



# President's Potpourri

The end of another gardening year is upon us. It has been a busy year for CGC working in our community. Members worked to "Clean Up Columbia" at McGee Park, helped to make the FGCM State Convention a success by creating an approximate total 80 centerpieces for the 4 different meals, kept the Boone County Historical Society landscape looking beautiful, worked with the elderly at the Bluffs making unique floral arrangements for their rooms, toured 5 lovely member gardens, displayed an array of horticulture and floral designs for the public, educated members regarding conservation issues, sent uplifting notes to ill members, maintained 4 Storybook Gardens at Women's and Children's Hospital, packaged and handed out seeds for the Central Missouri Food Pantry, shared our plants with the public at our annual plant sale, heard wonderful inspirations at each meeting, helped with a college students education, encouraged community beautification by offering residents "Yard of the Month", developed and presented our community a Blue Star Memorial recognizing our veterans, kept everyone informed via the newsletter and our yearbook. Boy! this sure shows we had a very active year.

This will be my last article as your president. Thanks to all of you for your work to make CGC a great garden club and for making it a great year. My hope is for everyone to have a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends, and fun.

Marie

Plant...Protect...Participate



## December Meeting

Columbia Garden Club will meet on December 14 at 12:00 for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Members are asked to bring holiday foods to share. Members are also asked to bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) to the December meeting for a gift exchange. There will be a prize awarded for most creative, most colorful, and most attractively wrapped gift. We will be collecting canned or boxed food for the Central Food Pantry. The officers for 2016/2017 will be installed after the luncheon.



## November Meeting Minutes

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### COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2015

Columbia Garden Club met at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1:00PM for the November 2, 2015 meeting.

Program: Cathy Salter, “Boomerang Creek” columnist of the Columbia Tribune. We enjoyed listening to Cathy talk about her gardening and life experiences, and how she began to write for the Tribune. She has written and published two books.

Meeting was called to order by Marie Pasley.

30 Members.

Inspiration was read by Lynda Blades.

Horticultural Tip: Mulch flower and bulb beds after the ground freezes to prevent injury to plants from frost heaving.

Happy Birthday was sang to Rita Gerke.

Minutes for October meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.

#### Committee Reports:

Barb Rothenberger and our member volunteers met at the Bluffs to decorate miniature pumpkins for about 20 residents, which they enjoyed. They will meet again on December 17 to decorate Christmas mugs for the residents.

Marie Pasley needs year end reports from committee chairs.

Marsha Taylor has provided sign up sheets for the committees for 2016 Projects.

Karen Blackmore , Karen Brooke and Betty Conley volunteered to chair the Plant Sale.

Marie Pasley volunteered to do the newsletter.

Carolyn Doyle will determine a date with the library for the Flower Show in June.

Janet Lasley will chair Clean Up Columbia on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business:

Proposed budget for 2016 was read by Leigh Speichinger. Carolyn Doyle made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget, Alice Havard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

CGC has 45 members enrolled for 2016. We need to strive to get members that would like to help us keep CGC growing and active in our community.

## Minutes continued

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### Announcements:

Next meeting December 14, 2015 luncheon at noon. Bring your favorite dish to share and also a \$5.00 gift that is creatively decorated. The best decorated gifts will be judged with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place award. Do not forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the Columbia Food Pantry.

KMOS Create Expo is November 7<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm at Parkade Plaza. Joe Lamp'l of Growing a Greener World will give programs at 10:30 and 12:30.

See CGC newsletter for the up coming program on January 28<sup>th</sup>, Symposium on Pollinators at UMC.

Kay Kern announced tickets on sale for the Luncheon of the Holiday Home Tour which is November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Home Tours are December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Presented by the Women's Symphony League, you can purchase tickets on line MoSymphonySociety.org or call 573- 875-0600.

Alice Havard announced Macadoodles is hosting Wine Tasting, admission donations and auction proceeds benefit Boone County Extension on November 15, 2015 1pm to 2pm or 2pm to 5pm.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

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# Treasurer's Report

## Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report December 5, 2015

Beginning Balance Checking		\$4,505.23
Expenses		
Ck. 1984– FGCM Dues and Donations	\$650.00	
Ck. 1985 – FGCM Cent. Dist. Membership	\$22.50	
Ck. 1986 – Reimbursement for delegate attendance FGCM Convention	\$135.00	
Ck. 1987 – Rental Mtg. Room	\$25.00	
Ck. 1988 – Reimbursement for delegate attendance FGCM Convention	\$135.00	
Ck. 1989 - Speaker	\$25.00	
Ck. 1990 – Reimbursement of Membership dues (YOM Winner)	\$20.00	
Ck. 1991 – FGCM Honor Book Inclusion for	\$50.00	
Ck. 1992 – DBRL Annual Memorial Book Gift	\$40.00	
Total Expenses		\$(1,102.50)
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,402.73
Certificate of Deposit Balance		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$6,616.14

## 2016 Perennial Plant of the Year



### Anemone Honorine Jobert

Common Name: Windflower

Zone: 4 to 8

Height: 3.00 to 4.00 feet

Spread: 1.50 to 2.00 feet

Bloom Time: August to September

Bloom Description: White with yellow stamens

Sun: Full sun to part shade

## Committee Sign Up

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Members of Columbia Garden Club are expected to sign up for at least one committee each year. Listed below are the committees and the chairs. If you have not signed up yet, the sign up sheets will be at the December meeting, or you can contact the chair of the committee you are interested in.

Art in Bloom—Karen Blackmore

Children's Hospital Gardens—Marie Pasley

Clean Up Columbia—Janet Lasley

Flower Arrangements Women's Symphony Society Christmas Home Tour—Alice Havard

Flower Show — Carolyn Doyle

Garden Therapy at the Bluffs—Barb Rothenberger

Grow Well Missouri—Evette Nissen

Historical Society Gardens—Alice Havard

Hospitality—Sign up to bring refreshments for a month.

Landscape Project at Patriot Place, the new apartments for veterans.

## 5 Simple Garden Tool Care Tips

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1. Rinse soil off digging tools after each use.
2. Put linseed oil in a bucket of sand and dip tools into the abrasive, lubricating mix a few times after using them. Keep this bucket close to where you store your tools and use it before putting your tools away.
3. Linseed oil is also good for wood handles. Hang a rag near the sand bucket to give a quick wipe to wooden tool handles. Let it dry completely before using the tool. (Do not wad up any oil-soaked rags or put them in an enclosed container as there is combustion risk. Allow the rag to dry in the open between uses and when disposing, dry thoroughly first or soak with water before placing in a closed metal can.)
4. Bring your tools indoors and hang them up. Don't lean them against the garage wall, touching the floor. You don't want them to absorb moisture.
5. Wash pruning shears with soap and a brush to get remove sap and other residues. Dry well and use 3-in-One oil on the pivot point only. Use mineral spirits to remove stubborn residues. When clean, sharpen with a device meant for shears.

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## A Merry Monarch Christmas

It's Christmas time in Mexico  
And the monarchs still arrive every day or so.

They flit and fly among the trees  
And softly glide upon the breeze.

Their colors shine all orange and black  
As they look for spots for a long winters nap.

We hope they survive their winter retreat  
And pray for safety when they're fast asleep.

With visions of milkweed dancing in their head  
They conserve their energy while asleep in their bed.

On spring's arrival when the sun shines longer  
They awake from their slumber and need to get stronger.

They start their journey north without much pause  
For they know they are special, kind of like Santa Claus.

Delivering presents and bundles of joy  
That soon will develop into new girls and boys.

While they complete their cycle with the end drawing near  
They hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

by Melanie Schuchart

