

May 2013

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

# Columbia Underground

## A Note from the President

### Note program change for May meeting!

Happy May!

Several of us who were on the program schedule for May are heading to St Joe to the state convention as soon as the May meeting is over. We will be very busy so have made a program change. Neville Miller, weatherman for KMIZ, will present a program on weather. He did this for the local daylily club and did a great job so I know we will all be pleased.

How nice to get this wonderful message from Lori Atkins after planting our four gardens at Women and Children's Hospital.

*.. you girls are FANTASTIC!! I am so happy to have met all of you and hope we can work together on more projects.*

You should take the time to go over and see the gardens as they turned out really nice. It was such a fun project. A big thank you to Marie Pasley for all her work in coordinating and attending so many meetings at the hospital. Thank you also to the committee chairs who coordinated each garden, Alice Havard, Cindy Deegan, Carolyn Doyle and me. Each of us had great helpers and are so pleased with the result! Thank you to all who helped in any way! It was fun!

What a great job the chairmen did on the plant sale! This was a first for Marsha Taylor. She, Connie and Janet are the reason we were so successful. We did not seem to have as many plants as usual and that was no surprise considering the weather. Many plants were just peeking out of the ground. However, the surprise was that we had sales of \$3,345.25! Ken Sadler worked his magic with tomatoes again and we had many beautiful plants. Thank you, Ken and Jane! We had 150 native plants on consignment and sold 133 of them. We bought plants from three different places, the Amish market, Centralia high school and Farmer Jones. We had more expenses than usual but still ended up with a net profit of \$2,184.67 ! Discovery Garden Club made over \$300.00 on their bake sale! Another great job. Thanks to all of you who helped. One of the highlights was when Carol Notbohm came by and she is doing great. It was so good to see you Carol and we hope to see a lot more of you very soon!

We gave the vegetable plants that did not sell to Lily for the community garden and left a beautiful hanging basket as a thank you to the church.

Carolyn Adams has invited everyone to meet her at the Martin Luther King trail on Stadium at 11:00 to 12:30, before the meeting, with a sack lunch, to enjoy the park. She wants to do the same at a later date, to tour Lenoir and the gardens there. Call her at 219-2700 to let her know if you will be there. She is also working on the member's tour for June and has the four gardens lined up! What a beautiful spring for getting out and looking at our parks! I have not checked out Discovery Park this spring but will do that in the next few days.

See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Karen Blackmore, Co-President





# April Meeting Minutes

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## **Columbia Garden Club April 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Barb Schuette, Show Me Iris Society and Columbia Garden Club member presented a very informative program on the different varieties of iris. She presented beautiful photos of iris for all to enjoy.

Meeting was **called to order** at 2:25 pm by Carolyn Doyle, Co-president. 29 members and 2 guests, Jessica O’Herbacher and Barbara Allen attended. Barbara Allen joined as a new member. After an absence for several years it is nice to have Barb back with our club.

**Inspiration**- Lynda Blades read a wonderful ode to gardeners for the group.

**Hort & Design Tip**- Carolyn Doyle presented two “Functional Table Designs.” She informed members that all daffodils and jonquils are in the narcissus family.

**Minutes** were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s report** was filed for audit as distributed.

### **Old Business**

Marie Pasley thanked all members that assisted with the Central District Spring meeting held at Bradford Research and Extension Center. She was told many positive comments about the food, decorations, and program. All in all it was a very well received event hosted by CGC for the district members.

### **New Business**

8 members will be attending the FGCM State Convention in St. Joseph on May 14 to 16. Karen Blackmore will be inducted as our new FGCM 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

### **Committee Reports**

**Youth Garden** planting is to be April 23 at 10 am. Members may bring plants by 10 am on the 23 or on the 22 at 10 am. Drop plants off at the South East corner of the hospital. If you cannot deliver your plants to the hospital contact Marie Pasley 474-5254 and she will make arrangements to get your plants.

**Plant Sale**- April 27 from 8-2 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. All members are asked to bring plants labeled, priced in increments of \$.50 or more along with “White Elephant” gardening items. Deliver all items, priced on April 26 2 to 4 pm.

