

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

February 13- CGC monthly meeting 1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church.
Program: “New Plants for 2017” Kerry Meyer, Project Manager for *Proven Winners* will give a power point presentation of the new plants available for 2017.

Feb 13- 11:30 am CGC Patriot Home Landscape Cmt. Meet @ the church

February 1- Deadline for Club Yearbooks and President Reports

February 7 to April 18 Master Gardener Core Class Training

February 9 at 2pm Valentine making at the Bluff's- contact Barb Rothenberger

February 9-March 9 Orchid Show @ Missouri Botanic Garden, St. Louis

February 25- 8am to 4pm- Small Farm to Backyard Garden Mid-Missouri Expo, Battle H.S. Day long workshops. Contact- BoCoExt. 573-445-5245

February 23-26 Art in Bloom, St. Louis Art Museum

March 17-19 Art in Bloom, Columbia Art and Archeology Museum

May 1-4 FGCM Convention in Hannibal

May 11 Central District Flower Show and Spring meeting in Fulton.

August 16- FGCM Day at the State Fair, along with FGCM Flower Show

February 9th at the Bluff's

Barb Rothenberger is planning a “valentine decorating” party for the patients at the Bluff's on February 9th at 2pm. If you have valentine supplies that can be used contact Barb to give her this information. See everyone on the 9th.



*“Flower of the Month for
February is Violet””*

2017 Master Gardener Core Class Training

Want to learn more about gardening? Have you thought about becoming a Master Gardener? A new core class training will be held from February 9 to April 18, 6 to 9 Pm at the Family Impact Center 105 Ash Street, Columbia 65203. Contact Boone County Extension 573-445-9792 for further information.

Bittersweet Garden Club Flower Show Workshop

Bittersweet Garden Club is sponsoring a flower show workshop on February 26th for anyone in Central District. The program will help members to prepare for exhibiting in a flower show. The schedule for the May 11th Central District FS will be reviewed. Presenters, Karen Blackmore and Carolyn Doyle will offer information on getting a plant ready for exhibiting and creating designs. Contact Marie Pasley for further info.

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What Can A Flower Show Do For My Club?

- The planning and staging of the show develops camaraderie among club members
- Provides a chance to meet and connect with potential new members
- Conducting a show educates the club members in floral design and horticulture
- Earning individual and club awards develops and instills personal –pride and confidence
- Showing exhibits of the club’s projects informs members and the public of the club’s community service and partnerships
- As a result of participating in a flower show, members may decide to attend Flower Show School in order to become a judge and thereby be an additional asset to the club and organization as a whole. (from NGC site)

Your Home Garden Needed June 19th

Carolyn Adams needs your garden for the June 19th club garden tour. No need to think this is a

scary prospect, it's just a chance to show others what you are up to in your garden. It gives members a chance to get to know you better and your gardening style. Maybe we've seen your garden but you've done some changing since we last saw it, another great time for us to visit. So contact Carolyn, help make our club a success and fun to be a part of by having your garden on tour.

Facebook with CGC

Remember to Facebook CGC. Don't know how? www.Facebook.com will take you to the site, then sign up for the feature. Click "Search", type in Columbia Garden Club on your Facebook page then click on "like" once the page comes up. "Likes" will spread the word about us and allow others to get informed about us. Maybe we'll get some new members.

Notices

- Our sympathy goes to Lynda Blades after the recent passing of her husband after a long illness.
- Kay Egbert is undergoing chemo treatment for her cancer. Show you are thinking of her with a card. Send to: 2308 Deer Creek Court, Columbia 65201.
- Having trouble hearing at our garden club meetings? A microphone will be provided for speakers to use (started in January).
- CGC members donated 117 pounds of food & \$50 at the December meeting to the Columbia Food Pantry.
- Contact Carol Notbohm with any info regarding illness, surgeries of our members or deaths in their families. She will send a card.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB JANUARY 9, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

Program: "Blue Birds Year Round" presented by Regina Garr of the Missouri Bluebird Society. Regina presented a slide show and talked about bluebirds that are here year round in Missouri. Everyone enjoyed and learned something new about our beautiful state bird. Door prizes and handouts about blue birds were given after the presentation.

Marsha Taylor called the meeting to order.

Lynda Blades read the inspiration.

Connie Blackmore presented instructions on how to make a birdseed wreath along with a sample of the finished product.

Garden Tip: Look for signs of wild life feeding on saplings: deer create a ragged cut; rabbits, a neat 45 degree slice.

December Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
28 Members 2 Guests attended January meeting.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Hospitality Thanks to Carolyn Adams, Rita Gerke, Janet Lasley and Arlene Heins.

Committees:

-Leigh Speichinger reported on the budget for 2017. Marie Pasley moved we pass the budget as written for 2017, Carolyn Doyle 2nd, motion passed.

-Barb Rothenberger and committee will be meeting at the Bluffs at 2:00pm on February 9th, 2017 to help residents make valentine cards. Members are encouraged to help by bringing valentine stickers for the project.

-Carolyn Adams reports on the Garden Tour for 2017. 4 volunteers are needed to show their garden/yard on June 19th. Karen Brooke has offered her yard for the tour in September.

-Marie Pasley will have a committee meeting at her home on January 23rd at 1:30pm to discuss and plan the landscape project at the Patriot House. She invites all to attend who are interested in this project.

-Central District Flower Show is May 11 in Fulton. All members are encouraged to participate whether it be making a design or exhibiting horticulture.

-Karen Blackmore encouraged members to sign up for the **Blooming Bus Tour** in June, see the Garden Forum for registration.

-The **2017 FGCM State Convention will be held in Hannibal May 1st thru 4th. Karen Blackmore will be installed as the FGCM President**, all members are encouraged to attend if possible to support Karen. The Garden Forum has the registration form on pages 32 and 33. The Columbia Garden Club will host the reception for Karen Blackmore.

New Business: Marie Pasley reports the Central District Flower Show will have a "Garden Cart" Raffle at their show this year. Each club is to donate a gardening item worth at least \$25 to this cart. Marie moved we donate \$25.00 for a gift for that. Carolyn Swope 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements:

-Marsha Taylor is asking for help on how we can increase the number of members in our club. Any ideas to attract new members is appreciated. We have 43 members this year, and would like to have more. Rebecca Smith and Lynn Birkby volunteered to help with advertizing about our club.

-Discovery Garden Club will have a program on "A Winter Garden Forum" presented by Vintage Hill owner Jeff Oberhaus and Tim Maloney, Lead Landscape Designer for Rost Landscaping on January 29th at Columbia Public Library from 1:30 to 3:30. Refreshments will be served.

-Please let Carol Notbohm know of anyone we need to send cards to. Our members need to know we are thinking of them and care about them at difficult times.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary