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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our last eating meeting of the year will be hosted by Almut Stephan-Marino on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM. Almut will provide the main course. Members and guests pay \$5.00/person and bring a dish to share. NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE. EATING MEETINGS START EARLIER! Please call Almut to RSVP at 314-646-7289 or email her at almut1@hotmail.com. Almut's address is: 1213 Bellevue Ave. Richmond Heights, 63117. Their house is just south of Dale Ave. on Bellevue.

Please remember that our August meeting will be back at The Heights!

Ed Schmidt will be asking members to sign up to bring refreshments for the August-November meetings. Keep in mind that we truly relish our treats—no pun intended.

Editor's note: I'm not sure why, but when I email the newsletter to Donna the letterhead and officer names are nicely aligned. When I receive the newsletter in my email all of the alignment is scattered. Does anyone know why this might happen? It looks pretty goofy.

We want to thank Donna and Debbie for hosting the May and June eating meetings. Unfortunately I did not attend either meeting, but heard good reports about the food and gardens at both meetings. If any of you would like to write up a summary of the eating meetings feel free to email me at: marygrenfell@sbcglobal.net.

Lisa Klorer forwarded the following information about our Anne Heiman scholarship recipient at Meramec Community College.

Diane Rio-Amick is the 2009-2010 recipient of the Richmond Heights Garden Club Anne Heiman Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. Five hundred dollars was awarded to Diane which enabled her to purchase text books and complete her horticulture degree at STLCC-Meramec. Diane has sent a letter of appreciation to the club. She had a busy spring, finishing up her studies, moving twice and got married in June. She hopes to make a summer meeting. Congratulations Diane; the RHGC members look forward to meeting you and wish you well in all your endeavors

Ed Schmidt has had some experience with backyard creatures:

Check out the Wild Ones blog at <http://stlwildones.org/blog/> to read about the deer in his yard.

Neighbors Naturescaping will be held at Operation Brightside's headquarters on Shenandoah at Kingshighway. A "Planting and Maintenance" workshop will be held on Saturday, July 17. The workshops begin at 9:00 AM. For more information contact Operation Brightside at 314-772-4646 or at www.operationbrightside.com. Click on the greening programs tab.

Forest Park Forever staff will host a Beginner Bird Walks on August 7,

2010. Meet at 8:15 in the lobby of the Visitor Center or contact Chris at birding@forestparkforever.org.

I recently read the book, *Anne Dunne*, by Sebastian Barry. The book had a lovely paragraph that reminded me of a tree behind our school.

....More rooted and lasting will be my crab-apple tree—some day, no doubt, another heart will give allegiance to it and its bitter fruit, gathering the tiny apples and crushing them in their season with the same passion and humour, laughing at the generosity of the tree, its ease and seeming happiness, its fertility, as I do. It is the mother of a thousand children, every year, like the offspring of the queen bee. The whole tree buzzes silently in the autumn with its excited fruit....

We had a first ripe tomato winner! Congratulations Debbie Tolstoi!