



## President's Corner



"Ruffled Robin" photo by Charley Blackmore. Featured on local evening news channel.

## Holiday Tables

We are all set for a beautiful and fun December meeting! Many of you were at the November meeting and drew a number for a table. You will be helping decorate your table for the luncheon. I know you are excited about what you will be doing to complete your table. That is the table where you will sit to eat. If you missed the November meeting, we will have a place for you to sit and enjoy the lunch and meeting. This should be a lot of fun! It would be great to have perfect attendance! The church will be open for us at 11:00.



## *Holiday Lunch Will Be Ready At Noon*

Hopefully you are looking forward to a wonderful lunch on December 12th at noon. Bring the dish you want to bring! This luncheon was originally finger food and still is if you want. We are not very structured now, so bring whatever you want to bring. We usually have an amazing meal.

Our November meeting was so much fun and we learned a lot from Bob McConnell. He is a wealth of information and shares so easily. He also has many varieties of hosta at McConnell's Plantland. He will open in the spring in plenty of time to get them in your garden next year.

Charley and I are working on the program for the December meeting. District Director Cynthia Florek will join us for lunch and will then install our officers. We will have an overview of 2011 accomplishments and a slide presentation of the summer garden tour as well as a few surprises, hopefully.

Karen Blackmore



*Treasurer's Report - November 30, 2011*

October 27, 2011 Checking Account Balance		\$3,758.18
Income		
Basket Raffle	\$50.00	
Club Manuals (8X3.50)	28.00	
Dues (Taylor)	20.00	
Total Income		98.00
Disbursements		
FGCM, Inc.	725.00	
(Dues—550.00, Contributions—175.00)		
Columbia Public Library	40.00	
(Book donation)		
Trinity Pres. Church (Nov. rental)	25.00	
Central District (Dues)	27.50	
Evette Nissen (newsletter)	14.00	
Karen Blackmore	93.59	
(Manuals, Basket)		
Central-Northeast MO Food Bank	50.00	
Total Disbursements		975.09
November 30, 2011 Checking Account Balance		2,881.09
Certificate of Deposit Balance		3,171.24
Total Assets		\$6,052.33

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DECEMBER MEETING

IS OUR HOLIDAY

LUNCHEON. BRING

YOUR FAVORITE

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*Library and Wyatt Guesthouse Flowers*

Chair: Lynn Birkby

Daniel Boone Reg. Library

Wyatt Guesthouse

Dec: Rose Mayfield

Dec: Connie Blackmore

## *Columbia Garden Club Minutes—11-21-11*

Bob McConnell presented our program for our November meeting. His program on Hosta and other shade tolerant plants was very informative and entertaining. After the program, we numbered off to determine which tables we would be helping with at our December meeting, and each table met to discuss their decorating plans.

President Karen called our business meeting to order at 2:45. She read the poem Autumn Leaves by Aileen Fisher for our inspiration. She welcomed new member Marsha Taylor.

The October minutes and treasurer's report were approved as they were printed in the newsletter.

Old Business:

We have new Garden Club Manual inserts available. They are \$3.50 each.

Please sign up for committees for next year. Sheets will be available after the meeting.

If you haven't turned in your committee report, please do so and Karen will include it in her President's report

New Business:

Our December meeting is our holiday luncheon and we are decorating the tables for the luncheon. Everybody should bring the recipe of what they bring for the luncheon. Please bring food for the food pantry as well. Any money we make from our basket raffle today will also be given to the food pantry. Charlie Blackmore will show a pictorial video of our year in review and we will have installation of new officers.

Linda Lowenberg is working on our yearbook for next year.

We have 55 members who have paid dues for next year.

Barbara Rothenberger gave us a preview of next year's programs.

Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri has a new website. The address is fgcmo.org.

Committee Reports:

Cindy Deegan is still looking for gardens for the garden tour. If you would like your garden to be included, please contact her.

