

“Columbia Underground”

Member National Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, and Central District

Upcoming Events

February 1- President Report & Yearbook due

February 12 – CGC Monthly meeting 1pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Program: “New Annuals & Tropicals” presented by Jeff Oberhaus, owner Vintage Hills Nursery (Hospitality- Carolyn Adams, Janet Lasley, Carol Notbohm)

February 3-28- Orchid Show at Mo. Botanic Garden in St. Louis

February 16 to 19- Great Backyard Bird Count

February 24 - Mid Mo Expo- 9-3 at Battle H.S.- Backyard & Small Farm Educational workshops.

February 27 thru May 8- Master Gardener Course, Tuesday evening 6 to 9 at Boone Electric Coop Community Room.

March 16 & 17 - HBA & KMOS TV Home Show at Parkade Plaza- Friday 4 to 8 pm, Saturday 10 to 6 pm

May 7 to 10 - FGCM 85th State Convention Adams Point Conference Center, Blue Springs

June 4-8 FGCM “Bloomin Bus Tour” to Cincinnati- Always Fun- contact Carolyn Oates for further info

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Remember to invite your friends, and relatives to join CGC. We want to raise our membership by 10% in 2018.



Cedar Waxwings feast on cedar berries & other fruit this month.

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Check out the January/February 2018 edition of *the Missouri Gardener* for Karen Blackmore’s article promoting NGC, FGCM, and Columbia Garden Club. Great article! Thank you, Karen.

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2018 Yearbooks

2018 CGC yearbooks will be available at the February 12th monthly meeting. Please remember to get yours.

Mid-Mo Expo

Mid-Mo Expo- Small Farm to Backyard Garden will be on February 24 at Battle H.S. Full day of educational workshops range from Pest/Insect ID, Fencing, Small Animals, Hops Production, Lawn & Garden Care, and Management. Cost \$7 in advance, \$10 day of event. Also vendors, food, demos, raffles, and silent auction.

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Become a Master Gardener

Love gardening and want to broaden your garden knowledge, become a Master Gardener. A new Master Gardener Class is starting Tuesday evenings February 27 thru May 8 at Boone Electric Community room. Contact Boone County Extension 573-445-9792 for more information.

Japanese Beetles

It will soon be time for Japanese beetles again. I usually see them in my yard around mid- June. Japanese beetles are wintering over in the soil as a ½" white grub, about half the size of the June beetle grub that we have had for years. I prefer to treat organically when possible. These are some of the organic treatments I've discovered. Traps for adult beetles use a pheromone that lures beetles into the trap, doesn't lure just your beetles but from up to a ½ mile away. We used these last year but found a larger trap was needed so we attached a 5 gallon bucket in the place of the bag, then the trap held many more beetles and we didn't have to empty it as often. Milky spore attacks the grub, best applied in early August. Milky spore multiplies in the soil over time attacking more grubs. Picking the beetles and drowning or suffocating them works but it is time consuming. Get more information from the Iowa State University site below.

<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/2010/7-14/japanesebeetle.html>

Miscellaneous February Garden Tips

- **Weeks 1-4:** To avoid injury to lawns, keep foot traffic to a minimum when soils are wet or frozen.

