

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

Columbia Underground

President's Potpourri

February is heart month. If you need something to warm and calm your heart take a stroll through the tropical climate at the Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show January 31 to March 22. The show not only highlights hundreds of orchids, they have orchid paintings and hundreds of pollinators traveling throughout the display.

With the warmer weather of the past few days we need to check our gardens for heaving of plants and bulbs. Gently mash them back down into the ground so that roots don't dry out with the winter winds. While in your gardens look for lenten rose and witch hazel blooms some of our first signs of spring coming.

It will soon be critter season so come hear our February speaker, Bob Pierce discuss identification of pests and ways to control them.

Marie

Plant...Protect...Participate

February Meeting

Columbia Garden Club will meet on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 1:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Dr. Robert Pierce, Associate Professor with Extension Fish and Wildlife. He will talk about what can be done to protect our gardens from pests.

Hospitality will be provided by Janet Lasley, Virginia Itschner, and Dee Bauer.



January Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2015

Program: "Chinese Herbal Medicine" presented by Dr. Fred Weaver, owner of "Tao Academy of Kansas City" discussed his studies of holistic and herbal medicines. His presentation included alternative methods of protecting our health and bodies. We learned how different foods affect different parts of our bodies and what we can do to change how we eat and what we eat to become healthier and feel better.

The meeting was called to order by Marie Pasley.

Inspiration was shared by Lynda Blades.

Hospitality was provided by Leigh Speichinger, Carolyn Adams, and Carol Notbohm. Thank you ladies.

32 Members 8 Guests attended.

Birthdays for the Month of January: We sang Happy Birthday to Evette Nissen and Janet Lasley.

Horticultural tip: Check stored summer bulbs such as dahlias, cannas, and gladioli to be sure they are not rotting or drying out.

Yearbook corrections were addressed and corrected at the meeting.

December Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: Thank You note from Alice Havard was read.

Committee Reports: Convention committee asks for members to sign up to be there to help with setting up the designs on the meal tables. Members need to make reservations with Tan-Tar-a, details will be in the Garden Forum. A motion was made by Carolyn Doyle to allow \$30 to be spent for snacks to be available for the members who help. Motion was 2nd by Carolyn Swope and was passed unanimously.

Carolyn Doyle reports Flower Show Committee will be meeting soon. Watch for email.

Phone Tree: Kathy Shreves requests help with calling our members. Carolyn Swope and Diane Poole volunteered to help.

Newsletter: Hardcopies will no longer be in color, due to price increase.

Please email anything you want in the newsletter to Evette Nissen by the 25th of the month.

Old Business: CGC donated 111 pounds of food to the Central Food Pantry.

New Business: Leigh Speichinger proposed Budget for 2015 for approval and any changes. Alice Harvard made a motion for approval and Barb Rothenberger 2nd the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

FGCM is offering one half off Blue Star Memorial costs. A motion was made by Barb Rothenberger that we apply, Rita Gerke 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Karen Blackmore will get more details of placement and expenses which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Carol Nothbohm sent sympathy card from CGC to Bob McConnel's wife.

Announcements: Discovery Garden Club is offering a winter garden forum at the Library on January 25, 2-4 PM, Chris Starbuck will talk on woody ornamentals and Gale McRoberts will discuss landscapes of the Monet style of gardening.

See Karen Blackmore regarding the Blooming Bus Tour trip. She has forms to sign up. There is a \$100 deposit due upfront. Sign up soon if you would like to go.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report January 26, 2015