Junior Garden Club met on Nov. 7th and made things out of leaves. For the December meeting, they will be making stick people.

Carolyn Doyle shared some newspaper articles of the 1971 garden club tour and pictures of the Men's Garden Club in the 50's.

Alice Havard said the Women's Symphony House Tour will be Dec. 3rd and 4th.

Evette Nissen won the raffle basket.

President Karen adjourned the meeting at 3:32.

Respectfully submitted, Evette Nissen, Secretary



## *Thanksgiving Cactus, Christmas Cactus, Easter Cactus: What's the Difference?*

Around the holidays, we often see blooming plants that are members of the cactus family. The Thanksgiving cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*), the Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*), and the Easter cactus (*Rhipsalidopsis gaetneri*) all look alike. The *Schlumbergera* species are native to the tropical forests of Brazil, while the *Rhipsalidopsis* species is native to the natural forests of Brazil.



Thanksgiving Cactus

These three species of cactus are members of the group of cacti called leaf cacti, explains Martha Smith, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. The plant bodies are flattened and the leaves are actually stems. The flowers are produced from notches in these stems or from the tips. The fuchsia-like flowers last a long time. They are usually pink, but modern hybrids include white, red, yellow, and purple varieties.

Smith says the main difference between the Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus, and the Easter cactus is the time of bloom. As their common names suggest, a Thanksgiving cactus can bloom in late fall, one month before the Christmas cactus. The Easter cactus starts producing flower buds in February. Regardless of type, there are steps to follow to ensure bloom.



Christmas Cactus

Flower bud initiation responds to cool temperatures and shortened day length. Thanksgiving and Christmas cactus should be left outdoors, away from artificial light until night temperatures dip into the 40s. At this time, they do best at temperatures between 50 and 65 degrees. Bring them in and place them in a cool area, keeping them away from all light between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., and water weekly. Avoid heating vents that can cause temperature fluctuations. The plants should come into flower sometime in December through January.

"If you want them to bloom sooner, start the cool temp/short day treatment earlier," says Smith.



Easter Cactus

The Easter cactus requires a dry period. From October to November, very little water is required for flower bud initiation. Easter cactus should also be placed in the same cool area under shorter light periods at this time. In December, raise the temperature to about 65 degrees and water sparingly. Expect flowering around March.

"Regardless of which type of cactus you have, avoid high temperatures and heat fluctuations when the plant is flowering," says Smith. "Lack of flowering is directly related to the cool temp/short day treatment. The Easter cactus is a bit different since it is not a tropical plant. It requires a dry period."

**Source: Martha A. Smith, Extension Educator, Horticulture U of IL**

## Congratulations Leslie!



Pictured left to right, front row: Tom Payne, dean of MU CAFNR; Charlie and Leslie Rosenkrans; Meredith Jones, 2011 State Fair queen; Lowell Mohler, State Fair commissioner. Back row: Ronald Scheiderer and Jack Magruder, State Fair commissioners; Jon Hagler, state Department of Agriculture director; and Elizabeth Schlueter, State Fair commissioner chairperson and Lincoln County MU Extension Administrative Assistant.

### Missouri State Fair Farm Family

Charlie and Leslie Rosenkrans were recognized as the 2011 Monroe County Missouri State Fair Farm Family of the year. Charlie is the Superintendent for the Missouri State Fair Ham, Bacon and Summer Sausage Department. The Mo. State Fair Farm Family Program is sponsored by MU Extension, Missouri Farm Bureau and the Mo. Department of Agriculture. This year, 107 families were recognized. Nominated by their Extension Council and Farm Bureau Board, the families enjoyed a day at the fair, capping it off with a dinner and presentation of awards under the state fair director's tent.

**Courtesy Committee:** If you know of any member who is ill, please notify Carol Nothbohm, Courtesy Committee Chair, so she can send a card from the Columbia Garden Club. There may be other occasions when you feel we should send a "courtesy" to someone. Just notify Carol.

