



## President's Potpourri

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The 2015 Columbia Garden Club plant sale was again a great success! Thanks to all that participated in the plant sale; those that brought plants or baked goods, and white elephant goodies, worked the sale, set up, cleaned up or purchased. Special thanks for co-chairs Marsha Taylor and Connie Blackmore for organizing a great plant and white elephant sale. Thanks also to Alice Havard and Barb Rothenberger for organizing the bake sale. We sold most of everything at the sale. A very few items went to the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners to sell at Earth Day on Sunday. A report of profits from the sale will be in the treasurer's report in this newsletter.

It's again time for our CGC Flower Show. It will be May 23 at the Columbia Public Library. Invite your friends and neighbors to the event. Also, plan to participate by entering in the design and/or horticulture class. It's fun to do and it provides an educational service to our community. We get many positive responses from the community on our shows.

Remember the May 11 meeting will be a flower arranging workshop. Bring some bloom scapes, foliage material, and a small flat container. Make and take home an oriental style design. We will watch a CD on designing in the oriental style and Carol VanVranken will do a working demonstration in the oriental manner of design. Then members will complete a design for their homes.

Marie

*Plant.....Protect.....Participate*

## Workday at Hospital Gardens

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Connie Blackmore, Marie Pasley and Karen Blackmore working in one of the gardens at MU Women's and Children's Hospital.



# April Meeting Minutes

## Columbia Garden Club

### Minutes of Meeting April 20, 2015

The Columbia Garden Club met on Monday, April 20, 2015, for their annual Members' Gardens Tour. Twenty-eight members and one guest attended.

The group met at 8:15 at the City of Columbia Park Management greenhouse, at Cosmo Park, for a tour of their facility. Member's gardens visited were those of Carolyn Doyle, Barb Schuette, Betty Connelly, Liz Kuchera and Carolyn Oates. The group then met at Strawberry Hill Farm and greenhouse. As we ate our lunches in their meeting room, owner Steve Sapp discussed and showed some of the newer varieties of plants popular this year.

At 1:10, President Marie Pasley called the business meeting to order. Marie thanked the members who'd shared their gardens today.

Members with birthday this month are Carolyn Oates and Dee Bauer, and "Happy Birthday" was sung to them.

The Horticulture/Design tip was to observe the design features of the gardens toured today.

#### Committee Reports:

- Clean-Up Columbia, Janet Lasley: Eleven people showed up for the clean-up, at our assigned park, and thanks to all who worked.
- State Convention, Marie Pasley: Thanks to all who helped with the table designs, we receive many compliments on them. Watch for several FGCM by-law changes to appear in the next issue of the *Garden Forum*. The new state officers for FGCM, installed at the convention, for 2015-16 are: President, Nancy Bahn; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Karen Blackmore; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Nan McCabe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Linda Houston, Recording Secretary, Tanya Stanley; and Treasurer, Marjorie Motley. The president's projects for the next two years are to plant 5000 trees across the state, and to develop Monarch Butterfly waystations. The director of Monarch Watch at MU, Chip Taylor, will speak this Thursday at the University, at 6:00 PM, and will discuss ways to help this butterfly.
- Plant Sale, Marsha Taylor: In addition to plants we've dug from our gardens, we'll have tomato plants from Ken and Jane Sadler, some native plants and other annuals. We'll also have a white elephant sale, (garden-related, please), and a bake sale. All members encourage to bring plants, and to donate baked goods and white elephants to be sold.
- Flower Show, Carolyn Doyle: Carolyn encouraged members to consider entering a design, we have a Novice Class for those who've never won a blue ribbon, plus other interesting classes. And all members should bring horticulture specimens! The flower show schedules were passed out.
- Design Classes, Barb Schuette: The Central Missouri Flower Show Judges Council is sponsoring a beginning design class this spring and summer. The first one was on Monday, April 6, and subsequent classes will be the first Monday of each month through October, at 10:00, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Those interested contact Barb Schuette.
- Grow Well Missouri, Evette Nissen: The project is going well, and Saturdays are covered.
- Children's Garden, Marie Pasley: A work day is planned for Thursday, April 30, at 9:30 AM, to clean up, plant and add mulch.
- Garden Therapy at the Bluffs, Barb Rothenberger: The next date is Thursday, May 7, at 2:00. Barb will not be able to attend, but Donna Russell will organize and lead. We'll do a small bouquet in a mug. Several members volunteered to be there. Old Business:

Karen Blackmore reported on the Blue Star Marker. She and the committee met with City Parks & Rec Director Mike Griggs, at Stephens Lake Park, and selected a site, near the entrance of the park, in a berm, which will require no maintenance on our part. Our club is eligible to have half the cost of the marker itself covered by FGCM. Karen Blackmore made a motion that the Columbia Garden Club sponsor a Blue Star Memorial, at Stephens Lake Park, with a budget of up to \$1500.00, to be dedicated on September 29, 2015. The motion was seconded. **Motion Passed.**

#### New Business:

It was noted that at the convention, one club in particular received a number of awards for their projects, with a significant amount of money awarded. Often they're the only club who has applied. Our club should encourage project chairmen to complete the simple, three-page application for an award for their projects.