Beginning Balance Checking		\$5,099.52
Deposits		
Membership x 1	\$20.00	
Total Deposits		\$20.00
Expenses		
Ck 1936 – Reimbursement of Misc. Expenses		
Alice Havard	\$142.30	
Ck 1938 – FGCM Book of Honor for		
Alice Havard	\$50.00	
Ck. 1939 – Reimbursement of Convention		
Registration – Rita Gerke	\$150.00	
Ck. 1940 – Reimbursement of Convention		
Registration-Carol Van Vranken	\$150.00	
Ck. 1941 – Partial reimbursement of Conv.		
Registration-Carolyn Doyle	\$66.66	
Ck. 1942 – Partial reimbursement of Conv.		
Registration-Barb Rothenberger	\$66.66	
Ck. 1943 – Partial reimbursement of Conv.		
Registration-Gayle Fry	\$66.66	
Ck. 1944 – CCUA donation-“Planting		
The Pantry”	\$600.00	
Ck. 1945 – Reimbursement for Yearbooks –		
Evette Nissen	\$82.15	
Ck. 1946 – Trinity Presbyterian Church –		
Rent and Copies	\$27.50	
Ck. 1947 – Dr. Weaver – Speaker	\$25.00	
Ck. 1948 – Evette Nissen – Stamps	\$49.00	
Total Expenses		(-1,475.93)
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,643.59
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$6,857.00

You're Invited!

What: Winter Member Dinner

Date: Friday, February 20th

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

*Who: Cultivator Members, Donor
Circle Members, and quarter row
Planting for the Pantry sponsors*



COLUMBIA CENTER FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

*Please join us for our Second Annual
Winter Member Dinner, where you'll enjoy
a locally-sourced, seasonal meal,
at Main Squeeze.*

*Please RSVP to PR@ColumbiaUrbanAg.org
by February 13th, and indicate the number
in your party.*

*Thank you for your support! We're excited
to kick-off the season with you all in the
best way we know how... with good food
and good friends! See you soon.*

We donated \$600.00 to CCUA for 1/2 of a row for their Planting for the Pantry program. If you would like to attend this dinner, please tell Leigh Speichinger at our February meeting or email her at leighspeichinger@yahoo.com.

The Perennial Plant Association has named *Geranium x cantagrigiense* 'Biokovo' the 2015 Perennial of the Year.

Common Name—Hardy Geranium

Zone— 5-8

Sun—Full sun to part shade

This is a spreading, rhizomatous plant typically growing 6-10" high. The flowers are white tinged with pink and they have pink stamens. Bloom time is May-June. The foliage is medium green., fuzzy and fragrant. This geranium is most often used as a ground cover, and seems to be resistant to deer and rabbit. This plant also attracts butterflies. Biokovo is a naturally occurring hybrid which was discovered in the Biokova Mountains in Croatia.





Our January speaker, Dr. Fred Weaver, with CGC members Alice Havard, Joan Smith and Marsha Taylor.

Things to do in the Garden

- ◆ Beginning the second week in February you can sow seeds of larkspur, sweet peas, Shirley poppies and snapdragons where they are to grow outdoors. To bloom best, these plants must sprout and begin growth well before warm weather arrives.
- ◆ Begin to fertilize house plants as they show signs of new growth.
- ◆ Winter aconite (*Eranthis* sp.) and snowdrops (*Galanthus* sp.) are hardy bulbs for shady gardens that frequently push up through snow to bloom now.
- ◆ Prune fruit trees and grapes and apply dormant oil to fruit trees.

Upcoming Events

January 31-March 22—Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show

February 5—Dr. Doug Tallamy will speak at Missouri Natural Resources Conference . For more information, go to: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1608618>.

February 13-15—Great Backyard Bird Count—For more information, go to: www.BirdCount.org.

February 16—Jump Into Spring—Longfellow's Garden Center—go to: longfellowsgarden.com for more information.

February 28—Spring Gardening Seminar—Central Missouri Master Gardeners—for more information, go to: <http://www.centralmissourimastergardeners.org>

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Many of us are interested in attracting pollinators to our gardens, and one way to do this is to plant native flowers. Many of us also have a problem with deer eating the plants in our gardens. Listed below are 10 native plants that deer probably won't eat. "Nothing is 100 percent deerproof, and what works for your neighbor across the road might not work for you."