### Supplies for Junior Garden Club

Jr. Garden Club members will be making sacks with nesting materials for the birds at our Feb. 13 meeting. We ask for members help in saving net bags from onions, hams, turkeys, etc. and dryer lint. Whatever birds would use to make a nest is what we will need for 20 kids. Please bring to the Jan. or Feb. CGC meeting. Thanks for your assistance with this project. Marie Pasley

### Food Pantry Donations

We collected \$50.00 from our donation basket at the November meeting. We will send that check along with our food donations to the food bank after the December meeting. Our goal is to collect 100 pounds of food. Please bring your donation to the meeting.

Karen will have her car open at the door so you can drop your food off there instead of bringing it into the church. Let's see how much we can exceed our goal!



Each Columbia Garden Club member is asked to sign up for at least one of our committees. If you haven't signed up yet, look at your options, and contact Karen Blackmore with your choice(s).

Art in Bloom—Mary Jane Wheeling, Chairman

Karen Blackmore, Kay Egbert

Bluffs Gardens—Alice Havard, Chairman

Barb Rothenberger, Cindy Deegan, Janet Lasley, Marie Pasley

Calling Committee—Kathie Shreves, Chairman

Diane Poole, Virginia Itschner

Clean Up Columbia—Janet Lasley, Chairman

Kay Egbert, Barb Devine, Cindy Deegan, Evette Nissen, Nancy Bedan, Barb Beckett, Mary Jane Wheeling

Discovery Gardens Plants—Barbara Rothenberger, Chairman

Marie Pasley, Karen Blackmore, Carolyn Doyle

Garden Tours—Cindy Deegan, Chairman    Mary Jane Wheeling, Helper

Gardens to be Toured—Barb Beckett, Wilma Rajscher-Levy, Marie Pasley

Junior Garden Club—Marie Pasley, Chairman

Carol Notbohm, Cindy Deegan, Alice Havard

Historical Society Gardens—Virginia Itschner, Chairman

Evette Nissen, Cindy Deegan, Janet Lasley, Barbara Beckett

Plant Sale—Connie Blackmore and Janet Lindstrom—Co-Chairmen

Carol Notbohm, Diane Poole, Evette Nissen, Cindy Deegan, Nancy Bedan, Karen Brooke, Janet Lasley, Deb Corkery, Linda Rubin, Mary Jane Wheeling, Ken and Jane Sadler, Virginia Itschner, Lynda Blades, Kay Egbert, Karen Blackmore

Hospitality—Carolyn Swope, Virginia Itschner, Dee Bauer, Co-Chairmen

Most months are filled. We will post this in the January newsletter.

Flowers to Boone Library and Wyatt Guest House—Lynn Birkby, Chairman

	<u>Daniel Boone Library</u>	<u>Wyatt Guesthouse</u>
January	Barb Devine	Marie Crenshaw
February	Karen Blackmore	Janet Lasley
March	Kay Egbert	
April		Kay Egbert
May	Barb Rothenberger	Jane Sadler
June	Virginia Itschner	
July		
August		Alice Havard
September	Sue Williams	Alice Havard
October	Jane Sadler	Carol Notbohm
November	Terry Reid	Karen Blackmore
December	Evette Nissen	Janet Lasley



### COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

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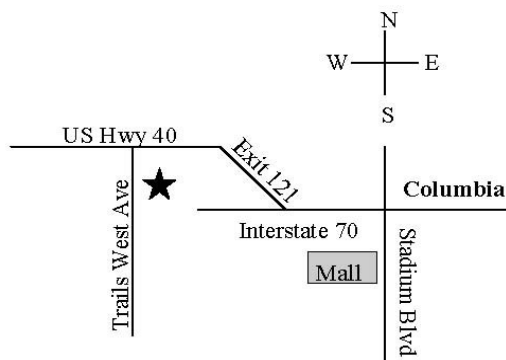


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