2012 Membership Meeting and Workshop

Wednesday, November 7

Runge Nature Center, 330 Commerce Drive/Highway 179, Jefferson City, MO 65109

8:30 a.m. Vendor Registration and Set Up

9:00 a.m. Attendee Registration: Visit Vendors

10:00 a.m. Welcome

10:05 a.m. Managing Storm Water on your Native Landscape
Rain gardens and storm water BMP’s function like miniature natural watersheds. They slow water flow by using elements similar to those in nature that hold water temporarily rather than let it quickly escape. Rain gardens minimize flooding and loss of soil and improve water quality in creeks and rivers by reducing silt and pollutants in storm water runoff.

Cindy Gilberg, Landscape Designer and Consultant

11:00 a.m. Break: Visit Vendors

11:15 a.m. Sustainable Practices in Plant Production
Nurseries save costs by reducing resources consumption and minimizing waste. This panel discussion will focus on the 8 practices of the Sustainable Sites Initiative that relate to nursery and greenhouse production.

Roy Gross, St. Louis Composting
Gary Bohn, Bohn’s Farm and Greenhouse
Mervin Wallace, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery

12:15 a.m. Grow Native! Ambassador Award Presentation
Each year Grow Native! presents an award to an outstanding individual or group who has made significant contributions to native landscaping in Missouri.

Carol Davit, Executive Director, Missouri Prairie Foundation

12:30 Lunch: Visit Vendors
1:30 p.m. **Easy Care Native Landscaping for Parks, Home and Business**
While there is no such thing as a no-maintenance landscape, there are low-maintenance landscapes and they begin with proper plant selection. This session takes you into the world of low-maintenance landscaping by focusing on native plants that need minimal maintenance and demonstrating how to integrate these plants into corporate, private and public landscapes.

*Scott Woodbury, Shaw Nature Reserve*

2:15 p.m. Break: Visit Vendors

2:30 p.m. **New Plans for the Grow Native! Program**
Almost six months have passed since the Grow Native! program transitioned from the Missouri Department of Conservation to the Missouri Prairie Foundation and much has happened. This session will bring you up to date with Grow Native! and take a look at what to expect in the coming year.

*Carol Davit, Executive Director, Missouri Prairie Foundation*

*CARRIE COYNE, SWT Design, Grow Native! Committee Chair*

3:00 p.m. Evaluations, Meeting and Vendor Exhibit Ends
Speakers

Cindy Gilberg

From 1979 to 2006 Cindy Gilberg was owner of Gilberg Perennial Farms, a destination specialty garden center offering unusual perennials, aquatic plants, native plants and herbs in the St Louis MO region. Classes and special events were an important part of the business. The business now focuses on landscape design, from formal to naturalistic. Cindy specializes in bioretention and rain garden design for both commercial and residential projects, native plant landscapes and deer resistant gardening.

Gary Bohn

Bohn’s Farm and Greenhouse was established by the Bohn family more than 65 years ago as a strawberry and vegetable truck farm. As the wholesale market demand for locally produced vegetables dwindled in the 1980’s, Gary Bohn, grandson of the founder, and Gary’s father, Walter Bohn, began to explore production of ornamental horticultural crops. They are now a 20 acre production nursery utilizing 177,000 square feet of covered greenhouse facilities. They supply an extensive selection of retail-ready perennials, companion specialty annuals and select ornamental shrub va-

Mervin Wallace

Mervin Wallace has operated Missouri Wildflowers Nursery 27 years, providing native plants and their seeds to gardeners in Missouri and surrounding states. They sell native Missouri perennials, grasses, trees, shrubs, vines and seeds for restoration. Their plants are nursery propagated and of Missouri origin, so they are best adapted to Missouri.

Roy Gross

Roy Gross has been selling high-quality soil, compost and mulch for St. Louis Composting since 2009. For nearly two decades, St. Louis Composting has been the region’s leading producer of nature’s ultimate renewable resource. They supply hobbyists and professionals alike with top quality compost, topsoil and soil blends and a variety of mulches while simultaneously reducing landfill waste across the metro area. In recent years St. Louis Composting has produced greenhouse soils utilizing local ingredients which have reduced or eliminated the use of peat moss.

Scott Woodbury

Scott Woodbury is the curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve, where he has been developing the garden for 21 years. The wildflower garden is a five-acre demonstration for landscaping with Missouri native plants. He serves as a technical advisor to the St. Louis Chapter of Wild Ones and is chair education committee for the Grow Native! program.
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Registration Form

Company Name: __________________________________________________________

Company Address: __________________________________________________________________

Company e-mail: __________________________ Company Phone: ______________

Attendee 1 (Name): __________________________________________________________________

Attendee 2 (Name): __________________________________________________________________

Attendee 3 (Name): __________________________________________________________________

Attendee 4 (Name): __________________________________________________________________

Registration Fees: (registration includes morning coffee and lunch)

Number of attendees _______ x $15  =          $__________

Annual Grow Native! Membership Dues ($150 for wholesale growers, $100 for all other members)          $__________

Exhibit Space ($25): _______yes _______no

Provide members with a place to display price lists, catalogs, business cards, flyers and product samples. Space will be a 6’ or 8’ table).

TOTAL: $__________

Payment Method

Make check payable to Missouri Prairie Foundation.
Mail registration to: P.O. Box 200, Columbia, MO 65205
Questions: contact Scott Woodbury scott.woodbury@mobot.org or Carol Davit caroldavit@gmail.com

Registration is due Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012