

March 2013

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

Columbia Underground

Today's Labor, Tomorrow's Reward

A Note From The President

Oh my! What a great snow we had on February 21st! Hopefully the slow melt will go deep and help our plants recover from the terrible drought. I am getting so anxious for spring, as usual this time of year.

I am proud of members who have been working on our various projects.

Carolyn, Connie, Leigh and I have chosen our piece for Art in Bloom and are thinking it out. I know all of you will have fun seeing it at the museum on March-16-17. We would be happy to have others involved if you are interested. This is always a fun project.

Several are involved with Chairman Marie Pasley in planning the Spring District meeting to be held on March 28. We have met at Bradford Farm to look over the facility and make our plans regarding the set up. We will need help with breakfast foods as well as serving both the breakfast and the lunch. We are hopeful that many of you will sign up to make food and help serve as well as attend this fun meeting. The cost of lunch is set by the district at \$15.00. Our club will be reimbursed one half of our loss if we spend more than the amount collected but we will also keep half if we don't spend the whole amount. Your donations of food for the breakfast will certainly be appreciated. We will discuss this further at our meeting. Evette will need to collect your money if you plan to go, at the March meeting. I hope you will be able to attend.

Members have been working on planning the four flower beds at the Women's and Children's Hospital. As with everything, there is really more thought/research involved than the actual labor. The beds will be planted April 16th and, again, if you want to be involved, you are certainly welcome to work on any of the four beds. If you offered plants from your garden, you might watch them and see that they are ready to be moved for the planting. If you can pot them to bring to the meeting on April 8th, that would be a great help!

The committee is already working on the plant sale and a group of members have met several times to make birdhouses and wine bottle wind chimes for the sale. As your gardens start peeking thru, be thinking about what you can donate this year. We have had so many things from Carol Notbohm and we will miss her donations! We do have several things lined up on consignment to include hanging baskets as well as natives. If you have ideas and or suggestions, see Marsha Taylor or Connie Blackmore as I know they appreciate your input.

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President's Note, continued

I am working on the District's Educational Exhibit for State Convention and Missouri State Fair. Again, if you are interested in learning more about these exhibits, I would be happy to have your help. The display theme is "Flowers and How They Got Their Names" and our flower is the Larkspur. Prize money is awarded to the district if our entry wins.

Speaking of State Convention, it will be held in St Joseph this year, May 14-16. The registration form is in the Garden Forum. Everyone is invited to attend and I love attending. I sent out a note last week but if you change your mind, please join us!

Plans are also well underway for the symposium for Flower Show judges in June at Bradford Farm. We will include more information as that date gets nearer.

Thank you so much for all your help and enthusiasm. As our State President says, we are a force for good. Many of our projects are in the early part of the spring this year and that is a good thing. After the symposium, we will have a break until fall and our flower show in October.

By the way, we only have three gardens on the tour for June. Can we see your garden? We need five to count for our purple ribbon club rating. If you do not volunteer your garden, you may have to look at mine again! Please do not let that happen! Let Carolyn Adams or Barbara Beckett know if we can tour your garden.

See you March 11th when we will learn about some of the challenges and benefits of working with employees with disabilities from Bruce Young, Executive Director of Giving Gardens.

Karen



Hospital Youth Garden

The 4 storybook garden designs are done and members are gathering information on where to obtain plants for planting. Several CGC members have offered donations of plants for the gardens. The planting date for the gardens is April 16, so donated plants will be gathered by that date. We would welcome anyone's help with planting on that date also. If you would like to help with planting the storybook gardens contact Marie Pasley at 474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com.





February Meeting Minutes

Columbia Garden Club February 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Alice Longfellow, manager/owner of Longfellow's Garden Center gave a wonderful power point presentation on plants she recommends for the home gardener for 2013. It was a welcome respite from the winter blahs to see beautiful blooms and plants.

The meeting was called to order after refreshments at 2:30 pm by co-president Carolyn Doyle. 35 members were in attendance. 3 guest; Annette Molitor, Lynn Davenport, and Susan Elledge were introduced. Susan joined our membership.

Horticulture/Design Tip: Barbara Rothenberger gave a talk on photographing plants in the garden. Her talk offered helpful hints on how to get the best photos. She also stated that Flower Shows have a new design class on photography. She stated that photos may have single or double matting. All photos will need to be in vertical layout, with a recommendation that plants used in the photos be identified with scientific names.

Minutes of January meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report was filed for audit with no questions or corrections about the report.

No Old Business

New Business:

- Carolyn Doyle, Co-chair stated that FGCM will be proposing a State by-law change, asking that the article regarding the 1st VP needing to attend the NGC convention be removed because of the financial cost to the VP. This will be voted on at the FGCM State Convention in May.

-She asked for members to volunteer to judge the District yearbooks on March 1st at Carolyn Flynn's home in Fulton, MO. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what other clubs in Central District are doing and to get ideas on improving our yearbook.

Committee Reports

Art in Bloom- Committee members Karen Blackmore, Leigh Speichinger, and Carolyn Doyle will be picking art work on Feb. 18 for the display. Art in Bloom is March 15- 17.

