

# “Columbia Underground”

## Upcoming Events

March 13- CGC monthly meeting 1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Program: Charles Paxton, Horticulturalist & Master Gardener will give a power point presentation on straw bale gardening.

May 1-4 FGCM Convention in Hannibal

May 11 Central District Flower Show and Spring meeting in Fulton.

August 16- FGCM Day at the State Fair, along with FGCM Flower Show

\*\*\*\*\*

### CGC 2017 Yearbook Changes

Page 7- CGC Plant Sale April 28 7 29, Sept. mtg date Sept. 11

Page 13- May mtg. May 8<sup>th</sup>

Page 15- Dec. mtg. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Join in the Fun

The National Garden Club president will induct the 2017-2019 FGCM State President, Karen Blackmore into office on the eve of May 3. It is a wonderful honor to have one of our own CGC members to hold this office. The convention is from May 1 to 4. CGC and Central District will be sponsoring a reception after her induction so join us in helping Karen celebrate this momentous occasion.



*“Flower of the Month for March is Daffodil”*

=====

### Patriot Place Landscape

The Patriot Place landscape committee met before the February CGC meeting to finalize the hardscape and plant materials needs for the landscape at Patriot Place. We have had three pink granite rocks placed in the landscape. The rocks were donated by Helme's Garden Center. We appreciate Helme's donation to make this an awesome landscape design for Patriot Place. The committee will be obtaining shrubs for the landscape next. Go by and checkout the awesome rocks in the bed, it's coming together.

### March To Do List

- Fertilize flower beds & fruit trees
  - Remove dead flower heads after bloom
  - Plant onion bulbs, asparagus roots, lettuce, radishes, peas, spinach, cool weather crops.
  - Plant potatoes on St. Patrick's Day
  - Remove weeds before warm weather breaks their dormancy
  - Prune summer flowering shrubs and trees if they haven't started budding already
  - Cut back ornamental grasses
  - Weed existing strawberry plants or plant new plants
- Remember plants set bloom in early spring, so with little rain, flowers need to be watered to have a good bloom season. Any newly planted plants need to be watered, as well. Help them survive this dry winter.

there than to come to the State Fair on August 17. Bring some horticulture plants or a floral design to exhibit. Show Missourians what wonderful things FGCM members can do. August 17<sup>th</sup> is FGCM Day at the Fair. Let's show off and get new members in the process. It's our day to "blossom".

=====

**2017 Perennial of the year**  
***Asclepias tuberosa***  
-  
**Butterfly weed**



=====

### Central District Flower Show and Spring Meeting

Central District is having a District wide FS in Fulton on May 11, along with the spring meeting. CD only does a district FS about every 10 years. A district FS is much bigger than most club shows, so everyone is needed. It is a great time to show favorite plants from your garden for horticulture exhibits, plus designs are also needed for the many different classes. Help show CD what Columbia Garden Club members can do, participate in this great event. Contact Marie Pasley to sign up for design classes.

+++++

### FGCM DAY at Missouri State Fair

All FGCM clubs in Missouri need your help in gaining new members. What better showcase is

### 2017 All-American Flowers Selections

- Dianthus Supra Pink F1
- Geranium Callioper Medium Dark Red
- Penstemon Twizzle Purple
- Verbena EnduraScapeT Pink Bicolor
- Vinca Mega Bloom Orchid Halo F1
- Vinca Mega Bloom Pink Halo F1
- Zinnia Profusion Red
- Celosia Asian Garden

## COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

### FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

**PROGRAM:** New Plants for 2017 presented by Kerry Meyer, Project Manager for Proven Winners gave a power point presentation of new plants available for 2017 and also answered general gardening questions. Everyone was excited to hear about the new plants that will be available this year.

Marsha Taylor called the meeting to order.

Lynda Blades read the **inspiration**.

**Garden Tip:** Box elder bugs are seen on warm days until April.

**Hospitality** Thanks to Carolyn Doyle and Alice Havard.

25 Members and 3 guests present.

**January Minutes** were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** will be filed for audit.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Patriot Place- Marie Pasley reported the committee met and drew up plans for the landscape design at Patriot Place. Planting will be done in the spring after final decisions are made on plant choices. The First Community Bank has the soil turned and compost on the area and it looks really nice.

Art in Bloom- Karen Blackmore reports the committee will meet on February 27 to select the artwork for Art In Bloom, which will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Club Garden Tour- Carolyn Adams reports that we need 3 more volunteers for the Garden Tours. We have Karen Brooke and Deb Corkery who have volunteered to show theirs.

Plant Sale- Betty Connelly reports the Plant Sale committee have been making plans for the sale which will be held April 28, and 29<sup>th</sup>. All members are asked to please donate plants from their gardens for the sale. This is our only money making project and all are asked to help with this.

FGCM State Convention- Marie Pasley reported on the Spring Convention in Hannibal which will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is in the Garden Forum. Karen Blackmore reports the hotel rooms are filling up fast for the convention, so you need to make your reservation as soon as you can for this.

#### **Announcements:**

Lynda Blades suggested we take another look at our budget and fine tune our expenses and such. After many suggestions we decided we would work on this in time to see where we need to make adjustments.

Kay Egbert spoke with us about her experience with cancer and how her treatment plan is going. She assured us that her experience of dealing with this, is a journey that is a positive one, regardless of some of the unpleasant obstacles. We were all so happy to see her back at our meeting again. Thank you Kay for sharing your story, we are supporting you 100%.

Connie Blackmore

Secretary