

City of Olivette
Parks & Recreation

Summer Gardens from Olivette In Bloom

Like everyone else in town, Olivette in Bloom volunteers are in summer garden maintenance mode. While the tasks aren't particularly exciting, the results are truly gratifying. On Saturday June 17, a group met to prune, deadhead, and weed the beds at our garden in Stacy Park. This spectacular display garden, now in its fifth summer, features mature perennials and carefully selected annuals. Olivette resident and master gardener, Marcia Carpenter, has devoted time, expertise, and enthusiasm to the Stacy Park garden since the earliest planning stages in 2001. She currently selects new plants, coordinates activities, and directs volunteer efforts at the garden. Each winter, the original design is tweaked to compliment the natural park setting. The focus is on hardy, low maintenance, heat tolerant plants with extended bloom spans and vibrant color. This OIB garden is in bloom from March to November.

The next time you're at Stacy Park, take a minute to enjoy our community garden, get some ideas for your own garden, and think about joining us for an hour at

one of the upcoming group workdays. Volunteers will meet at 9am on Saturday July 22 and August 19. You don't need to be a master gardener to participate. In fact, most people volunteer in order to learn more about gardening. Come see for yourself how ruthlessly Marcia prunes the Nepeta (catmint) to ensure a showy second bloom.

Please look for profiles and information on the other Olivette in Bloom gardens in the next Advisory. Until then, know that you're also welcome for group gardening days at the Olivette Community Center (Saturday, July 8 and August 5) and at Veteran's Garden (Saturday July 15 and August 12)

Jump in – you're going to love it!

For more info call: 872-8897.

