

We operate our Culinary Herb, Native Edible, and Edible Flower horticultural operation on one-acre agricultural site. Our business is registered as " Botanical-Garden-To-Plate".

We grow for our business "Botanical Tea Room" --which takes pride in its pollinator friendly menu. The Botanical Tea Room is considered a Commercial Site. Both sites are attached and total two-acres.

The reason for this site distinction is part of regional rules, regulations, and codes. Plus health , safety and sanitization regulation. We purchased the Botanical Tea Room building on a one-acre commercial site, and one year later, a property owner sold us the additional acre that was registered as an agricultural site. The two sites are joined and give the illusion of one.

We moved from a 76-acre agricultural site in St. James, MO where we operated the Botanical Tea Room from 2014 to 2019. In 2019 we moved to our current site in Augusta, MO. In St. James, we were a GAP Certified Farm. We held " Certified Naturally Grown" designation. We considered Organic Certification many times. We operate utilizing the same values and standards for the these designations. Unfortunately, for small businesses, it can be a challenge keeping up with paperwork and expense.

The reason we are applying for this designation is that we grow for our pollinator menu and make products available for sale for the public at the Botanical Tea Room. It works very well for us as we can operate our farm as a traditional growing business, and operate the Tea Room as a traditional eatery and retail business. We have bees, chickens, and our entire site is environmentally friendly. We are a zero waste eatery exceeding most green standards for restaurant operations. We serve organic and biodynamic wine, from packaging to chemicals and all ingredients -- we are environmentally conscious.

We belong to beekeeping clubs, we are members of Missourians' for Monarchs, and our site is registered as a United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary. We are members of the USA Lavender Growers Association and Herb Society of America and Great Plains Master Beekeeping; University Program.

Missouri is a part of the Monarch Butterflies flyway journey...

Our patrons to the Botanical Tea Room are often beekeepers, garden clubs, botanical gardens, and individuals with environmental interests, herbal and lavender enthusiasts, and plant-based eaters, supporters of environmental protection, Slow Food, and health and wellness organizations.

Plans for 2023 include bringing in guest speakers on beekeeping and pollinator habitat preservation.