Anise Hyssop



Nodding Onion



Wild Bergamot



Virginia Mountain Mint



Swamp Milkweed



American Century Plant



Blanket Flower



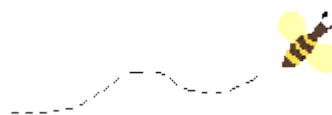
Prairie Smoke



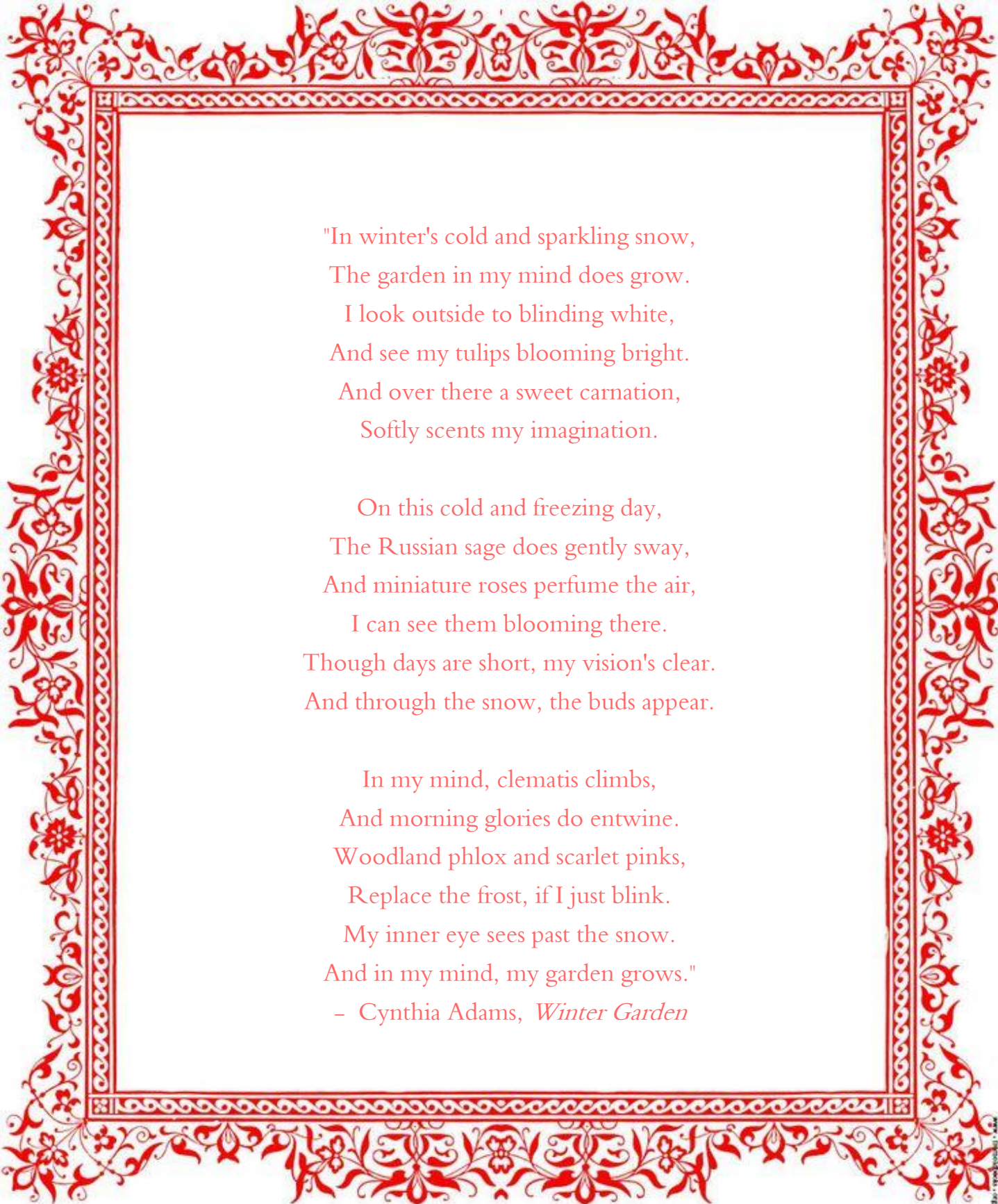
Black-Eyed Susan



Columbine



This information came from Benjamin Vogt, owner of Monarch Gardens, a native plant garden consulting and design firm.



"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.

On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.

In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."
- Cynthia Adams, *Winter Garden*