

December 2013

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

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## A Note From Our President



The ends of things somehow always seem to set us to thinking, about the past, what we did, what we could've done, but also thinking of the future, what we should do, what we might do better next time.

So--this is close to the end of the Garden Club year, and I think we've done pretty well! Our Youth Garden at Children's Hospital involved many of us in this rather innovative, worth-while project, and it turned out beautifully! And we did ourselves proud hosting the Central District Spring Meeting in March. Members pitched in and helped with various aspects of the job, making centerpieces, bringing treats, setting up, and cleaning up afterward, and just enjoying the meeting with old friends and making new ones.

We enjoyed visiting five of our members' lovely gardens in early summer and put on a terrific flower show in October. We showed our appreciation to our community by participating in clean-up Columbia, by providing fresh flowers to the public library and to the Wyatt Guest House, and by awarding a Yard of the Month recognition during the summer months. And our *Art in Bloom* entry at the Art and Archaeology Museum was a hit--we made the cover of *The Forum*, the FGCM magazine! The spring plant sale went very well, and provided funds for scholarship to a worthy horticulture student at MU.

Our meetings are well attended, we've had interesting programs and have enjoyed getting to know each other, during meetings, projects, and at the just-for-fun BBBs, (Brown Bag Breakfast/Brunch)!

So, what about the future? What can we do differently, better, next year? Well, that's up to all of us. A club can be better than the sum of its parts--and it should be. We have a varied group of members, with varied interests and talents, and it takes all of us to make it work. Everyone's input is necessary, none of us can do everything, but each of us can do something. We may drop some projects and take on new ones, that keeps us on our toes, doesn't it? So we'll all pitch in to make 2014 another great Columbia Garden Club Year.

This is also the end of an innovative term of office, Karen and I are ending the first co-presidency term our club has had, and Alice and Marie will be beginning their first of two years of being co-presidents. I'm confident the club will be as supportive of them as you've been to Karen and I.

See you on the 9<sup>th</sup> for a Happy Holiday lunch and meeting!

Carolyn Doyle  
Co-President



# November Meeting Minutes

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## Columbia Garden Club Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2013

**Called to Order:** Karen Blackmore, co-president called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. She welcomed members and introduced Ruth Ann McCoy, as a new member. 27 members and 2 guest Katie and Sophia Graznak were in attendance.

**Inspiration** was given by Leslie Rosenkrans

**Minutes** of the October meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** was filed to audit with no questions or corrections.

**Conservation-** Gayle Fry, chair offered members information on feeding birds in the winter.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Blue Star Memorial,** Campus- Barb Rothenberger reported that Pete Mileau spoke very positively about putting a blue star marker on campus.

**Landscape Design School-** Alice Havard stated that the school was well attended and received, with 7 CGC members taking the school and 3 others assisting with organization of the school.

**Scholarship-** Barb Schuette, chair reported that due to a change in department heads on campus there has been a delay in scholarship applications but that we have a very worthy candidate at this time. Members felt that we should go ahead and give the scholarship for 2013 now.

**Flower Show-** Carolyn Doyle, chair thanked all that participated and/or worked the flower show. The show received a 95 or above and is eligible to apply for an award, which Carolyn will be applying for this award.

**Committee reports are due** to Carolyn Doyle so that she can put the president's report together by February 1.

**2014 CGC Planning** is going well, Marsha Taylor stated she had program ideas ready for slotting into place and making presenter contacts.

### **New Business**

**December Dinner-** Members decided they did not want to decorate tables but would prefer to keep it simple this year.

**Gift Exchange-** It was decided that members would bring a "garden related" gift for a grab bag exchange to the Christmas luncheon. The item should be wrapped. This is a totally optional exchange with members allowed to participate or NOT.

**Membership** is down, so members were encouraged to recruit new members that would like to participate with a fun, garden oriented group.

**Announcements :** --**The Amish Country Tour has been cancelled for this week due to rain.**

-New officers will be installed at our **December 9, 12 noon meeting.** **Bring a canned product** to donate to the Central Food Pantry. Also **bring a covered dish** to share for the Carry-In luncheon, and optional grab bag gift.

