

Please consider creating a GroupMe account and joining your fellow Master Gardeners as a way to share what is happening in our gardens and lives so that we can continue to be connected.

GroupMe is a social networking app that allows users to text, send pictures and videos, set up calendar events, and more. Why use this app? Its use is free over wifi. You don't have to turn on notifications and can simply look at the messages and pictures when you want to know what is being shared.

Ready to join? Here are the steps to follow:

1. On your phone, download the app Group Me.
2. Create an account with your email or phone number.
3. If you have email on your phone, open this link on your phone:  
[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/59514026/Ecm9CUmd](https://groupme.com/join_group/59514026/Ecm9CUmd)
4. Click the second button that says Join Group in App. You will be asked if you want to open Group Me. Click Open.
5. You should now be a member of the group.
6. In this app, you can send messages that look like text messages to all of the members of the group. To send a message, type in the message box at the bottom of the screen. When you are finished, click on the arrow on the right hand side of the message box.
7. You can also send pictures or videos by clicking on the + sign.  
Click the + sign at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.  
You will be directed to your photo library. Click on the picture that you wish to send and click the check mark in the blue circle.  
You can now add a caption at the bottom of the screen or you can just click on the blue arrow at the bottom right hand corner to send the picture to the group.
8. You can like a message, picture, or video by clicking on the heart symbol to the right of the message, picture, or video.
9. If you click on the image of the tiger lilies in the upper right hand corner, you can see the options this app provides.
  - a) Members – This shows you who is a member of this group.
  - b) Search messages – You can find specific messages.
  - c) Gallery – Look at all of the photos are here.
  - d) Calendar – When calendar events are established, you can find them easily here.
  - e) Polls – Make a poll to learn what others think about a topic.
  - f) Popular – See which comments or photos other people have liked.

g) Settings – Please only use this to change your profile. The rest of the items will make changes in the group for everyone.

h) To change your profile picture, click on Settings: Edit your profile.

Click on the box that says Change Avatar.

You will then see a menu that asks if you want to take a photo, choose a photo, or view your current avatar.

If you take a photo, you will be taking a selfie. You will probably be asked by GroupMe to be allowed to access your camera.

If you choose a photo, you will be choosing a photo from the photo library on your phone. You will probably be asked by GroupMe to have access to your photos.

Take a photo or select one that you would like to use.

Click save in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

We can't wait to see what is happening in your garden. Start sharing soon!