

“Columbia Underground”

Member: National Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, and Central District

Editor; Marie Pasley

Up Coming Events

April 12 CGC Zoom mtg. at 1 pm Program

Presenter: Carol Gravens

Topic: “50 Plants that Changed the Course of History”

April 17 Clean Up McKee Park @ 1900 McKee

Street. Contact Janet Lasley for more info.

April 24 Annual Plant Sale- 9 to 2 at Trinity Presbyterian Church- all Covid protocol observed

May 10 Annual Members Garden Tour starts at 8:30 am

May 12- Central District Spring Zoom Meeting. All members invited. Invite below

CGC April 12th Zoom Meeting at 1 pm

Program will be presented by Carol Gravens. Topic: “50 Plants that Changed the Course of History”

Based on the book by Bill Laws
She will discuss a subset of about 18 of his plants...

CGC member Marla Mueller has had a cancerous brain tumor diagnosis. We wish her the best and ask that everyone keep her in your prayers.



“Fringe Tree”
Chionanthus virginicus

Color- White bloom. Male flower larger than female flowers

Light Preference: Full sun/partial shade

Height/Spread: 12'to20'

Bloom Period: April to May

* This area info for 2021 is taken from “Tried and True Missouri Native Plants for Your Yard”

CGC 2021 Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale is on April 24- 9 to 2 pm. Members are asked to bring plants from your gardens & help with set up on Friday, April 23- 1:30 to 3:30. We will have our usual “White Elephant” sale, so clean out the garage. Pricing items is appreciated. **We will not have the bake sale this year.** The plan is to have the sale outside in the front of the church provided the weather cooperates. See everyone with your goodies on April 23 at 1:30 pm.

Central District Spring Meeting

**INVITATION
TO
CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING MEETING**

Conducted Via Zoom

You are cordially invited to join

Arrowhead Garden Club

as we explore

“Native Plants in the Urban Environment”

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

To participate, click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661028221?pwd=VXpkSziEd3BYMmx5OU1KTIJIRjEyQT09>

New to Zoom? A “practice meeting” will be held:

Date: May 7, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Practice Meeting Link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81397506888?pwd=VENmYmRURVB5QU5pV1dkVGhSTHN4QT09>

Agenda and Zoom etiquette to follow. For additional information, call Maureen Green at 573-808-0599 or

Barbara Harrison at 660-366-4519

Creating Mini Arrangements for Meals on Wheels

GC selected a floral civic project for 2021. The plan is to create tray-size mini floral arrangements to accompany meals for Meals

on Wheels patrons. The date and time have not been fully planned out but sometime in July is being discussed. Staff felt that patrons would be vaccinated by then. I am planting seed for a cutting garden at Jefferson Farm and Gardens to use for this project. We will be able to go to the farm, cut the plants and make the arrangements there. Karen Blackmore has located enough small jars for the arrangements, so no need to save lids any longer. We will place each design in a plastic bag for Meals on Wheels staff to deliver. Especially during the pandemic, this is a wonderful way of bringing the outside world to those who are isolated. Marie



Instructor's Viewpoint by GINA JOGAN

Contrary to what the title may suggest, NGC Flower Show Schools Design Instructors do not teach school participants how to make a design, but how to judge a design without personal biases. With a working knowledge of the Principles and Elements of Design, the type and/or style of a design, and the criteria for a specific design, any art form can be judged.

Design, using the medium of plant materials, asks the same questions as those of any other work of art. For example, the viewer, whether a veteran FS Judge, a new-to-garden-club member or a member of the public sector, knows inherently that a leaning design lacks balance. So, what are the major questions to ask of designs?

{ Is there a Balance of colors, forms, and textures? Does the design appear stable and visually balanced: left to right, top to bottom and front to back? { Are there Contrasts in colors, forms, and textures? { What is Dominant in the design? Is it a color, texture, specific plant material? Does the design type require something specific to be dominant? { Is the design in Proportion to the Frame of Reference or does it extend beyond the space allotted? Are there enough flowers to foliage and enough design to container? Is there staging (pedestal, cube, or riser) to be considered? { Is the Rhythm easy to follow, through the design, along a specific component or visual path? Is the viewer's eye led out of the Frame of Reference or contained within the design? { Are all the components in Scale (size relationship) with one another? While the Selection of components may be appropriate and unique, Organization might suffer if requirements for specific designs are not followed or vice versa. Without knowing the title of the design, can the viewer surmise from how the components are organized what story, title or theme is being Expressed? Overall, mechanics, workmanship, condition of all components (including plant materials) and staging will determine how Distinctive the work of art or floral design is. In short, the goal of a

Design Instructor is to teach how to judge rather than to teach how to design.

