



President's Potpourri

2014 has been a year of celebration for the Columbia Garden Club. We have experienced the old and new, borrowed and blue from January to December. Columbia Garden Club is the old of course, celebrating 95 years since our founding in 1919. Eighty of those years continue as a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri. Our new activities included the "Seeds of Change" project. We assisted University Extension with gardening information, seeds and plants for clients of the local food pantry.

Borrowed was the flower show, as we joined the Daylily Society in "A Daylily by any Other Name..." and learned the rules of a plant society show. Our blue achievement was the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial marker on the University of Missouri Campus. It was a day we will long remember. Thank you, members for a successful year. 2015? We're ready!

Alice

Plant...Protect...Participate

December Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Garden Club will be December 8th at 12:00 noon. This will be a potluck luncheon. Wear your favorite holiday sweater and please bring a dish to share. We will also be collecting non-perishable food for the Central Food Pantry.



November Minutes

Columbia Garden Club Minutes of Meeting November 3, 2014

The Columbia Garden Club met at 1:00 p.m. on November 3, 2014 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The program was presented by Charley and Karen Blackmore regarding the Blue Star Memorial Trail. The presentation consisted of most all of the Blue Star Memorials that have been placed in various cities through the state of Missouri by Garden Clubs in those cities. We all enjoyed the slide show which included photos of the memorials and dates of placement and people who attended the dedications.

The meeting was called to order by Alice Havard.

The inspiration was given by Lynda Blades.

31 – Members 0-Guests 0-New Members

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: We received a copy of hand painted watercolor card from Lucille Wayland, which was passed around for all to see.

Carol Notbohm sent cards to Kathy Shreves and Kay Egbert. Please let Carol know of anyone we want to send a card to.

Committee Reports:

Karen Blackmore reports our Blue Star Memorial will be placed at the Stewart Hall on University Campus on November 11, 2014 at 12:00 noon. All members are encouraged to attend the event, wear something red and stay for a photo to be taken afterwards.

Kathy Shreves reported the Dunlap Garden was dedicated in Jefferson City on August 17, 2014 around a Blue Star Marker.

Barbara Rothenberger reported on Garden Therapy at the Bluffs. The residents enjoyed the flower arranging and are looking forward to the next session on November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at The Bluffs. With the help of volunteers, each resident will have an arrangement to hang on their door. Members are encouraged to bring items for decorations and sign up to help the residents with their project.

Alice Havard reported for Barb Schuette that a young male, who is majoring in agriculture, has been selected for the \$500 scholarship.

Alice Havard reported for Barb Schuette that the Designers Guild plan to have another session next year. The class this year was very successful and everyone who attended the classes enjoyed participating in Flower Arranging.

The 2015 Yearbook is well on its way to be finished per Marie Pasley. Members are asked to please review the signup sheets and volunteer on the committees that interest them. Marsha Taylor reported on some of the programs that we will have for next year. Rita Gerke reported 47 members signed up and paid their dues for 2015.

Minutes (cont.)

Old Business:

A motion was made to change the by-laws and was seconded and passed by a raise of hands. The new wording of the by-laws are as follows:

Article V Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The elected officers of this club shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and two advisory board members. In alternate years the retiring President automatically becomes one of the advisory board members, and only one other will be elected, with the other advisory member elected at the time of officer elections.

Article VI Nominations-Elections-Vacancies

Section 1. Nominations

(a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 members. To be eligible to serve on the committee a member must have attended at least three meetings during the year. The President shall appoint one member from the Executive Board to serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. Two members shall be elected by the assembly at the June general meeting.

New Business:

Marsha Taylor would like any new creative ideas for the program from members that we could do for the next meeting which is our Christmas Luncheon on December 8th at noon. Please e-mail Marsha Taylor with your thoughts and ideas.

Marie Pasley will take over term as president in January 2015. Alice Havard presided this year 2014. Alice Havard and Marie Pasley have shared the 2 year term as presidents.

Announcements:

Alice Havard reports Women's Symphony League Holiday Home Tour needs volunteers to be Docents. Contact Alice to volunteer. The tour will be December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Karen Blackmore reports Kings Daughters will have their annual art and craft at the Expo Center on November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. This will be the last year they will sponsor this event.

Thank you Hostesses: Connie Blackmore, Lynda Blades and Leslie Rosenkrans for the delicious treats for today's meeting.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

All Members of Columbia Garden Club are asked to sign up for at least two of our committees. There will be sign up sheets at the December 8th meeting. If you are unable to be at the meeting, you can contact Alice Havard to sign up for the committees you are interested in. Her contact information is 445-4624 or aehavard@yahoo.com. Some of the committees that need volunteers are: Clean Up Columbia; Garden Therapy at the Bluffs; Flower Show; Historical Society Garden; Hospitality; Plant Sale; Seeds of Change.

November Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report November 20, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$6,149.99
Deposits		
Membership Dues x 6	120.00	
Total Deposits		\$120.00
Expenses		
Ck 1931 – District Dues (47X\$.50)	\$23.50	
Ck 1930 – Donation to DBRL	\$40.00	
Ck 1933 – Dues and Contributions to FGCM	\$570.00	
Ck 1934 – Scholarship Travis Grosz UMC	\$500.00	
Total Expenses		(-\$1,133.50)
Ending Balance Checking		\$5,136.49
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$8,349.90

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Garden Therapy at The Bluffs



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Blue Star Memorial



This is the Blue Star Marker that was dedicated on November 11 at the University of Missouri during their Veteran's Day Ceremony. Our president, Alice Havard spoke at the dedication. Attendees included FGCM President Joyce Lewis as well as many members of Columbia Garden Club.

Help Pollinators This Winter



This is a home for insects over the cold months. Many species will hibernate there, and leave their eggs or young to spend the cold months in safety.

You can make it out of recycled materials like bamboo, plant stems and straw.

To learn how to make this hotel for insects, go to <http://www.daviddomoney.com/2014/08/26/wildlife-garden-step-step-guide-making-insect-hotel/>

Symphoricarpos × *doorenbosii* 'Kordes' AMETHYST



AMETHYST is a deciduous coralberry shrub that is noted for the abundant supply and vivid color of its deep purple pink berries. It typically grows 3-5' tall and as wide. Elliptic to broad ovate dark green leaves (to 1.5" long). Tiny greenish white flowers in short racemes appear in summer, but are somewhat insignificant. Flowers are followed by clusters of globose, purple pink berries (each to 1/2" diameter) that ripen in September and remain on the plant after leaf drop into late fall or early winter. Uses: Shrub border, screen or hedge. Naturalize in open woodland areas. Because of suckering habit, plants may be useful on slopes or banks.

Callicarpa americana




Beautyberry is a loose open shrub valued for its spectacular fruits. The relatively insignificant flowers develop into prolific bright violet to magenta berry-like drupes which encircle the stem. These fruits remain attractive for a long time although they are generally gone before severe winter weather.

The size and loose open habit of beautyberry makes it best for the back of a shrub border where it may be massed in large landscapes or where it may be naturalized. Beautyberry plants are said to bear more fruit if several are planted together.

Ilex verticillata 'Afterglow'



'Afterglow' is a female winterberry that typically matures to 3-6' tall and as wide. It is a compact selection that is smaller and denser than most other winterberry cultivars. It is noted for its dense, heavy fruiting of orange-red berries, with good retention of the fruit throughout winter. This is a slow-growing, deciduous, multi-stemmed, suckering shrub with an upright-rounded habit. Lustrous dark green leaves (to 3" long) turn yellow-bronze in fall. Relatively inconspicuous greenish-white flowers appear in the leaf axils in late spring. Flowers, if properly pollinated, give way to a profuse crop of bright, orange-red berries (3/8" diameter) in fall. Showy berries will persist throughout the winter (hence the common name) and often to early spring. Berries provide considerable impact and interest to the winter landscape. Berries are a food source for birds. 'Afterglow' was introduced



*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the yard
the branches were bare and the ground frozen hard;
The roses were dormant and mulched all around
to protect them from damage if frost heaves the ground.
The perennials were nestled all snug in their beds
while visions of 5-10-5 danced in their heads.
The new-planted shrubs, had been soaked by the hose
to settle their roots for the long winter's doze;
And out on the lawn, the new fallen snow
protected the roots of the grasses below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
but a truck full of gifts of gardening gear.
Saint Nick was the driver - the jolly old elf
and he winked as he said, "I'm a gardener myself.
I've brought wilt-pruf, rootone, and gibberellin, too.
Please try them and see what they do.
To start new plants, a propagating kit.
Sparkling new shears, for the old apple tree.
To seed your new lawn, I've a patented sower;
in case it should grow, here's a new power mower.
For seed-planting days, I've a trowel and a dibble,
and a roll of wire mesh if the rabbits should nibble.
For the feminine gardener, some gadgets she loves;
plant stakes, a sprinkler, and waterproof gloves;
A chemical agent for the compost pit,
and for pH detecting, a soil testing kit.
With these colorful flagstones, lay a new garden path,
for the kids to enjoy, and bird feeder and bath.
And last but not least, some well-rotted manure.
A green Christmas year round, these gifts will ensure."
Then jolly Saint Nick, having emptied his load,
started his truck and took to the road.
And I heard him exclaim through the motor's loud hum
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a green thumb!"*

Written by Richard Jauron, Iowa State University