- **Weeks 1-4:** When sowing seeds indoors, be sure to use sterile soil mediums to prevent diseases. As soon as seeds sprout, provide ample light to encourage stocky growth.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Repot any root-bound house plants now before vigorous growth occurs. Choose a new container that is only 1 or 2 inches larger in diameter than the old pot.
- **Weeks 1-4:** To extend the vase life of cut flowers you should: 1. - Recut stems underwater with a sharp knife. 2. - Remove any stem foliage that would be underwater. 3. - Use a commercial flower preservative. 4. - Display flowers in a cool spot, away from direct sunlight.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Now is a good time to learn to identify trees by their winter twigs and buds.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Branches of pussy willow, quince, crabapple, forsythia, pear and flowering cherry may be forced indoors. Place cut stems in a vase of water and change the water every 4 days.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Watch for squirrels feeding on the tender, swollen buds of Elms, Hickories, Oaks and other trees as spring approaches.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Maple sugaring time is here! Freezing nights and mild days make the sap flow.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Begin to fertilize house plants as they show signs of new growth. Plants that are still resting should receive no fertilizers yet.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Now is a good time to apply appropriate sprays for the control of lawn weeds such as chickweed and dandelion.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Tall and leggy house plants such as dracaena, dieffenbachia and rubber plants may be air layered now.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Save grape vine prunings for making into attractive wreaths and other craft objects.
- **Week 4:** Late winter storms often bury birds' natural food supplies and a well stocked feeding station will provide a life-giving haven for our feathered friends.
- **Week 4:** Encourage birds to nest in your yard by providing water and by putting up bird houses. Planting suitable shrubs, trees, vines and evergreens will provide wild food sources and nesting habitat.
- *Gardening Calendar supplied by the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis,*

Columbia Garden Club January 8, 2018

Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church with 23 members and one guest; Sue Jesse. Karen Wolfe and Mary Nesladek are new members this year.

The meeting was called to order by president, Carolyn Oates.

The program was given by Jackie Schneider, Yoga instructor. She led the group in a class on "Chair Yoga" followed by a question and answer session. Classes are available at the ARK on a variety of Yoga techniques.

Inspiration was given by Dee Bauer.

The Horticulture/Design tip was taken from our club yearbook. Carolyn Doyle reported that she had purchased a suet feeder that was very easy to use hanging the feeder on higher limbs. Members wanted to know if considering the dry fall & winter if we should be watering this winter. It was said that the rule of thumb was to water on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's day, if the ground was not frozen. And that in dry years mulch was doubly important to keep plants from heaving due to the freezes and thaws.

Minutes of the previous meeting were published in the newsletter. Carolyn Doyle moved that minutes be accepted; motion seconded by Leigh Speichinger. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Evette Nissen had received the books from the auditor, who found them to be correct. The current balance is \$6681. This includes the CD. Past Treasurer, Leigh Speichinger reported that there were no outstanding bills unpaid for 2017.

Committee Reports

Plant Sale: Betty Connelly announced that the plant sale is scheduled for April 20 for members, April 21 for the public.

Year Book- Rita Gerke did not have the new yearbooks, there was a mechanical problem at

the printers and she hoped to have them this week. President, Carolyn Oates said that she would have copies at McAdam's Limited for anyone who needed a book right away.

Flower Show- will be September 15 at the CPLibrary. Everyone is asked to participate, those who do not enter the FS can help with set-up hospitality, entries, etc.

Art in Bloom- Columbia show dates March 16-18. The St. Louis show is March 2-4 at the St. Louis Art Museum.

Clean Up Columbia- is April 14.

The Blooming Bus Tour is June 4-8 in Ohio. The

National Convention will be April 2-7 in Atlanta, GA.

Other dates of interest:

-March 19-20 Environmental Studies School at Mo. Botanic Garden in St. Louis.

-April 12-13 Garden Study School III in Boone, Iowa

-March 20 & April 17 Floral Design workshops in St. Louis.

- May 7-10 FGCM State Convention in Blue Springs at the Marriot Hotel.

-Wednesday, Feb. 7 yearbook evaluations are in Tipton. Each club in CD is asked to send two representatives. Deadline for entry of yearbooks is Feb. 1. And the Eldon GC will need to know who is coming by Feb. 5 Rita Gerke volunteered to be a representative.

Marsha Taylor asked for input on the President report, due Feb. 1.

Hospitality for February will be done by: Carolyn Adams, Janet Lasley, and Carol Notbohm. The program will be by Jeff Oberhaus on new annuals and tropical. There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by secretary,

Lynda Blades.