



President's Potpourri

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We finished our year with 111 pounds of food donated to the Central Food Pantry from our Christmas party. Now we start another exciting garden club year. Marsha has lined up many interesting programs for our enjoyment. Besides all of our continuing projects Central District is hosting the 2015 FGCM Convention. Our club members are responsible for centerpieces for all of the meals. We will need lots of help and hope that several of you can attend the conference this year to help us. The conferences have fun tours and workshops to attend and are a great time to network with other clubs to see what they are doing. The design program on Tuesday night will highlight Columbia's Jeremy Estes of Kent's Florist.

I look forward to being your new president this year and working with everyone. I'm sure we will have plenty of opportunities to *Plant, Protect, and Participate* with CGC in 2015.

Marie

January Meeting

The program for our January 12 meeting will be Chinese Herbal Medicine. Dr. Fred Weaver, owner of Tao Academy of Kansas City will present a slide show on China and discuss his studies of holistic and herbal medicines while in China.

Hostesses for January are: Leigh Speichinger, Carolyn Adams and Carol Notbohm.



December Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MINUTES OF MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2014

Columbia Garden Club met for our annual Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Each member brought their favorite dish and shared recipes. The members also brought canned goods for the Food Pantry.

The meeting was called to order by Alice Havard .

Inspiration was read by Lynda Blades.

29 Members in attendance. New Member : Joan Smith

Minutes for November Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

Courtesy report by Carol Notbohm: Kathy Shreves is doing much better.

Committee Reports:

Karen Blackmore reported Blue Star Memorial dedication was well attended by our club and the public despite the bitter cold weather. Alice Havard was applauded for an outstanding presentation of the memorial from our club in memory and honor of all our veterans for their past and present sacrifices . It was a very moving ceremony for all of us that attended. We thank Karen Blackmore and Barb Rothenberger for accomplishing our goal to place the marker in a special place.

2015 Yearbooks were distributed thanks to Karen Blackmore and Marie Pasley. If any corrections are needed please let them know.

State Board Meeting by-law change recommendations will be in the Forum, voted on by delegates at the convention in April, standing rules approved.

Officer comments: Presidents report is due February 1, 2015

Old Business: If you wish to go on the Blooming Bus Tour, you must sign up and pay your deposit of \$100. Contact Karen Blackmore

New Business: Road Scholars has a 5 day trip sponsored by Road Scholars, contact Carolyn Oats for more information.

All Members and Officers were thanked for their service and dedication this past year.

Alice Havard handed the Gavel over to Marie Pasley for her Presidential term for 2015.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report December 19, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$5,136.49
Expenses		
Ck 1935 – Carolyn Swope - Hospitality	\$30.44	
Ck 1937 – Rita Gerke - Stationary	\$6.53	
Total Expenses		(-36.97)
Ending Balance Checking		\$5,099.52
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$8,312.93

Membership

Joan Smith has renewed her membership so please add her information to your yearbook.

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"The shortest day has passed, and whatever nastiness of weather we may look forward to in January and February, at least we notice that the days are getting longer. Minute by minute they lengthen out. It takes some weeks before we become aware of the change. It is imperceptible even as the growth of a child, as you watch it day by day, until the moment comes when with a start of delighted surprise we realize that we can stay out of doors in a twilight lasting for another quarter of a precious hour."

- Vita Sackville-West

Heuchera for the Shade Garden

Heuchera, also known as coral bells, or alumroot is just about the perfect shade plant. It is low-maintenance, has attractive flowers, is drought tolerant and deer resistant and has numerous color options. Coral bells get their name from their small, reddish-pink flowers. It is also called alumroot because of the alum-like properties of the roots which were used by Native Americans as a wound treatment. Since the mid-1980's there has been a rapid increase of new varieties of Heuchera created by breeders. Mt. Cuba Center in Hockessin, Delaware decided to run a trial and find the best Heuchera cultivars for the mid-Atlantic region. They evaluated 83 different cultivars from 2012-2014. Plants were judged based on their vigor, fullness, and uniformity. Following are their top 10 choices. The mid-Atlantic climate is comparable to our climate, so these varieties should do well here too.



Heuchera 'Citronelle'

This is a large and vigorous cultivar, growing 14" high by 30" wide after three years. The leaves emerge electric-yellow in the spring and slowly fade to bright chartreuse. It needs shade all day long or the leaves will turn white. The flower is white.



Heuchera 'Cajun Fire'

This is a medium sized, low-growing cultivar (9" high X 22" wide). The leaves emerge plum purple in spring and mature to a reddish purple by early summer. The flowers are white and really stand out against the dark red foliage.



Heuchera villosa 'Bronze Wave'

This is a large cultivar (18" high X 38" wide after three years). The open habit allows you to see the purple underside of the leaf. The flowers are white and by the third year each plant had 60 flower stalks.



Heuchera 'Color Dream'

This is a mounding plant that grows 12" high X 28" wide. The foliage emerges silver with dark hues of purple and green. As the season progresses they blend to make a silvery leaf with blue-green undertones and dark green veins. The blooms are white, but are sparse.



Heuchera 'Steel City'

Steel City is a medium sized cultivar (12"high X 30" wide). In spring, the leaves are muted silver with a purple blush. They mature to a bluish green. The flowers are pink. This is one of the few plants that excelled in all categories of beauty, performance and floral display.



Heuchera 'Caramel'

Caramel has large fuzzy leaves that create a dense mound of foliage (15" high X 30" wide). The leaves are peach-colored in spring and age to a pale orange-yellow. Flowers are white.



Heuchera 'Apple Crisp'

This is a petite cultivar, just 6" high X 12" wide. The leaves are highly ruffled, medium green with a faint silver vein. Flowers are white.



Heuchera 'Frosted Violet'

This cultivar is 14" high X 34" wide. In spring and fall, the foliage is mostly purple but is bluish-green during the summer. The flowers open pink, fade to white and then green.

Heuchera, continued



Heuchera 'Southern Comfort'

Southern Comfort is large (14"highX34"wide). It has peach-colored leaves that fade to pale orange-yellow. This one does not flower.



Heuchera 'Spellbound'

Spellbound forms dense mounds of foliage (12" high X 30" wide). The silver leaves have black veins and have pink highlights in cooler weather. Flowers are pale yellow.

If you want to see the ratings for all 83 of the Heuchera, go to <http://www.mtcubacenter.org/plant-trials/category/heuchera-evaluation-2012-2014/>

Thanks to Barb Rothenberger for passing this information to me.

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Butterfly and Hummingbird Certificates

While you are planning your garden for this year, why not think about applying for a Butterfly or Hummingbird Garden Certificate through FGCM. It is a fairly simple process. Listed below is part of the application for the Butterfly Garden.

Tell us about your Butterfly Garden Please circle yes or no

Garden located your garden in a sunny area?	Yes	No
Contain planted nectar-producing plants?	Yes	No
Contain lots of single flowers rather than double flowers?	Yes	No
Use large splashes of color in your landscape?	Yes	No
Plan for continuous bloom throughout the growing season?	Yes	No
Include host plants in the garden design?	Yes	No
Damp areas or shallow puddles?	Yes	No
Do you have: flat stones, trees, shrubs, vines that are adaptable for the butterflies to take cover?	Yes	No

Please write a brief description of your garden: _____

The approximate size of my garden is _____

List trees, shrubs, flowers and vines that exist in or are near your butterfly garden. (Common names will be O.K.)

Name butterflies that frequently visit your garden _____

Enclose with this application three pictures of your Butterfly Garden. Please sign your name _____

For the complete application: go to <http://www.fgcmo.org/home/club-officers-toolbox/president-report-form> Click on the FGCM Hummingbird Application, or the FGCM Butterfly Garden Application.