



Columbia Underground

President's Potpourri

As I write this note the weather has returned to winter instead of the balmy 60 degree days we loved the end of January. It makes me think of what March will bring, come in like a lion or a lamb. I do hope for a few warmer days in early March so I can get some lettuce and radishes planted in the cold frame my husband made us last fall.

We have received an invitation to the Central District Spring meeting hosted by Vine Clad Garden Club in Boonville on March 24. The invitation is attached to this newsletter. The program will be presented by the Columbia Center for Urban Ag. The district meetings are a great time to network with other gardeners in our area and to hear what they are doing in their clubs. If you want to go, bring your \$15 to Leigh at the March meeting, she'll then send in one check for everyone attending.

Marsha Taylor and Connie Blackmore are planning the CGC plant sale and will have information for members at the March meeting. Carolyn Doyle along with the flower show committee have been working on putting a schedule together for the flower show and should have that for everyone at the March meeting. If you haven't gotten your FGCM state conference registration in yet, you need to do it soon. I'm looking forward to attending and getting our centerpiece duties done. It is a fun time to see old friends and meet new ones. I hope you can join in on the fun. See you in March.

Marie

Plant...Protect...Participate

March Meeting

Columbia Garden Club will meet March 9, 2015 at 1:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Dr. Robert Pierce, Associate Professor with Extension Fish and Wildlife. He will be talking about what can be done to protect our gardens from pests. Hospitality will be provided by Carolyn Doyle, Karen Blackmore, and Alice Havard.



February Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

Program: "Winter Birds at Eagle Bluffs" a presentation regarding the function of the wetlands, water treatment plant, and wildlife habitat was given by Tim James, Conservation agent at Eagle Bluffs Wetlands and Conservation Area. After the presentation, Tim guided us through the wetland area. We all enjoyed seeing numerous eagles, pelicans, geese, ducks and shore birds. After the tour we returned to the conservation building for our meeting.

Hospitality provided by Janet Lasley, Virginia Itschner, and Dee Bauer.

The meeting was called to order by Marie Pasley.

Inspiration was shared by Lynda Blades.

23 Members attended.

We sang Happy Birthday to Lynda Blades, Karen Brooke, Cindy Deegan, and Leslie Rosenkrans to celebrate their February Birthdays.

Horticulture Tip: Sow seeds of larkspur, sweet pea, shirley poppies, and snapdragons where they are to grow outdoors. To bloom best, these plants must sprout and begin growth well before warm weather arrives.

January meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Carol Nothbohm sent a sympathy card to Lucille Wayland in the loss of her husband, Johnnie.

Committee Reports:

Flower Show: Caroyln Doyle had a meeting with the committee last week to start planning for the Flower Show on May 23rd.

Garden Tour: Carolyn Adams needs two more gardens for the tour on April 20th.

Grow Well Missouri: Evette Nissen reports meeting at the Pantry in March and packaged seeds will be passed out on Saturdays.

Old Business: Karen Blackmore reports openings are still available for the Blooming Bus Tour in June.

New Business: Central District Meeting is March 24th in Booneville, if you plan to go you need to pay Leigh Speichinger.

Delegates for the State Convention: We are allowed 2 delegates to represent our club at the conference. Two non-state chair members are needed as voting delegates. Carolyn Swope made a motion that our club pay for two delegates to go to the state convention. The motion was 2nd by Rita Gerke. Motion was passed unanimously. This motion was amended by Carolyn Swope to elect the President, Vice President, or the 2nd Vice President (if anyone of these are unable to go, they will choose a member to take their place) as the delegates to go, and their registration will be paid for by our club. Gayle Fry 2nd the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

State Convention is April 13 thru the 16th, more discussion and planning will be made in March.

Connie Blackmore

Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report February 9, 2015

Beginning Balance Checking		\$3,643.59
Deposits		
Ck. 8211 Vintage Hill Farm for Advertising	\$75.00	
Total Deposits		\$75.00
Total Expenses		(0)
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,718.59
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$6,932.00

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This is one of the pieces of pottery that will be available for sale this spring at Vintage Hill.

Central District Spring Meeting

Vine Clad Garden Club invites you to the
Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri
Central District 2015 Spring Meeting on March 24, 2015



Show Me Spring!

Please join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Rd., Boonville at 9:00am for refreshments and registration, the meeting will start at 10:00am.

The Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture will be presenting our program, “Show Me Spring” on the local food movement and urban farming opportunities.

Please RSVP by March 16, 2015, include the name and \$15.00 for each attendee

Make checks payable to the Vine Clad Garden Club

Send your Club's reservations to Cindy Florek, 808 Krohn Dr., Boonville MO 65233

660-882-3354, cynthia_florek@hotmail.com

Bring pre-priced items to Ways and Means a minimum of \$20.00 per club is requested.

Directions:

From the East – take I-70 to Exit 101, at the exit turn right heading north on Hwy 5; past the truck stop, Radio Hill Rd. is on the left across from the school entrance, in ½ mile the hall will be on the left. **From the West** – take I-70 to Exit 101, at the exit turn left heading north on Hwy 5; past the truck stop, Radio Hill Rd. is on the left across from the school entrance, in ½ mile the hall will be on the left.

From the South – take Hwy 5 North, after passing over I-70 go past the truck stop, Radio Hill Rd, is on the left across from the school entrance, in ½ mile the hall will be on the left.

Grow Well Missouri

Grow Well Missouri is the new name of the committee that distributes seeds at the Central Food Pantry. We do this in cooperation with the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners. We need two volunteers on Saturdays from 10-2 to give out seeds to the food pantry clients and answer gardening questions. Most of the clients who take seeds have been gardening for awhile, so there aren't really many questions. The dates that are still open are: May 16, May 23 and May 30. If you can work one of these days, please email Evette: enissen57@gmail.com or call 573-864-9232.

Pictures from February Meeting



Our speaker, Tim James with CGC members Mary Redders and Deb Corkery.



CGC members Leigh Speichinger, Donna Russell and Janet Lasley at Eagle Bluffs.

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Upcoming Events

March 24th—Central District Spring Meeting at Boonville

March 25th-March 27th—Landscape Design Course IV—Fulton

March 28th—Grow Native! Plant Sale hosted by Runge Conservation Nature Center 2901 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65102—10:00-2:00. Grow Native! Professional Members, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, Forrest Keeling Nursery, Pure Air Natives, and Gaylena's Garden will be selling native wildflowers, grasses, sedges, vines, shrubs, and trees at this annual sale. You may preorder from: Missouri Wildflowers Nursery: 573-496-3492 or mowldflrs@socket.net and Forrest Keeling Nursery: 314-719-9248 or elovelace@fknursery.com. All vendors will be donating a portion of their sale proceeds to support the MPF's Grow Native! Program.

Member Information Update

Cindy Deegan has a new address. Please update your yearbooks. 733 Pear Tree Circle, Columbia, MO 65203.

All American Selections Award Winner



The 2015 AAS Bedding Plant Award Winner is Petunia Trilogy Red F1. Trilogy petunias are known for their compact dome-shaped habit sporting large non-fading blooms throughout the season. The plants cover and recover themselves in upright blooms providing a constant mass of color in flower beds, baskets, and containers. Gardeners in high heat areas will appreciate the heat-tolerance of this variety and all gardeners will like how quickly Trilogy bounces back after a rain.

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