

“Columbia Underground”

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

Editor; Marie Pasley

Upcoming Events

August 10 @ 8:30 CGC meeting in the yard of Marie Pasley “Making Concrete-Draped Pots”
List of items to bring below.

September 14th CGC meeting at 11 am “Lunch in the Park” held at Burford Pavillion at Cosmo Park.

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August 10th CGC Meeting @ 8:30 am

We will meet at the home of Marie Pasley, 3300 N. Hwy Z, to make a “Draped Concrete Pot” or “Stepping Stone”. This will be a fun but messy process, so it is perfect for socially distancing and being outside. The club will provide the concrete mix . Please call Marie if you have not registered for this project if you expect to make a pot or stone.

ALL Members will need to bring: dishwashing gloves (disposable gloves won't hold up to the harsh mix), a chair, water, mask, and whatever else you need for comfort.

Additional supply list below.

For draped pots bring:

-a cloth to make the draped pot, An old towel works best. You may want 2 towels for an extra strength pot.

-an 8” or less plastic pot (for a form)

-a large garbage bag to cover the pot when completed.

-Scissors for cutting cloth

Making stepping stones. The stepping stones will be used in the Russell Blvd. School Garden. If you have a form for the stepping stone, bring it (Betty does have some)

-5 gallon bucket

- small container (cool whip, etc.)



This is a picture of the draped pots. We will be making the smaller ones at this time. Once the pots have been cured you can paint them a color if you prefer. Pots will need to be left in place for 3 days. Directions to Marie's- Take I-70 east to Exit 133/Hwy Z to Centralia. Go 1.8 miles north, house is a gray brick on left side of the road, black top drive. 573-474-5245

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September 14th CGC Meeting

The September 14 meeting will be held at Burford Shelter at Cosmo Park starting at 11 a.m. Please note the earlier start time to avoid the hottest part of the day. Members will bring their own lunch. Members are encouraged to bring guests who might want to join. **Dues need to be paid at this meeting.** An optional plant exchange will also be held.

Bring dues money (\$20) to the September Meeting.

Columbia Garden Club July Minutes



“American Goldfinch”

Description: 4 ½" -5" long, smaller than a sparrow. Breeding male is bright yellow w/white rump, black forehead, white edges on edges of black wings and tail. Female & winter male are duller gray green w/ black wings and white wing bars.

Habitat: thickets, grasslands & nearby trees

Nesting: 4 to 5 pale blue eggs in a well-made grassy cup placed in the fork of small tree or shrub.

Patriot Place Garden

Linda Antal, Connie & Karen Blackmore, Ibby Burggraaff, Betty Connelly, Janet Lasley, and Marie Pasley, enthusiastically weeded, planted, and mulched the Patriot Place flag pole garden on July 29th. They started at 7:30 am and were done by 8:30, what a hard-working, great group of ladies. Thanks so much for your work on this project.

The Columbia Garden Club met by Zoom (for the first time) on July 13, 2000 with 19 members attending. President Betty Connelly called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: Growing a garden and staying out in the fresh air after office hours seemed to give me the strength to meet all problems with greater courage (by Jim G. Brown). Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. Evette Nissen reported the treasury balance is \$9,039.08. Betty thanked all the home-owners who had their yards on the garden tour on June 8—Donna Russell, Carolyn Oates, Hugh Harrison, Ibby Burggraaff, and Diana Cooksey. Many thanks also to Donna Russell for preparing the garden tour booklet and maps to the gardens. The small groups for touring the gardens were great; however, we missed not being able to gather at the end for discussion and lunch, due to social distancing restrictions.

Old Business: Melissa Kouba reported on the \$300 grant we received to have the Monarch Way Station at Russell Boulevard Elementary School. We have a sign to install there when the post is ready. The teachers are wanting mulch to be put down; weeds cleared, and paths made for walking. Work is needed on making more paths to see the garden areas better, and moving plants (when the weather is not too hot and dry), and weeding. We have kits: All the Dirt for soil testing, The Magic Seed for seeds and starters, The Garden Safari for insects, and Life Cycle for rearing monarch and watching them, and Pollinators for parts of insect hotels. Some work days will be scheduled in the future.

New Business: Marie Pasley has been contacted by The Patriot House to help with the garden by the flag pole. She will schedule a work time for volunteers to help with weeding and mulching. Carolyn Doyle moved we approve up to \$100 for

the purchase of mulch for this project; Carolyn Oates seconded. Motion approved. It was determined that we had a quorum with this Zoom meeting. Marie will purchase bagged mulch.

Future meetings: The August 10 meeting will be at Marie's home at 8:30 a.m. There is plenty of room for social distancing, but members are encouraged to bring a mask anyway. Members need to decide ahead of time if they will make a concrete-dropped pot or stepping stones for Russell Boulevard School. The club will pay for the materials, but we need an accurate count of participants so enough materials can be purchased.

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The October 12 meeting will be a Zoom meeting with a speaker, hopefully.

The November 16 meeting will be a Zoom meeting with Carolyn Oates reviewing and facilitating a discussion on the book "Second Nature: A Gardener's Education" by Michael Pollan. Members might want to read this ahead of time; the public library has the book and it is available for purchase at various places.

The December 14 meeting had not been planned. The original meeting was A Christmas Tea, but we will not have this due to social distancing guidelines.

Miscellaneous items: Karen Blackmore reminded everyone to plan to pay dues in September and contact members that we have not heard from recently to encourage payment of dues.

Environmental School I will be held via Zoom over several days in August. Kay Kern mentioned that for a future meeting as a group or individually, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in the St. Louis area is great. This is an independent, not-for-profit research institute dedicated to plant science and improving the human condition. Much research is done for third world nations and feeding the world. Marla Mueller has cucumbers to give away, if you want to go to her home in Rocheport. Donna Russell recommend the book "Well Tended Perennial Garden."

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek



Eggs and nest of the American Goldfinch