



## President's Potpourri

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We added another great plant sale to our records! Members dug, baked and rummaged for all that filled our space. Chairs for the sale were Marsha Taylor and Connie Blackmore. Dee Bauer chaired the bake sale, and Deb Corkery and Linda Rubin handled the garden boutique items. And of course, Ken Sadler brought his famous tomatoes. Thank you to all,, and a special thank you to Robin, Ken and Jane's daughter, who came from Colorado to help her dad.

The butterflies have been flying on warm sunny days, and will hang out near your garden if nectar sources and larval host plants are fairly close together. Butterflies like a site with protection from the wind and rocks for basking. They use the sun to navigate, and prefer to feed on nectar producing flowers that are grown in the sun. Marigolds, zinnias, lantanas, sedum, black-eyed Susans, milkweeds, goldenrods and blazing stars are some favorites. Butterflies lay their eggs on or near specific plants (called larval host plants) because these plants provide exactly the nutrition needed for the caterpillar to survive. Of course, the caterpillars eat the larval host plants, so expect holes and stripped stems. Some larval hosts include the parsley family (parsley, dill, carrots), sassafras, violets, plantains, snapdragons, thistles, and milkweed. Plant a container for up-close butterflies, and plan for a hatch!

Our May 12 meeting is a tour of the Mizzou Botanic Garden with a final stop at Buck's Ice Cream. A single dip was \$1.75 the last time I was there. Yum. See you soon. Alice

[Plant...Protect...Participate](#)

## New Member

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Please welcome Gisela Groiss to Columbia Garden Club. Her contact information is:

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## May Meeting—Mizzou Botanical Gardens Tour



Our May Garden Club meeting is touring the Mizzou Botanical Gardens on the University of Missouri campus.

We will meet [at 1 pm](#) near the Beale Bailey statue by the Reynolds Alumni Center. Parking is available in the Turner Avenue garage.

For members who do not wish to walk during the tour, you may ride in a golf cart. Let me know if you wish to ride. I need to let the staff know as soon as possible. Please call or email me.

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Following our tour we will go to :



### Turner Avenue garage parking info

Enter the garage from Conley Avenue or Turner Avenue (east entrance). You will be on the third level, which is metered for visitor parking. If the space does not have a number, it is a reserved space requiring a permit.

Each visitor space is numbered. Park in any numbered space and note the number. Fee machines are located at each stair tower. At the machine:

- Enter the space number where you parked
- Insert nickels, dimes or quarters for the amount of time you wish
- Press the green button
- Take the receipt, which shows the space number, amount paid and time permitted
- Keep your receipt

## April Treasurer's Report

### Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 29, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$3,495.92
Deposits		
Memberships (2X\$10)	\$20.00	
Plant Sale	\$2,724.00	
Bake Sale	\$185.90	
Total Deposits		\$2,929.90
Expenses		
Ck#1917 – Native Plants 123X\$3.00	\$369.00	
Ck#1919 – Church rental for Plant Sale	\$50.00	
Ck#1918 – Ads for Plant Sale	\$177.00	
Total Expenses		(-\$596.00)
Ending Balance Checking		\$5,829.82
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-4-2013		\$3,206.99
Total Assets		\$9,036.81

## FGCM 2015 Convention Needs

Empty boxes that paper comes in with lids for transporting design materials.  
Empty blue bottles beer, wine, along that type to be used for center piece bloom holders. Various size clear glass bud vases (the little cheap ones). The type that holds one or two blooms. Thanks.

If you have any questions contact Marie Pasley 573-474-5245 or [smpasley@aol.com](mailto:smpasley@aol.com)

## Clean Up Columbia

Clean-up Columbia was held on Saturday April 12, 2014. The City's Volunteer Programs staff reported that preliminary results showed that 1,350 volunteers participated in the cleanup, logging 2,950 hours of service and picking up 1,549 bags of trash. Columbia Garden Club participated in this event for the 18<sup>th</sup> year, cleaning up McKee Park. Three workers showed up from the Garden Club and collected 8 bags of trash plus a bowling ball, a stereo, a razor scooter, a car battery, several signs and numerous large pieces of metal. The weather was the best ever for trash pickup. We remain proud to be part of such a grand community effort.



