

January 2013

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

Columbia Underground

Today's Labor, Tomorrow's Reward

A Note From The President

How do you feel about change? I'm not talking about the small change that fills your coin purse, but the changes that occur in our lives. Some are inevitable, (like getting older!), and some we have some control over, hmm, should I change my hairstyle? Or color?!!

Do you resist change in your life? It's a nice, comfortable, safe feeling, to know what's going to happen next, and would I even be able to handle a new challenge? Or do you welcome new experiences, hate to feel you're getting into a rut, and eagerly look forward to whatever life throws at you?

I think I, (and probably most of us), are a combination of the two, although we may lean toward one end or the other of the spectrum.

I guess we all tend to re-evaluate ourselves with the onset of a new year, whether we make resolutions or not. I've been thinking of the coming Garden Club year, and what new, different and exciting events we have planned. Will we be up to it? Sure we will!

Our club is hosting the Spring Central District meeting in March, which will be the first time for many of our members, and we'll need the help of everyone in the club. It's a fun event, you meet new friends, and greet old ones, and even learn a little in the process.

And our Central Missouri Flower Show Judges' Council is hosting a Symposium in June here in Columbia. While not strictly a CGC project, the majority of the members of this council are members of this club, and we'll be asked for some help. Even if you have no desire to become a flower show judge, it's an interesting event, and a great learning experience.

And speaking of flower shows, ours this year is in October. Talk about a challenge! Let's see, what will still be in bloom then, and what kinds of horticulture will be available? Designs will be fun, though, with maybe some dried arrangements, and pretty fall colors.

In addition to all these opportunities to step out of your comfort zone, and get involved, a slate of new officers will be nominated in the fall of 2013. Every past president I've talked to has thought, when they were first elected, 'I don't know if I can do this', and every one has done it! And being secretary or treasurer is a good way to ease into and learn what's involved in the 'business' end of our organization.

So...we have a great club, let's keep it going. Join, or even chair, a committee. Attend a new event. Enter a design in the flower show! Just a little change, a new experience, an opportunity to learn, to serve our community, will spice up our lives!

Here's to a wonderful, challenging, fulfilling New Year in 2013.

Carolyn Doyle, Co-President



December Meeting Minutes

Columbia Garden Club December 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

All enjoyed the many treats furnished by club members for our annual Christmas luncheon. Karen Blackmore read a story about St. Peter's Report on Lawns. It was an interesting take on the unnecessary lawn mowing and weed eradication that we do.

Carolyn Doyle, co-president called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. 32 members were in attendance with 4 guests; Patty Purvis, George Osborne, and Katie and infant daughter Sylvia Graznik.

Carolyn thanked the table captains for their work in setting up for decorating the tables. Each table had a very different look, with all being beautifully decorated.

Karen Blackmore presented the horticulture tip: holly needs a male and female plant to produce berries. She also displayed wreath designs using fresh evergreens.

Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report with no corrections or additions was filed for audit.

No old business.

New Business- Karen will have the yearbooks completed for the January meeting. Due to the death of her sister she was unable to complete it for December meeting. She did ask that members notify her with any changes that they might have this week.

Karen presented Mary Jane Wheeling, past CGC president with a going away gift. Karen thanked her for work she did for CGC. Mary Jane will be moving to West Virginia.

Kathy Shreves joined CGC in 1953 and Liz Kucera joined in 1955 both are still members and attended the Christmas luncheon. Congratulations ladies!!

Announcement

Emily Bonwich announced that Marie Crenshaw had passed away December 2. She received this info from someone in Marie's church. There was no announcement in the paper.

The Mizzou Botanic Garden is hosting a Garden Plant Fashion Show on January 4, 7 pm at Stotler Hall on campus. It should be a fun evening for gardeners.

Adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by secretary Marie Pasley.



Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report December 31, 2012

Beginning Balance Checking		4,151.06
Deposits		
Expenses		
Ck#1838 Trinity Pres. Church Dec. Rent		25.00
Ck#1839 MBS – December Newsletter		13.77
Total Expenses		(-38.77)
Ending Balance Checking		4,112.29
Certificate of Deposit Balance	5-3-12	3,189.45
Total Assets		7,301.74

Calendar of Events

January 14—Columbia
Garden Club Meeting-
Dinise Mustain

January 15-Smokey
Bear/Woodsy Owl post-
ers to FGCM

January 25-Club Public-
ity Press books to
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Hospitality

January Meeting

Marie Pasley
Carolyn Swope



Columbia Garden Club

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Doyle

Karen Blackmore

1st VP: Barbara Rothenberger

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Meetings take place at Trinity
Presbyterian Church, 1600 West
Rollins Road. Columbia, MO

January Program

Our speaker for January is Dinise Mustain. Dinise has been a learning specialist for 23 years with a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in reading from the University of Missouri. She creates original pressed botanical collage pieces composed of plants and ephemera mostly grown and collected by the artist herself then pressed using the latest techniques. After pressing, Dinise uses pieces of the plants as media similar to mosaic tiles, where a hundred individual petals may be placed to create a textured skirt or a forest rug. Her subjects are the Spirits she sees in natural world. Dinise creates original pieces that are shown at fine art shows throughout the Midwest. She also makes reproductions of her original work as cards and prints. You can see her artwork at her website: dinise-mustain.com

Recycling Tip



Don't recycle gift bags right away! Their soft, sturdy fabric handles are a ready-made way to tie back plants that need extra support. And you'll never have to worry about them damaging fragile stems of transplants or new growth.

Press Release From Mizzou Botanic Garden

Mizzou Botanic Garden hosts renowned horticulturalist Michael Dirr and retired Georgia football coach Vince Dooley

Mizzou Botanic Garden will host its first **plant fashion show at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, in Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union**, showcasing nearly 30 new plants from national growers for the 2013 growing season.

Original fashion designs from students in the MU Textile and Apparel Management department will also be featured. Tickets, which include coffee and dessert, will be \$5 at the door and a cash bar will be available. Special guests, retired Georgia football Coach Vince Dooley and Georgia horticulture Professor Michael Dirr, will also be in attendance and will be available to sign your personal copies of their books after the show.

Dirr and Dooley will lead a winter **plant walk beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2206 AB&C MU Student Center**. Tickets are \$20 for Friends of the Garden members and \$25 for non-members. Coffee, pastries and lunch are included with the price of the ticket. Tickets are available for purchase at the General Services Building front desk from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Jan. 4. Please bring check payable to the Mizzou Botanic Garden or cash in the exact amount only.

A renowned football coach and a passionate gardener, Coach Dooley will join his friend and neighbor, Professor Mike Dirr, as they visit Mizzou Botanic Garden. For 25 years as head football coach at the University of Georgia and later serving as the school's athletic director, Vince Dooley has become one of the state's most beloved sports icons. The former coach recently wrote 'Vince Dooley's Garden - The Horticultural Journey of a Football Coach' in which he talks of his love for his garden.

Michael A. Dirr's teaching, research, and writing have made an impact on the green industry. Dirr's "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants" is a leading horticultural text and reference work, and, along with his "Reference Manual of Woody Plant Propagation," have become the go-to texts for the landscape and nursery industry.

Mizzou Botanic Garden, in partnership with the National Green Centre, is proud to welcome Dirr and Dooley to the University of Missouri.

Mizzou Botanic Garden comprises the entire campus and includes eleven thematic and seven special collection gardens. The Mizzou Botanic garden is open year-around and is free to the public. For more information about the Mizzou Botanic Garden visit: <http://gardens.missouri.edu>. For more information about the National Green Centre visit: <http://www.nationalgreencentre.org/>



New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners

- Resolve to reduce your dependence on chemicals in the garden. Use cultural and physical controls before reaching for the chemicals. Choose pest-resistant plants and promote optimum health by providing for their cultural needs. Attract beneficial insects such as lady beetles, green lacewings, and beneficial wasps to your garden to help control the “bad bugs.” Appreciate and encourage the anoles, toads, spiders, and other creatures that help control the pests. Learn about integrated pest management and use its principles to help you reach your goals.
- If you have to resort to strong measures, resolve to do so knowledgeably. Correctly diagnose insect and disease problems in the garden. Don't guess and apply an insecticide or other substance unless you know what you're treating. Insecticides and poisons are very specific. What will kill one insect or disease will not affect another one. Plan to take your plant problems to the Extension office or to a garden center for a positive diagnosis. Then learn which substance will most effectively solve your problem with the least harm to the environment and yourself.
- Resolve to water your plants and lawn correctly. Water deeply and infrequently to develop deep roots. Irrigate early in the morning to allow for the greatest number of drying hours. Be sure that a device is on the sprinkler system that cuts it off in the event of rain. Mulch beds and shrubs to conserve moisture and choose drought-resistant plants.
- Resolve to learn more about gardening from books, newspaper articles, and magazines. Subscribe to a couple of good gardening magazines, and make use of the horticulture books in your library. Add a few good references to your own bookshelf, and use them when selecting plants and deciding where to place them in the landscape.
- Resolve to enjoy your garden more. Spend more time looking rather than working. Stop obsessing about perfection and learn to live with the garden even if it leaves a bit to be desired. Enjoy the garden for what it should be—a place of beauty to relax and enjoy instead of a constant labor-intensive chore.

Written by Marie Harrison for Dave's Garden Newsletter



2013 Perennial Plant of the Year

The Perennial Plant Association has announced that *Polygatum odoratum* 'Variegatum', commonly known as Variegated Solomon's Seal, has been selected as the 2013 Perennial Plant of the Year. Solomon's Seal is a shade loving plant that is hardy to zone 4. It has a white bloom in mid-spring, but is primarily grown for its foliage. The plant is attractive to bees, butterflies and birds, but is deer resistant. It requires consistently moist soil.

Horticulture for Fall Flower Show

Since our flower show is in October this year, we have to change our mind set as to what plants we will bring for the horticulture portion of the show. Now is the time to be thinking about new plants we might want to add to our garden that will be blooming in the fall. Following are some examples you might want to consider.



Sunflowers

Sunflowers belong to the genus *Helianthus*, which contains over 80 different species. The sunflower that most people refer to is *Helianthus annuus*, meaning annual sunflower. 38 species of *Helianthus* are perennial. There are many varieties of annual sunflowers to choose from, from the dwarfs to the giants, from the bright yellows to the husky reds. Annual sunflowers are very easy to grow from seed, and they are a good food source for the birds.



Bluebeard *Caryopteris*

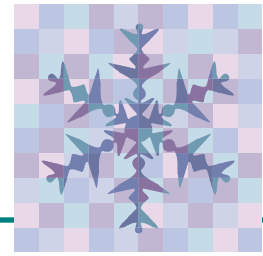
This plant likes sun and is hardy to zone 4. It is a perennial/shrub that grows 2-3 feet tall and 2-3 foot wide. It attracts butterflies and is deer resistant. It is also drought tolerant.



Dahlia

Dahlias are easy plants to grow and yield beautiful blooms from mid-summer through fall. There is a huge range of colors and forms of dahlias. Dahlias are summer blooming tubers that are generally only hardy in USDA zones 7-11. In the majority of the country, Dahlias must be planted each spring and then cut back and dug each fall after the first killing frost. Dahlia plants grow and bloom best in full sun. Dahlias tolerate most soil types, but prefer a sandy, well drained, slightly acidic soil with a pH of 6.2- 6.5.

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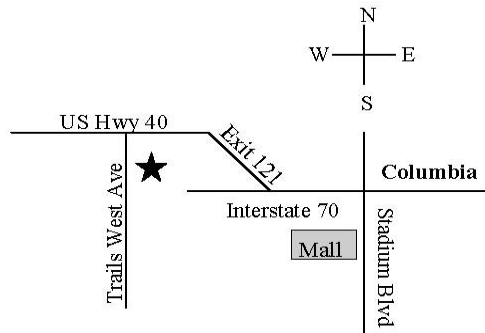


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