**Clean up Columbia**- April 13 at 10 am at McKee Park in Northeast Columbia. Members are asked to wear old clothes, boots and gloves.

**Conservation**- Gayle Fry discussed the coming of the armadillo to central Missouri. She said they are destructive, nocturnal, “mini bulldozers” in our landscape. They are difficult to get rid of once they become established.

Lucille Wayland mentioned that Ellis Fischel still has a cement marker that was donated in the 1950’s identifying a cutting garden that CGC had at Ellis. Members are asked to think of someplace we might want to transfer this marker to since Ellis has been moved.

**Garden Tours**- Carolyn Adams states she still needs one more garden for the tour on June 10. Please contact her if you have an interest.

**Flower Show Symposium**- CGC members are encouraged to attend the symposium either one day or two. One day will be spent discussing table designs and the second day will discuss iris and variegated foliage. The cost is \$25 dollars for one day or \$50 for both days. It is a great educational opportunity to better understand flower show criteria.

**Scholarship**- Barb Schuette has info out to department chairs at UMC for scholarship applications.

**Yard of the Month**- Carolyn Swope asked members to be on the look- out for “Yard of the Month” candidates. She said they probably won’t get one for April but hope to get the May one by the end of April so it can be added to the newsletter.

**Historical Society Garden**- Carolyn Doyle stated that the *Knock Out* roses need to be trimmed otherwise the gardens



## Minutes, continued

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look good.

### **Announcements**

The Missouri Landscape Design Council will be sponsoring a series of 4 Landscape Design Schools in the next two years. Landscape Design School I will be offered on October 29, 30, testing on 31. The Schools will be held at the Bradford Research and Extension Center in Columbia, MO. Applications will be available in mid May or by the June CGC meeting. School I will cost \$90 which includes lunch and 2 full days of professional instruction from Landscape Architects, Horticulturists, and members of the landscape industry. Classes will be available to any interested gardener. Once all 4 schools are completed and all tests passed, participants are National Garden Club Certified Landscape Design Consultants. Contact Linda Houston for further information [unity\\_4\\_every1@yahoo.com](mailto:unity_4_every1@yahoo.com)

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marie Pasley, secretary

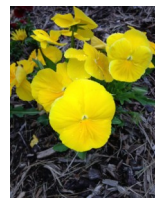
## Clean Up Columbia

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Columbia Garden Club's help with Cleanup Columbia was successful for the 17<sup>th</sup> time. The club owes much appreciation for these workers who came to McKee Park armed with rakes and brooms and strong backs: Nancy Bedan, Connie Blackmore, Cindy Deegan, Evette Nissen, Marie Pasley, Marsha Taylor, Carolyn Swope, Janet Lasley and Bill Clark. The weather was good unlike many years in the past. We collected 12 bags of trash including a cell phone, razor scooter, lock box (full of mud only), rake, signs, bicycle wheel, roof vent, lawn chair and many unrecognizable objects. Leigh Britt, Columbia's Neighborhood Services Director, reported that due to everyone's efforts this year, the approximately 1,117 volunteers logged 2,144 hours of service and picked up 1,396 bags of trash. Columbia Garden Club is proud to be part of such a grand community effort.

Janet Lasley





## Triple B Tours (Brown Bag Brunch)

Join your garden friends at Martin Luther King trail on Stadium Blvd. before the May 13th meeting for lunch from 11:00-12:30 (weather permitting) to enjoy one of Columbia's beautiful parks.

On Tuesday, May 21 from 10:00-12:00 we are invited to a driving tour at Lenoir's patio cottages and spacious green areas. Coffee, ice tea and morning snacks will be provided.

Call for details or questions: Carolyn Adams—573-219-2700

## Invitation to Barb Schuette's Garden

Today I had 22 varieties of SDB's Iris (the little ones we had at district meeting) including Sophistikitty and Tree Line blooming in the rain and cold.

Since my garden is a Median Iris Society Display Garden it is open to the public by invitation. From now through June there is something different blooming each week. Just call ahead so I can give you directions and arrange a time when I will be home.

See you in the garden.