-Members that are interested in ordering tree seedlings from Conservation need to contact Karen Blackmore. Check on line at <http://mdc.mo.gov/seedlings> for what is offered.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm for members to enjoy a program presented by Barb Rothenberger, CGC member and Horticulturist. Barb worked as a designer for weddings for many years. She presented a wonderful program on making corsages and then members tried their hand at making them.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Marie Pasley





## November Treasurer's Report

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Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report  
November 30, 2013

Beginning Balance Checking		\$4,987.21
Deposits		
Membership	\$60.00	
Total Deposits		\$ 60.00
Expenses		
Ck#1897 – MBS Nov. Newsletter	\$2.99	
Ck#1898 – Trinity Pres. Church-Oct.&Nov. Rent	\$50.00	
Ck#1899 – U of Mo. Columbia-Sayde Heckman Scholarship	\$500.00	
Ck#1900 – Carolyn Swope-Hospitality	\$51.98	
Ck#1901 – Carolyn Swope-Hospitality	\$30.29	
Total Expenses		\$ 635.26
Ending Balance Checking		\$4,411.95
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-4-2013		\$3,206.99
Total Assets		\$7,618.94

## Flowers for Wyatt Guesthouse and Library

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I want to thank the following people who took flowers to Wyatt Guesthouse and Daniel Boone Library this past year. A couple of you even signed up more than one time. A big thanks to: Leigh Speichinger, Virginia Itschner, Barb Rothenberger, Patty Purves, Kay Egbert, Mary Redders, Carolyn Adams, Connie Blackmore, Janet Lindstrom, Nancy Bedan, Karen Blackmore, Leona Litteral, Janet Lasley, Alice Harvard, and Evette Nissen.

Lynn Birkby



## Committees for 2014

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All Columbia Garden Club members are asked to sign up for at least one of our committees. Listed below are the names of the committees, the chair and who has signed up for each committee. If you wish to sign up, please contact Alice Havard via e-mail-[ahavard@yahoo.com](mailto:ahavard@yahoo.com) or phone-445-4624.

**Art in Bloom**  
**Karen Blackmore-Chair**

Carolyn Doyle, Connie Blackmore

**Blue Star Memorial**  
**Karen Blackmore and Barb Rothenberger-Chairs**

Carolyn Doyle, Connie Blackmore, Leslie Rosenkrans

**Calling**  
**Kathy Shreves-Chair**

**Children's Hospital**  
**Marie Pasley-Chair**

Carolyn Doyle, Alice Havard

**Clean Up Columbia**  
**Janet Lasley-Chair**

Evette Nissen, Connie Blackmore

**Educational Tour**  
**Marsha Taylor-Chair**

**Flower Show**  
**Carolyn Doyle-Chair**

Alice Havard, Barb Schuette, Rita Gerke, Connie Blackmore

**Only 107 days until Spring!!**

## Committees for 2014 (cont.)

Garden Tour Carolyn Adams-Chair	
Yards on Tour– Evette Nissen, Marie Pasley, Ruth Ann McCoy	NEED 2 MORE!!

Historical Society Garden Alice Havard-Chair	
Carolyn Doyle, Leslie Rosenkrans	

Plant Sale Connie Blackmore, Marsha Taylor-Chairs	
Friday-Annette M., Rita G., Leigh S., Karen B.	
Saturday—Annette M., Rita G., Lynn Birkby, Evette N., Karen B.	

Seeds of Change-Garden Center at Food Pantry Evette Nissen-Chair	
Marie Pasley, Carolyn Doyle, Karen Blackmore, Alice Havard	

Yearbook Karen Blackmore-Chair	
Marsha Taylor	

Hospitality Carolyn Swope, Virginia Itschner and Dee Bauer-Chairs						
January	February	March	April	May	October	November
Lynn Birkby		Marsha T.	Annette M.			Leigh S.
Karen B.			Barb S.			
Marie P.						



The December meeting of the Columbia Garden Club will be Monday, December 9, 2013 at 12:00 noon. This will be a potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift wrapped garden related item. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Central Food Pantry. After the luncheon, the new officers for 2014/2015 will be installed.

### Calendar of Events

Dec. 9—CGC Meeting—12:00 Noon-Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers

Dec. 13-Springfield, MO-Dickensian Christmas Tablescapes - Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and Gardens - Horticultural interpreter Peter Longley presents a series of demonstrations on festive entertaining inspired by the gardens and seasons.

### Hospitality December

### Potluck Luncheon



### Columbia Garden Club

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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