



GARDENER GAZETTE



Quarterly Newsletter of AJMPU Unit Master Gardeners

WELCOME KIM!

Kimberly Rohling joins Extension as the Energy and Environmental Stewardship Extension Program Coordinator. She will work with Erin Garrett to support natural resource programming throughout the five counties.

Kim earned her Master's degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University in 2019, where her research focused on the demography, home range, and macrohabitat selection of state-threatened ornate box turtles. She earned her Bachelor's degrees in Oceanography and Environmental Studies from Eckerd College in 2008. She currently serves as a board member for the Friends of the Cache River Watershed and volunteers her time as a Master Naturalist.



Prior to her time with Extension, Kim worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and served as a Land of Lincoln/Southern 7 AmeriCorps Member at Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

NEWLY CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENERS

Congratulations to Beckie Wisdom and Brenda Tripp for completing their 60-hour internships to become certified Master Gardeners! Beckie has volunteered her time at the Marion Memorial Garden, food donation garden and pollinator garden in Metropolis, and at the Cache River Wetlands Center. Brenda has spent numerous hours sharing her knowledge through answering inquiries and offering a helping hand to those who ask her gardening questions.

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Questions?

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Master Gardener Coordinators for Alexander,
 Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union Counties

2021 MASTER GARDENER VIRTUAL TRAINING

This spring we will offer a virtual, flipped classroom version of the Master Gardener training. It will include self-paced assignments paired with scheduled online Zoom discussion and activity sessions.

The class will be held on Tuesdays from 9am-12pm from February 16 to May 4. We are hoping to schedule several optional field trips, dependent on COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

Once marketing materials are available, we will share with you to help spread the word!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Bird Count Information - Contact compiler if interested!

- 12/14 Cypress Creek | Dr. Jeffrey Hoover -hoover_jeff@hotmail.com | 217-417-8277
- 12/16 Warbluff Valley Sanctuary | Andrea Douglas -anderatd@yahoo.com | 618-564-2079
- 12/19 Rend Lake | Keith McMullen - warbler7@sbcglobal.net | 618-560-9450
- 12/20 Crab Orchard NWR | Vicki Lang - vickil@siu.edu | 618-697-9868
- 12/28 Alexander County | Vernon Kleen - vkleen@comcast.net | 217-787-3515
- 12/29 Union County | Vernon Kleen - vkleen@comcast.net
- 12/30 Mermet Lake/Massac County | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com
- 12/31 Middle Mississippi N.W.R | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com
- 1/1 Jackson County | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com | 618-684-6605

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Good Growing Webinar Series

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-12-09-good-growing-webinar-popular-holiday-plant-care>

Everyday Environment Webinar Series

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/everyday-environment-webinar-series>

Four Seasons Webinar Series

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-series>

University of Illinois Extension Urban Tree Conference

January 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2021 | 9 AM - 12:15 PM

go.illinois.edu/UrbanTreeRegistration

Houseplants Online Course

<https://www.online.colostate.edu/courses/AGBB/AGBB2015.dot?Term=Spring%202021>

Use 'PLANT10' for \$10 off registration through 12-31-20



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MASTER NATURALIST

BOOK CLUB

1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 9AM
Starting 6th January

ZOOM Meetings

FIRST READ:
ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE:
A YEAR OF FOOD LIFE
BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

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