

# “Columbia Underground”

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly meeting- March 14 @ 1pm. Program – “The Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly” by Master Naturalists Robbie Scholes and Stacy Barr.**

**February 6- March 27 Orchid Show Missouri**

Botanical Gardens.

March 18-20 “Art in Bloom” Art and Archeology Museum North Campus.

April 4- 9:30 to 12:30 at Trinity Presbyterian Church 1600 W. Rollins Road “Mechanics and Design Techniques” presented by Central Mo. Judges Council.

April 30- 8 to 2 CGC PLANT SALE at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

May 21 Missouri Prairie Foundation Plant Sale at Columbia Bass Pro

**May 16-19 FGCM 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention-**  
Springfield, MO. Ramada Plaza Hotel

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### President’s Greeting:

We know spring is near when the optimistic daffodil appears. They seem undaunted by the extreme weather surprises that March can bring. I look forward to greeting each plant friend as it returns for another year in my garden.

We can look forward to the return of Art in Bloom at the Museum of Art and Archeology, March 18 – 20, on the Mizzou North campus. Karen Blackmore and her team, Betty Connelly, Connie Blackmore and Barb Rothenberger, will be tough competitors against the other floral designers in this event. You will enjoy a visit to the museum during the weekend.

**This year the Central District Spring Meeting is hosted by the Ashland Garden Club. The date is**

April 15 and will be held at the Ashland Baptist Church. The hospitality table will be available from 9 to 10 am, and the business meeting will follow. After lunch, the program will be “Spring is Bustin’ Out All Over. The cost is \$15 per person. Make check to CGC at the March meeting or mail by March 25 to CGC treasurer Leigh Speichinger so that Leigh can write one check for CGC members attending the district meeting.

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the Garden Club state convention to be held May 16-19 in Springfield. There will be more details as we are closer to the date.

Last year the Bloomin’ Bus Tour was outstanding. This year’s tour to Nashville promises to be as good. Dates are June 13-16.

Our March meeting is all about the Monarch butterflies. Many of us have planted milkweed to attract and provide food for these butterflies. We will have a variety of milkweed plants for sale at our plant sale. Delicious hospitality will be provided by Alice Havard, Barb Rothenberger and Jessica Swartz.

Marsha

“Caring for Our Beautiful Columbia”

Bill Mees with Audubon presented the February CGC program “Backyard Birds”, sent this note afterward.

Please convey to your membership that they are always welcome to attend meetings of Columbia Audubon Society. The Audubon meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Church at 2615 Shepard Boulevard. Your members might be especially interested in the presentation by Mary Nemecek on March 16th. Mary will speak on Neonicotinoid pesticides, how they compare with the pesticides that came before, how they interact with the environment and what implications are there in the future?

Warmest Regards,  
Bill

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**Volunteers needed for passing out seeds at the Food Pantry 9:45 to 2:00 pm on Saturday March 12, 19, 26. April 9, 16, 30**

and May 7, 14. If you can help e-mail Evette at [enissen57@gmail.com](mailto:enissen57@gmail.com) or call 573-864-9232. This is a great project, the food pantry patrons are very grateful for the seeds.

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*“March Flower of the month is Daffodil.”*

**'Hands On' Fruit Gardening w/Jim Quinn, Extension Horticulturalist**

Join us for 1, 2 or all 3 workshops in this series. Each is 2 hours long (unless otherwise noted) & held in central Columbia. Cost is \$25 each. Receive a complimentary Midwest Home Fruit Manual valued at \$25 if you take all 3. Fruit tree pruning- Fri. March 4 at 4PM. Berries and organic fruit gardening- Fri. Mar. 18 at 4 to 6:30 PM. Disease and insect pest control of fruit plantings- Fri. Apr. 8 at 4PM. Fruit gardening enthusiasts have enjoyed this series; this is its 7<sup>th</sup> year. Please forward info on this event to any gardener interested in growing fruit. For complete information go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/boone> . Scroll down to 'hands on fruit class' and review the flier. To register, print and fill out the back page and mail in with payment. Questions on registering? E-mail [fenciv@missouri.edu](mailto:fenciv@missouri.edu) or call 573-445-9792 and ask for Vikki. *Sponsored by MU Extension and Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners*

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The Judges Council of Central Missouri will sponsor a mechanics and design workshop on April 2 from 9:30 to 12:30 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. This demonstration workshop is open to anyone in the community. Instructors will show many different items that can be used to obtain the look you want with your designs, plus divulge “tricks of the trade”. The hope is to get everyone comfortable with making designs that can be used in your homes or in flower shows. We can all have arrangements using plants and blooms from our own gardens with just a few easy tips.



**Yard Art**

At the April 11 CGC meeting we will have a hands on workshop on making glass yard art. Tanya Stanley, CD Director will demonstrate different ideas on putting our yard art items together. It is a fun and easy project. You will need to gather some glass pieces for your project. We hope to make some for the CGC plant sale, too. Following are some examples of glass yard art: a garden angel, a water fountain, and a flower.





## Cattails

Dee Bauer, Evette Nissen, and Marie Pasley repackaged garden seed for *Grow Well Missouri*. Seeds will be given to Columbia Food Pantry patrons this spring.

### COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

#### FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Program was presented by Bill Mees, former president of the Columbia Audubon Society.

A power Point Presentation was given to help members identify birds they might find in their backyards. Handouts were given to members to help with bird identification.

-The meeting was called to order by Marsha Taylor, President. 28 Members attended.

-Lynda Blades read the inspiration.

-Gardening Tip: Box elder bugs are seen on warm days until April.

-Hospitality Thanks to Janet Lasley, Diane Poole, Kay Egbert.

-January meeting minutes were approved as written.

-Treasurer Report will be filed for audit.

#### Committee Reports:

-Carolyn Doyle reports committee members met to discuss the Flower Show plans. Flower Show will be held at the Columbia Public Library on June 4, 2016. The

theme will be "Destination Weddings". Artistic Crafts will be added this year to the plans. More information will follow regarding categories, entries, etc. Only Fresh Flowers are allowed.

-Karen Blackmore reports Art In Bloom committee will meet February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am to select the art they wish to make the arrangement for. Art In Bloom will be held on March 18-20, reception is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm before open to the public.

-Karen Blackmore, Karen Brooke and Betty Connelly will chair the April 30<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale.

-Bake Sale is still being discussed, looking for someone to chair it. White Elephant Sale will consist of gently used craft or garden items.

-Barb Rothenberger chaired making Valentine Cards at The Bluffs for 18 residents. She could always use more volunteers to help with this committee. Next time they meet will be announced.

New Business:-Karen Brooke moved that our club purchase a tree to be planted in honor of Ken and Jane Sadler for their dedication of providing tomato plants for our Plant Sale. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Further discussion will be made of where and when we will proceed with this project.

-Marsha Taylor is working on Project Landscape to purchase plants in the fall for the veterans new " Welcome Home " building. The budget allows us to spend \$200.

-Marie Pasley gave a report on the Winter Agroforestry Symposium discussing the Future of Pollinators.

Old Business: -Karen Blackmore has State Calendars for sale \$10 each.

-Evette Nissen reports help is needed at Food Bank for seed packing. Seeds will be passed out to patrons at the Food Pantry on Saturdays in March, April, May.

#### Announcements:

"Mechanics and Design Technique" Work Shop will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

Central District Spring Meeting will be held at Ashland Church on April 15, 2016.

Connie Blackmore, secretary