

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

May 8- CGC monthly meeting 1 pm at CGC sponsored shelter, Stephens Lake Park
Program: Tree ID walk led by City arborist through Stephens Lake Park. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

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



“Flower of the Month for May is Lily of the Valley”

Central District Flower Show & Spring Meeting

The Central District Flower Show and meeting will be held May 11 at 54 Country in Fulton. The FS will be open to the public 1 to 4 pm. A district FS is much bigger than most club shows, it will have a lot of designs and horticulture. Take time to come and check it out.

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May “To Do” List

- Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowers fade
- Plant tender annuals after frost free date of May 10th- remember to acclimate your plants before planting (set them out for a short time in a shady spot for short periods for a couple days before planting in the garden bed)
- Plant something new this year
- If you have pine needles dropping make sure to rake them up, they will kill your lawn. Pine needles make great mulch.
- Divide mums when about 2 inches tall
- Cut and bring in sweet smelling Lily of the Valley blooms.

FGCM DAY at Missouri State Fair

All FGCM clubs in Missouri need your help in gaining new members. What better showcase is there than to display exhibits at 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 17th is FGCM Day at the Fair. Let's show off and get new members in the process. It's our day to "blossom".

Patriot Place Landscape

On April 1st CGC members; Connie Blackmore, Rita Gerke, Karen Blackmore, Janet Lasley, Bill Clark, Marsh Taylor, Rebecca Smith and Marie Pasley, along with seven US Bank employees and resident veterans planted the Patriot Place landscape. We planted 3 'Crimson Pygmy' barberry, 3 'Blue Star' junipers, one 'Little Devil' ninebark, 42 variegated lariope, and some daffodil bulbs. We are trying to stick with somewhat of a red, blue, white color scheme. The area was mulched and steel edging was added around the bed. We will pop in some herbaceous perennials, along with some annuals when frost is over.

Clean up Columbia 2017 Report

Columbia Garden Club's help with Cleanup Columbia was successful for the 21st time. The club owes much appreciation for these workers (the tenacious ten) who came to McKee Park armed with rakes, brooms, boots and strong backs: Carolyn Adams, Randy Adams, Karen Brooks, Cindy Deegan, Ruthanne McCoy, Mary Redders, Jessica Schwartz, Marsha Taylor, Janet Lasley and Bill Clark. The weather was perfect as we collected 10 bags of trash including some unusual items: tire, chair, floor fan, 2 cell phones, pocket watch, doll house, football, soccer ball, basketball, coat rack, plastic ball bat, bench parts and diapers.

This is the message I received from Leigh Kottwitz, Neighborhood Services Manager. "Thanks to all of you for making today's *Cleanup Columbia* a success! Based on the responses we have

received so far, we estimate that 1,700 volunteers participated, sharing 3,400 hours of service and picking up 2,358 bags of litter. Thank you for making this an incredible event!!"

CGC Plant, Bake, and Treasure Sale

Karen Brook and Betty Connelly co-chairs along with CGC members worked diligently to make the CGC 2017 plant & bake sale, and "Garden Bazaar" a success and they succeeded! Many plants were brought and bought by members and the public. Approximately, \$1,900 was made. A final accounting will be given at the May 8th meeting. A big THANK YOU to all CGC members that helped with the sale by working, bringing, or buying items in the sale, the sale must have you to be a success. It is our one fund raiser for all the projects that we do.



"Mom when thoughts of you are in our hearts, we are never far from home"..... Author unknown

Happy Mother's Day



COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
APRIL 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

PROGRAM: Herbal Teas by Dorothy Canote, Harvester. Dorothy presented a power point on the herbs that are traditionally used for healthful purposes. Everyone enjoyed learning from Dorothy the many uses of herbal teas and enjoyed a sample of Elderberry shrub. We each received a handout which included a list of herbs and their uses, along with book and web references .

Meeting was called to order by Marsha Taylor. 24 Members 5 guests.

Lynda Blades read the inspiration.

Garden Tip: Average day of last freeze in Missouri is April 15.

Hospitality Thanks to Emily Bonwich, Jessica Schwartz, and Marsha Taylor.

March Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Barb Rothenberger reported on **Garden Therapy** at the Bluffs. In March members met with residents to plant seeds for spring.

Marsha Taylor reported our club volunteers and US Bank employee volunteers met at **Patriot Place** on April 1st to plant shrubs and perennials for the landscape design under the flags. Many thanks to Superior Garden Center, Helmi's Nursery, Vintage Hill Farm, Strawberry Hill, Mosers, and Lowes, for all their donations for this project. Thanks to Volunteers from US Bank, including spouses, our members, children, and also a few residents of the Patriot Place for planting and mulching. Annual plants will be added at a later date.

Karen Blackmore reported on the design for "**Art in Bloom**". Karen, Betty Connelly, Carolyn Oates, and Connie Blackmore created a design together and received "Honorable Mention" for Best in Show for Creative Design. No money was spent by the club for this entry, the committee used and furnished the materials for the design.

Carolyn Adams reported on the **Triple B Tour** to Birds Eye View and Green House in Jefferson City and lunch at Prison Brews. The annual Garden Tour plans for June is complete. We have 5 gardens to tour.

Marsha Taylor reported for Janet Lasley on **Clean Up Columbia**. Another successful year of cleaning up McKee Park. Thanks to the 10 volunteers for their help, despite one getting poison ivy.

Betty Connelly reported on the **annual Plant Sale** which will be held April 29. Set up is April 28 2:00 to 4:00 at the church. Help is needed at the sale, as well as setting up and closing down. Members are needed to bring lots of plants to sell from their own gardens. Bake Sale will be managed by Carolyn Adams and Marsha Taylor. Sue Mc Connell donated 30-40 daylillies for the sale. There will be White Elephant Sale of gently used items. An opportunity basket will be available for chances.

Barb Schuette, Betty Connelly, Karen Blackmore, and Marsha Taylor will be working on a design for the **CD flower show** in Fulton. A motion was made to use the money that was allocated, but not used for the Art in Bloom design, be used for the Flower Show design. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Announcements:

Dorothy Canote of the Herb Group Society announced the Kick Off to raise money for the development of the new Columbia Farmers Market will be held in May. The market will be located by the ARC and will have doors to close if needed. The market will be used year round by the public. Plans are for a nice landscape and gardens surrounding the area.

May meeting will be held at Stephens Park.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary