

June 2015

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

# Columbia Underground

## President's Potpourri

May has been another busy month with members working on our many projects. Thanks to Carolyn Doyle for coordinating another successful flower show. It was great to see several of our new members participating in this event. The public looks forward to the show each year.

April didn't bring a lot of showers but Mother Nature has made up for it in the month of May. The rain has provided us with a lot of grass to mow and gardens to weed. The June program "Identifying Weeds in the Garden" by Master Gardener, Billie Long should help us to eradicate some of the pesky things.

It is also time to start thinking about officers for the 2016 & 17 CGC year. A nominating committee will be formed at our June meeting, so please consider volunteering to be on it. Participating in your club will make it a stronger, successful organization. See you in June.

Marie

Plant...Protect...Participate



### June Meeting

Billie Long, Advanced Master Gardener will give a power point presentation on identifying weeds in our landscapes and discuss what to do with them.

Hospitality

Kay Egbert  
Evette Nissen  
Marie Pasley

We do not meet in July or August, and there will not be a newsletter for those months. See you in September!

Columbia Garden Club

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# May Meeting Minutes

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## COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

### MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 11, 2015

The Columbia Garden Club met on May 11, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Marie Pasley at 1:00pm.

Hospitality: Jane Abel, Linda Rubin, and Diane Poole were thanked and recognized for providing treats for today's meeting.

Inspiration was read by Lynda Blades.

26 Members and one guest attended.

Happy Birthday was sung to Carolyn Adams, Lynn Birkby, and Karen Blackmore for celebrating their May birthdays.

The Horticulture Tip for May: Fertilize azaleas after they bloom. Use a formulation which has an acid reaction.

April meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

#### Committee Reports:

**Bluffs Elder Therapy:** Donna Russell reported the gathering at the Bluff turned out very well with lots of volunteers to help the residents make small flower arrangements in mugs provided by Barb Rothenberger. Both residents and volunteers enjoyed the afternoon together.

**Flower Show:** Carolyn Doyle reports members are still needed to provide designs for the show. All members are asked to participate by bringing horticulture from their garden for the show. Sign up sheets were provided for designs, educational displays, and the photo contest. Members are encouraged to be involved in this event.

**Garden Tours:** Thanks to Carolyn Adams for organizing such a great tour this year. All members who volunteered to show their garden were praised and thanked for letting us take a tour of their beautiful gardens.

**Grow Well Missouri:** Evette Nissen reported lots of positive response from the people who have visited the Food Pantry. Next Saturday, tomato and pepper plants will be provided by the pantry patrons.

**Plant Sale:** Marsha Taylor reported the Plant Sale went well because of all of our members who helped make it a success. It ran smooth because we can always count on our members to participate and help. Connie Blackmore and I Thank You All. A huge Thank You to Barb Rothenberger and Alice Havard for coordinating the bake sale, and a huge thanks to Ken and Jane Sadler for provided the nice tomato plants.

**Women and Children Hospital Storybook Gardens:** Marie Pasley reported that she and the following members, Karen & Connie Blackmore, Alice Havard, Mary Redder, and Cindy Deegan met at the gardens to clean, replant and mulch the garden beds. Marie went back a week later to place plant ID tags on the plants. Members are invited to go by and take a tour of the cute gardens that were created by our club.

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## May Minutes, continued

Blue Star Memorial: Karen Blackmore reports Blue Star Memorial will be placed at Stephens Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. Members are encouraged to attend this special event. Meet at the entrance of Stephens Park.

Triple B Tours: Carolyn Adams has planned a tour on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Missouri Wild Flower Nursery and Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. Members are asked to bring sack lunch and drink. Meet at 9:30am at Mosers on Keene St. or at 10:00am at Mosers in Ashland.

Blooming Bus Tour: Karen Blackmore reports on June 1<sup>st</sup> the bus will pick up people at Lake of the Woods at the Holiday Inn East Parking lot. A letter will be sent to those who have signed up.

Our next meeting will be June 8th, at 1:00 pm.

The program today was a demonstration provided by Carol Van Vranken on an oriental arrangement. We thank Carol for her knowledge of guiding us on how to create a beautiful, elegant flower arrangement. Handouts with step by step instructions were provided. After the demonstration, each member was encouraged to create their own arrangement with foliage that was provided, or what they brought from their own garden. Everyone was asked to show their arrangement for all to see. All members enjoyed participating in this fun project.

Connie Blackmore

Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

### Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report May 2015

Beginning Balance Checking		\$4,739.52
Expenses		
Ck. 1962— Re-imbusement for Stationary	\$4.94	
Ck. 1963—Re-imbusement for Bluffs project	\$30.83	
Ck. 1964—Church rent for 5/11/15	\$25.00	
Ck. 1965—Re-imbusement for hospitality	\$12.92	
Total Expenses		\$(73.69)
Ending Balance Checking		\$4,665.83
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$7,879.24

## May Meeting Photos by Mary Redders



# Ikebana



**"It is the month of June,  
The month of leaves and roses  
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,  
And pleasant scents the noses."  
- N.P. Willis**

# Show Me Spring Flower Show



Designer's Choice Award—Connie Blackmore, Designer



Tricolor Award—Kay Egbert, Designer

Lynn Birkby won the Educational Top Exhibitor Award for her display on pollinators.



Horticultural Excellence—Grown by Karen Blackmore



Grower's Choice Award—Carolyn Oates, Designer

## June Yard of the Month Alice Havard and Barb Rothenberger (photos)

The yard of Rebecca and Randy Smith at 1021 Crestland Dr. has been chosen as the June Yard of the Month. The Smith's have lived in this house for 32 years. Rebecca does most of the gardening, while Randy likes to golf. There are flower beds all around the house planted with blooming perennials. In the middle of the back yard is an enormous oak tree with a swing hanging from a limb. In the front yard is a patch of clover which contains mostly multileaved clovers. Barb and Alice were both able to find a four leaf clover. Rebecca loves rocks and has collected quite a few from all over. The cutest is her heart garden. She has planted a bleeding heart and the border consists of various rocks that she has picked up that are heart shaped. Rebecca has many projects in the works. The main one right now is a small pool. She has a water lily that she plans to put in the pool.

This was a wonderful garden to tour. Everywhere you look, you see something new and interesting to look at. We hope Rebecca will become a member of Columbia Garden Club.



## Grow Well Missouri

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We will be working with Grow Well Missouri to hand out seeds for Fall Gardening at the Central Pantry. Volunteers are needed July 18th, July 25th, and August 1st, from 10:00-2:00.

Bill is also having a seed packing party on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00.

If you can help with either of these two projects, please e-mail Evette at enissen57@gmail.com or call her cell—573-864-9232.

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From birds that all the green wood throng,  
For all things young, and bright, and fair,  
We praise thee, Month of Roses!  
For blue, blue skies of summer calm,  
For fragrant odors breathing balm,  
For quiet, cooling shades where oft  
The weary head reposes,  
For brooklets babbling thro' the fields  
Where Earth her choicest treasures yields,  
For all things tender, sweet and soft,  
We love thee, Month of Roses!"  
- Elaine Goodale, *June*