Hospital Storybook Gardens- Marie Pasley, coordinator gathered names of members that might be able to donate plants for the April 16 planting at the hospital. Obtaining donated plants will save the CGC money required for purchasing plants. The grand opening for the garden is planned for April 27.

Clean Up Columbia- Janet Lasley, chair stated that things are on target for April 13 as the work day.

Flower Show- Carolyn Doyle, chair stated the FS will be October 19 at the Columbia Library. The theme is "A Touch of Frost". A new class for CGC, Creative Crafts is being considered for the Show.

Garden Tours- Carolyn Adams, co-chair stated that one more garden is needed. Gardens do not need to be pristine to have on tour. A garden tour can be a time for getting recommendations for gardens if wanted.

Audit- Alice Havard, chair stated that the CGC books have been audited. She reported the books look good, without problems.

Wyatt House & CPL Designs- Lynn Birkby, chair stated that some slots are still in need of filling.

Plant Sale- Carol Adams showed wind chimes made from bottles that the committee members have been working on for the sale and asked members to assist.

Alice Longfellow brought a hanging basket of pansies for a drawing won by Janet Lasley.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Pasley, Secretary



Central District Meeting

Central District meeting is this month, Thursday, March 28 at Bradford Research and Extension Center. Everyone needs to get their registrations to Evette by March 15 or pay at the CGC March meeting. We will plan to set up for the event on Wednesday, March 27 at 1 pm. We will be setting up tables and chairs, covering tables and putting out decorations. This won't take long if we get a lot of members to come help, so please attend. Those that signed up for breakfast foods are listed below, you may bring your food on Wednesday when we set up or Thursday morning between 7:00 to 7:45 am. This will allow time to get treats out onto large platters. Please label your containers if not disposable. A sign up list for food assistants will be passed around at the March 11 meeting.

We expect around 100 members to attend so we will need everyone's help for the meeting. It's a great opportunity for us to show Central District just what a great group Columbia Garden Club is!! Questions contact Marie Pasley 474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com

I will bring Breakfast Muffins, Breads, or Cookies List

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| 1. Carolyn Doyle | 2. Jane Sadler |
| 3. Kay Egbert (if in town) | 4. Lynn Birkby (if no grandbaby) |
| 5. Dee Bauer | 6. Connie Blackmore |
| 7. Carolyn Swope | 8. Patty Purvis |
| 9. Betty Gladney | 10. Lynda Blades |
| 11. Leslie Rosencrans | 12. Evette Nissen |
| 13. Marsha Taylor | 14. Rita Gerke |
| 15. Cindy Deegan | 16. Barb Rothenberger |

Welcome New and Returning Members

Please add the following information to your Yearbooks.

New Member:

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Returning Member:

Bonnie Culley

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March Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report March 2013

Beginning Balance Checking		\$3,893.84
Expenses		
Ck# 1848 - MBS-February Newsletter	\$4.44	
Ck#1849-Carolyn Swope - Hospitality	\$7.56	
Ck#1850 - Trinity Presbyterian Church Feb. Rent	\$25.00	
Ck#1851 - Alice Longfellow - Mileage	\$50.00	
Total Expenses		(\$87.00)
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,806.84
Certificate of Deposit Balance - 12/3/2012		\$3,198.98
Total Assets		\$7,005.82

We still have five copies of the 2013 Visions of Beauty Calendar. If you wish to purchase a copy, they are \$6.00 and will be available at the March meeting.



Zinnia 'Profusion Double Deep Salmon' and **'Profusion Double Hot Cherry'** have been chosen as award winners in the bedding plant division from All-America Selections. Both of these plants are great additions to the flower bed or can be used in a container. Like the other varieties in the Profusion series, they are non-stop bloomers from early summer until frost. They grow about 12-inches tall and up to 24-inches wide. They are disease-resistant, self-cleaning, and easy to grow.

From:iGrow



Flower Arrangement Schedule

Month	Boone Library	Wyatt Guesthouse
March	Virginia Itschner	Nancy Bedan
April	Barbara Rothenberger	
May	Patty Purves	

Calendar of Events

- March 10—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11—CGC Meeting—Bruce Young—Giving Gardens
- March 15-17—Art in Bloom
- March 20—First Day of Spring!!
- March 28—Central District Spring Meeting

Hospitality

March

- Linda Rubin
- Mary Redders
- Karen Brooke



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 Co-Presidents: Carolyn Doyle
 Karen Blackmore
 1st VP: Barbara Rothenberger
 2nd VP: Connie Blackmore
 Secretary: Marie Pasley
 Treasurer: Evette Nissen
 Parliamentarian: Carole VanVranken
 Newsletter Editor: Evette Nissen
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Meetings take place at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road. Columbia, MO

Gardening Chores for March

- Loosen winter mulches from perennials cautiously. Clean up beds by removing all weeds and dead foliage at this time.
- Ornamental grasses should be cut to the ground just as the new growth begins.
- Apply a balanced fertilizer such as 6-12-12 to perennial beds when new growth appears.
- Gradually start to pull back mulch from rose bushes.
- Fertilize bulbs with a “bulb booster” formulation broadcast over the planting beds. Hose off any granules that stick to the foliage.
- Mow lawns low to remove old growth before new growth begins.
- Set up nesting boxes for bluebirds.

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