Cindy Deegan and Janet Lasley at McKee Park

Janet Lasley  
Chairman of Garden Club Clean up Columbia

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Meetings take place at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, Columbia, MO

# April Meeting Minutes

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Columbia Garden Club Minutes April 14, 2014

**PROGRAM:** Participate in Making Fairy Gardens - Helmi Sheely

Helmi is an experienced gardener and owner of Helmi's Garden and Greenhouse. Helmi introduced us to the process in making our own special fairy garden; from the type of soil, plants, and objects used to the end result. Fairy Garden unleash the imagination of each individual. All members and guests enjoyed the program and the visit to her greenhouse filled with unique plants and out of the ordinary ideas.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Alice Havard

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS:** 24 Members, 4 Guests, 1 New member joined, Gisela Groiss- welcome Gisela!

**INSPIRATION:** Read by Linda Blades

**HOSTESSES:** Thank You to Annette Molitor, Barb Schuette, Carol Van Vranken

**MINUTES:** Minutes from March meeting approved as published.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Carol Notbohm will be asked to send a sympathy card sent to Jeanne Schwaller and a get well card to Mary Ann Meador.

**Garden Club Tour:** Carolyn Adams has 4 volunteers to show their gardens in June, and 1 for May.

**Seeds of Change:** Evette Nissen still needs volunteers to pass out seeds at the Food Pantry. Please contact her to volunteer.

**Plant Sale:** Marsha Taylor reports set up is Friday April 25, 2:00 to 4:00, Sale is Saturday April 26, 8:00 to 2:00. Clean Up committee needed til 3:00. Members are asked to bring plants from their garden and volunteer to help either day. Linda Rubin and Deb Corkery will chair the boutique, members are asked to bring gently used garden related items to sell. Dee Bauer will chair the Bake Sale and volunteers are needed to help, and to bring baked goods.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Clean Up Columbia chaired by Janet Lasley went well, only 3 volunteers attended, however, it was a successful morning....8 bags of trash, a stereo, and a bowling ball found by Cindy Deegan.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Happy Hollow Farms "Garden Tour" will be May 6th, members will meet at Cosmo Park at 9:30 and are asked to car pool due to parking space at the farm. The tour will start at 10:15AM.

The Design Club organizational meeting was held this morning at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. About 20 participants attended and enjoyed the meeting. Most plan to attend the next meeting on May 12, 10:00 to 12:00 at the same church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Plant Sale: April 25th and 26th.

Trip to Michigan: June 5th thru 10th..contact Karen Blackmore to sign up.

Garden Club Tour: one will be on May 6th, and 4 on June 23rd.

Flower Show: July 12th.

Submitted by: Connie Blackmore, Secretary

## Yard of the Month

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We're the Baxter's of 401 West Boulevard South. We have owned the house since August 2011, but did not move in until December. At that time we had the cedar trees along Stewart thinned, and replaced the old yews in front of the house with boxwood, holly, and an eastern redbud. We also lined the north side of the house with endless summer hydrangeas. We have planted over 100 hostas – including Empress Wu, Sum and Substance, and some more durable varieties – in beds on the north and south side of the house. On the south side you will also find three oak leaf hydrangeas and a small fountain.

In the winter of 2012 we lost a cedar tree along the north side of the house, which damaged the old mimosa tree. These were replaced with a pink flowering crab, a paperbark maple, a small dogwood and a red oak in 2013. In June this area will be filled with banana plants, red cannas, cardinal plants, Russian sage, and various campus grass clumps as well as million bells, sweet potato vine, and the fig tree.

Behind the house on the west side we have planted boxwood to line the kitchen garden which contains mostly herbs: thyme, sage, lavender, rosemary, and four types of mint. In this area you will also find coneflowers, stonecrop, bloomerang lilacs, butterfly bushes, false indigo, black-eyed susans, marigolds, bell peppers, yellow squash, iris, and daylilies from the garden club sale. In this garden we also have a St. Francis fountain, a bee hive (from a friend who was a bee man) and a couple of black and white plywood cows. They join a concrete pig, rabbit, squirrel, chicken, and actual cat (usually enjoying catmint). The beehive acts as great storage for pots and hand tools. The house was built in 1915. The garage was once the barn that accompanied the farm house, and would make a great guest house some day. To the west of the house we have started a small rose garden with knockout roses, boxwood, and Japanese pencil holly. This area is a work in progress, so bear with us.

That's our yard in a nutshell. It's not fancy, but this isn't a fancy house. We like to think this is what it looked like a hundred years ago. Stop and visit with the gardener, he enjoys talking with the neighbors, and take a walk around this neighborhood. There are many interesting homes, yards, and people, as well as lots of friendly cats and dogs.

John and Bunny are both Master gardeners and are former members of the Fulton Garden Club.

*Linda Rubin and Mary Redders (photos courtesy of Mary Redders)*



# Pictures of the Yard of the Month