Barb

302 Parkwood Ct.

447-2269

### Calendar of Events

May 13—CGC Meeting-  
Neville Miller-KMIZ  
Weatherman

May 14-16-FGCM State  
Convention, St. Joseph,  
MO

May 21—Lenoir Tour

May 24-26 NGC Con-  
vention, Seattle, WA

### Hospitality

May

Leigh Speichinger

Carole Van Vranken

Lynda Blades



### Columbia Garden Club

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Doyle

Karen Blackmore

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Meetings take place at Trinity  
Presbyterian Church, 1600 West  
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## May Yard of the Month

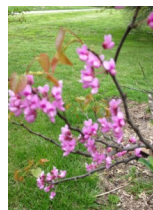
501 Carpathian Drive stands out on its block for stunning beauty. (This is one of the criteria for nomination as Columbia Garden Club's Yard of the Month.) "A river of blue" comes to mind when looking at the front garden. Thousands of bright blue grape hyacinth swirl in curved masses around the garden's edges. The blue is accented by clumps of pink tulips and hyacinths with a few yellow highlights. At least two dozen shrub roses such as knockout have been pruned to a few inches above the ground and many peonies will also put on a show in a few weeks, as will pink dogwood and fragrant purple lilac. Right now twin Japanese weeping cherries display their pink blooms. There is a large circular raised bed, bordered with stone, which contains a variety of perennials and a waterfall. Several garden sculptures, a bird bath, and a trellis covered with clematis add even more interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn Nguyen, owners of 501 Carpathian, both avid gardeners, have won Yard of the Month before, some six or eight years ago. At that time, the circular flower bed was a Koi pond. But their fish died, not from the winter cold, since their pond was heated, but from the heavy blanket of snow one winter which cut off the oxygen supply. The Nguyens add inexpensive bagged topsoil from Lowe's to their flower beds. Although this product is usually heavy and wet, they say when spread and allowed to dry out it works fine. Rabbits do more damage than deer in their neighborhood. They spray liquid fence with fair success. Hard work and constant maintenance is the real secret to their great success!

Emily Bonwich



The Nguyens  
501 Carpathian Drive

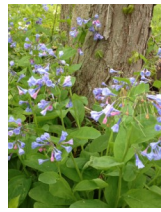


# April Treasurer's Report

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## Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 30, 2013

Beginning Balance Checking		\$4,375.75
Deposits		
New member dues	\$20.00	
Plant Sale	\$3,395.25	
Total Deposits		\$3,415.25
Expenses		
Ck#1859 – MBS-April Newsletter	\$2.55	
Ck#1860 – Connie Blackmore- CD meeting expenses	\$14.97	
Ck#1861 – Karen Blackmore- CD meeting expenses	\$21.86	
Ck #1862 – Trinity Pres. Church – April Rent	\$25.00	
Ck#1863 – Alice Havard- CD meeting expenses	\$112.60	
Ck#1864 – FGCM Central Meeting- ½ of money left over from meeting	\$236.57	
Ck#1865 – Columbia Daily Tribune- Ad for plant sale	\$226.20	
Ck#1866 – FGCM- New Member Dues	\$40.00	
Ck#1867 – Trinity Pres. Church- Plant Sale Room Rent	\$50.00	
Ck#1868 – Prairie Hill Farm- Native Plants for Plant Sale	\$399.00	
Ck#1869 – Connie Blackmore- Plant Sale-Hanging Baskets	\$220.00	
Ck#1870 – Karen Blackmore- Plant Sale & Children's Garden	\$357.22	
Total Expenses		\$1,705.97
Ending Balance Checking		\$6,085.03
Certificate of Deposit Balance-3-1-2013		\$3,202.14
Total Assets		\$9,287.17



# Flower Arrangement Schedule

Month	Boone Library	Wyatt Guesthouse
May	Patty Purves	
June	Leigh Speichinger	Leona Litteral
July	Kay Egbert	Evette Nissen

## Member Information

Welcome new member Barbara Allen! Please add her information to your yearbook: 111 W. Briarwood Ln., Columbia, MO 65203; ballen02@tranquility.net

## Pictures from Storybook Gardens (Courtesy of Mary Redders)



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