments will be included in your registration confirmation.

9 – 10 p.m.

Gather in the hotel lobby to meet some old friends from across the state, find out all about the conference fun and pick up your registration packet with event descriptions and tickets.

Saturday, September 28

Breakfast on your own, continue packet pick-up, buses depart at 8 a.m. for your tour choice(s) including Bunch of Lunch. After gracious evening dining and entertainment, we’ll hear from Jim Long of Blue Eye, Missouri, an entertaining speaker and well-known writer for various herb publications. Jim travels the world and in the past year has journeyed to India and New Guinea in his quest for new culinary and medicinal herbs used by other cultures. He’ll be sharing information on new plants we’re all going to want!
**Saturday Tour Options:**

**Southwestern Gateway - Full Day**

We'll be visiting a one-year old railway garden, the result of extensive planning and landscaping. Then we'll tour Lendonwood Gardens, home to the largest collection of rhododendrons in the Midwest and the largest collection of chamaecyparis (false cypress) trees in the United States plus much more. Lunch by the lake to watch the annual migration stop of the white pelicans. On the way back we will visit Moncrief Greenhouse, one of the largest commercial growers of poinsettias and many other plants in our region. Extra fee of $5 for Lendonwood.

**Prairie Gateway - Full Day**

Journey back to the late 1800s when most of Missouri was tall-grass prairie and bison roamed the land. Covering nearly 4,000 acres, including almost 600 plant species and rich in history, Prairie State Park is the largest publicly-owned remnant of this once vast ecosystem. After-lunch stop includes the new state-of-the-art Fairview Greenhouse, the largest supplier of mums in our area.

**Southeastern Gateway - Full Day**

This tour begins at the Powers Museum, Carthage, with the Smithsonian exhibit of historic gardens. Then on to the George Washington Carver National Monument, the childhood home of the little plant doctor. In the afternoon our garden gateways open to a wonderful city park garden, a small college state-of-the-art greenhouse and the beautiful private garden of a former nurseryman.

**Urban Gateway- Half Day**

Joplin’s most beautiful gardens await your camera and notebook; you won’t want to miss anything. We will experience the calm serenity of Sandstone Gardens, a garden wonderland that is bound to stimulate your creativity. We also will visit one of Joplin's historic parks, a lovely private home garden, and a local garden center for some expert advice on propagation of the unexpected.

**Victorian Gateway- Half Day**

Tour the lovely gardens in the historic district of Carthage's Victorian homes. A wide variety of gardens will enchant you and give you to copy. The tour also will stop at Powers Museum for a Smithsonian Institute exhibit entitled "Exploring Garden Transformation 1900-2000." The exhibit looks at garden preservation from the first American endeavors through present-day public and private efforts to preserve and restore our nation's historic gardens.

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**Sunday, September 29, Hotel Conference Rooms  8 a.m. til 2 p.m.**

Breakfast on your own.  
Church services at 8 a.m.  
Local experts share their expertise on a whole range of interesting subjects. See registration form for self-explanatory class titles. Classes will be approximately 50 minutes from 9 a.m. to Noon.  
Hotel checkout by noon.  
Lunch and surprises follow.  
Closing remarks.
Gateways to Gardening

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Registration Form

Be sure to indicate your tour and class preferences on the reverse.

_________________________________________________________          _______         _________________

First Name                                            Last Name    Phone Number (optional)

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Address      City             State    Zip

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E-mail Address (optional)  Master Gardener Group Name (if any)

Special Dietary or Physical Needs_______________________________________________________________________

_____ Check here if you would prefer NOT to be included on the contact list provided to all attendees.

(Spouses or guests are welcome to attend all conference events with payment of an additional registration fee)

Registration Fee:    ________________  ($75 before August 15 or $85 before September 15)
(includes bus passes, Sat. lunch, Sat. banquet, & Sun. lunch for one)

Precious Moments Reception: ________________  ($15 additional per person, this is not included in registration fee)

Tour fee for Southwestern Gateway:  ________________  ($5 additional per person)

Saturday Dinner Guest:    ________________  ($25 additional for spouse or guest)

Sunday Luncheon Guest:   ________________ ($12 additional for spouse or guest)

Total enclosed: ________________

Make check payable to:  Jasper County Extension Center.

Mail this registration form and check to:   Gateways to Gardening
                                            Jasper County Outreach & Extension
                                            Basement-Courthouse
                                            Carthage, MO  64836

Or print the registration form from our website and mail to above.

Call the Holiday Inn, Joplin today at (417) 782-1000 or www.holidayinnjoplin.com to make reservations. Be sure to mention you are attending the Master Gardener Conference to get special rates.

Be sure to indicate your tour and class preferences on the reverse.
We'll do our best to accommodate you!

Tour Preferences (Rank 1 through 5 for first through fifth choice):

- [ ] Prairie Gateway
- [ ] Southeastern Gateway
- [ ] Southwestern Gateway

Half-day tours:

- [ ] Victorian Gateway am & Urban Gateway pm
- [ ] Urban Gateway am & Victorian Gateway pm

(These half-day tours are the same, only reversed)

Class Preferences (Rank 1 through 10, one being first choice)

- [ ] Preserving your Floral Memories, Jane Lant, Bridal Shop Owner/Operator and Master Gardener
- [ ] Growing Beautiful Roses in the Ozarks and Beyond, Bob House, Rosarian and judge for American Rose Society
- [ ] Virtual Garden Design, See it before you create it, Ed Browning, Ag Engineering Specialist
- [ ] Meet me in Costa Rica! Mary Kroening, Extension Associate, State Master Gardener Program Coordinator
- [ ] Getting started with the Junior Master Gardener Program, Michele Warmund, Associate Professor of Horticulture, State Junior Master Gardener Coordinator
- [ ] Junior Master Gardener Program Discussion Group (for those with programs in place), Michele Warmund, Associate Professor of Horticulture, State Junior Master Gardener Coordinator
- [ ] Trees for landscaping, Mike Shade, Nursery Owner/Operator and Master Gardener
- [ ] Winter tree identification, Gary Smith, District Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation
- [ ] Bentwood Trellises, Jim Long, Author and herbalist
- [ ] How-to-start a garden business, Steve & Eda Eissenger, Nursery Operators & Master Gardeners
- [ ] Bugs, Organics that work, Mary Kroening, Extension Associate, State Master Gardener Program Coordinator
- [ ] Hobby Greenhouse Management, Randy Commons, Franklin Area Vo-Tech, Horticulture
- [ ] Adding an Outdoor Model Railroad to your Existing Garden, Joe Levanti, Model Railroader