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CGC March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met by Zoom on March 8, 2021. President Betty Connelly called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. with 23 members attending.

Program: Jessie Keith, a communication specialist, from Proven Winners presented a program on "Container Gardening Inspiration" featuring summer container plants suitable for our area. She emphasized finding the best of the best plants. There are three ways to do containers: purchase a garden ready to go, transplant from a hanging basket, or plant your own. Proven Winners has a "Container Garden Recipe Search" with over 1,000 designs on their website. Enter in your desired color scheme, sun exposure, and pot style and size. The recipe will give you the names and amounts of plants for your pot. For every container, drainage is necessary. Glazed or plastic containers are best due to the summer heat, where as, terracotta pots lose a lot of water. Soil should be a quality potting soil, as this is porous and holds water well, and not garden soil. If you are planting shrubs in containers, the soil can be three parts potting soil and one part garden soil, and should be topped off yearly especially around the plant roots. Proven Winners sells a premium all purpose potting soil that feeds plants for up to six months. Fertilizing needs to be done using continuous release granular plant food one time. A water soluble plant food should also be applied every two weeks, after pruning flowers. Watering 101—choose plants that fit your watering habits (how often you are willing to water). Select container size and materials also based on your watering habits. Water when soil is dry before the plants wilt (do the finger poke test). Ways to water your pots—can use "aqua pots" that self-water, waterwise drip irrigation, or hand watering. Pruning of annuals should be done to recharge, reshape, and rebalance a container. There are videos on the P W website to watch on pruning. The top five tips to choosing: Pick plants needing similar growing

conditions; plants with similar growth rates; use a variety of textures, habits, and size; purchase the correct number of plants for the container, copy someone else's great ideas from magazines or other yards you see. Great looking containers should have thrillers for vertical design, fillers to fill in spaces, and spillers for cascading effect. Some other tips: Solo containers also look nice—one variety of plant only. Sweet potato tubers can be kept and over wintered. Salvia is great for pollinators. Bubblegum pink petunias are the number one seller. Blue My Mind evolvulus is heat and drought tolerant and is the best true blue plant (should not be over fertilized). For table tops, use small patio container plants. Edible containers could have peppers, strawberries, tomatoes, and herbs. Perennial containers could have hostas, lavender or shrubs like hydrangeas and roses. You can also mix annuals and perennials. Carolyn Oates obtained "The Gardener's Idea Book" from P W and several members got these books out to others. Extra books are available if you did not get one.

Business Meeting: Betty called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: "Climate is the single most important factor in how plants grow—indeed in what we select to plant in the first place" by Jack Kramer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Evette Nissen, treasurer, reported that we had no financial transactions since the last meeting, and our balance is \$8,627.66.

Committees: Plant Sale will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 24. Set up will be on April 23 inside. Details on times will be sent later. Save boxes and bags for the sale. Repot your plants to sell; Evette has started tomato seeds. Betty has small pots if you need some. We will also have a white elephant sale, but no bake sale.

Garden Tour: This will be on May 10 starting at 8:30 a.m. in small groups. We have five member's gardens to tour. At the end of the tour, we will have lunch outside at Diana Cooksey's home. Everyone should bring their own lunch and lawn chair.

Clean-Up Columbia: This will be April 17 at 9:30 a.m. at McKee Park. Janet Lasley is coordinator; contact her if interested in helping.

Russell Boulevard School: Melissa Kouba said project boxes will be started soon; books will be ordered, and students will be able to come outside and do activities in the garden.

Meals on Wheels: Marie Pasley said we should plan on having about 150 containers—detergent lids or yogurt cups. (Since the meeting we have found out that Karen Blackmore has a friend who has donated enough small glass jars for our flower project).

Central Spring District Meeting: This will be May 12 via Zoom and is open to everyone. Time to be determined later.

April Meeting: This will be a Zoom meeting with Carol Cravens presenting the topic "Plants that Change the Course of History." Barb Rothenberger was originally scheduled to present at this meeting on preserving flowers and leaves. This will be rescheduled when we can meet in person.

-Rita Gerke will get scholarship information to MU. - Fulton is having a garden show on May 27, but it is a closed show.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek



American Fringe Tree