#### Announcements:

The FGCM Flower Show School Course 2 will be held April 28-30, in Weldon Springs. One of our members, Carolyn Oates is already enrolled, any others interested need not have taken Course 1 to enroll.

#### Next Meeting:

Our May 11 CGC meeting will be at 1:00 PM, at the church, Members are asked to bring a container and plant material, suitable for a small arrangement. We'll watch a video on Ikebana style designs, Carole Van Vranken will talk about Oriental style designs, and we'll make our own design to take home.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Carolyn Doyle, for Connie Blackmore, Secretary.



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## Water Gardens Tour

Dear Garden Club Members:

We invite you to join us for our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour of the St Louis Water Gardening Society Pond-O-Rama 2015. There is a special ticket rate for groups of 10 or more buying tickets together, so join hands, get tickets and come tour with us.

Each summer, the St. Louis Water Gardening Society members welcome visitors to their private pieces of paradise—their own gardens, ponds and water features. It is a great opportunity to talk to our members, enjoy the beauty of their gardens, and have a delightful weekend touring some spectacular places.

This year we are excited to feature 45 water gardens open over two days, June 27 and June 28, 2015. There will be 21 on Saturday and 24 on Sunday. Some of these magnificent gardens have been on the tour before, but many have not, so there is so much to see. The ponds and gardens are located throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Although we have tried to arrange each day's tour with the least possible time and distance between stops, please don't assume that a site located a bit outside the metro area is not worth the drive to see it—there are some spectacular installations further out that should not be missed. All of our hosts are proud of their gardens and are eager to welcome you.

The ticket booklets include descriptions and directions to each of the Pond-O-Rama host sites. They are \$15.00 for both days for everyone over the age of 18. Children under the age of 18 are free. The host sites are available between 9 am and 5 pm each day. Ticket booklets are available now at many retail sites throughout the Metro area. If you wish to purchase 10 or more, they are discounted to \$13.00 each.

Information is available on our website: [www.slwgs.org](http://www.slwgs.org) and on our hotline: 314-995-2988.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be delighted to assist you.

Happy Gardening and Enjoying!

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## April Treasurer's Report

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### Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 2015

Beginning Balance Checking		\$3,646.62
Deposits		
Plant Sale	\$2,705.65	
Bake Sale	\$220.25	
Total Deposits		\$2,925.90
Expenses		
Ck. 1954 – Advertising (plant sale)	\$165.00	
Ck. 1956 – Printing (flower show)	\$195.00	
Ck. 1957 – Reimbursement for flowers (plant sale)	\$100.00	
Ck. 1958 – Reimbursement for flowers (plant sale)	\$84.00	
Ck. 1959 – Sewah Studios (Blue Star Memorial)	\$705.00	
Ck. 1960 – TPC (rent)	\$50.00	
Ck. 1961 – Prairie Hill Farm (Native plants)	\$384.00	
Total Expenses		\$(1,683.00)
Ending Balance Checking		\$4,889.52
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$8,102.93

## Plant Sale Report

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Gross Income—\$2,925.90

Expenses- \$783.00

Net—\$2,142.90

There is an outstanding cheque for \$24.00 which was dated for 5-25-15. I will deposit it on that date and add it as a late payment and that will bring the total for the sale to 2,166.90,

*Leigh Speichinger, Treasurer*

## Members Garden Tour—April 2015—Photography by Mary Redders

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The first stop of our tour was the greenhouse for the city of Columbia.

We enjoyed seeing the different plants, shrubs and trees that the city grows and overwinters for use in different beds throughout Columbia.

Pictured: Janet Lasley, Leigh Speichinger, Cindy Deegan, Yvette Dills.

## Carolyn Doyle's Garden



Members enjoyed a hike through the woods on Carolyn's lovely wooded property. In the picture at right, member Ruthanne McCoy, shares a childhood memory of "Pig's Nose" using the seeds of a Maple Tree. Also pictured at right are Cindy Deegan, Deb Corkery, and Rita Gerke.



## Barb Schuette's Garden



Iris were the stars at Barb's Garden.



## Betty Connelly's Garden



Linda Rubin found one of the many chocolate bunnies hidden around the gardens. Also pictured is Dee Bauer and Barb Schuette.

Betty started with a blank slate 3 years ago and has turned her back yard into a peaceful oasis.



## Liz Kucera's Garden



It's hard to believe this peaceful woodland garden is just a few blocks from downtown Columbia. Above, Liz leads the tour through her yard.



## Carolyn Oates' Garden



Carolyn's mother built this duplex in the 70's and Carolyn's family has designed and planted the landscape over the years.