

November 2013

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

Columbia Underground

A Note from our President

Happy fall! Hasn't it been beautiful? I have been traveling as 2nd VP for FGCM, first to four district meetings: Lathrope, Sedalia, Springfield and Hartville. I traveled to Middlebury Indiana for the Central Region meeting and then to three more district meetings in Missouri: Clarksville, Farmington and Troy. I have seen the most beautiful fall in a long time. I have heard some wonderful programs to include a design program that was really good, using "Funky Junk", and a nationally known inspirational speaker. She talked about how important it is for people our age to keep talking even though it seems our children and grandchildren are not listening, as we are the "roots" that anchor, nourish, store and prevent erosion. Her message was "Share What You Know" and her message really was meaningful to me. In addition, from other programs, I now know more about native plants, bees and the quilt gardens of Indiana.

Alice and I enjoyed the Northeast District meeting, held at "The Village of the Blue Rose", a bed and breakfast overlooking the Mississippi River. It was special as it is the home of seven young adults with Down syndrome and two of them were our waiters. The food was delicious and the service was good as well. The view is beautiful and the restaurant is open for lunch Wednesday thru Saturday. You might look it up on the internet as I highly recommend a visit there! In fact, even though it is two hours away, it would be a great day trip. There is a large antique mall in Clarksville and, of course Waters Furniture store in Vandalia.

I was able to attend the flower show for a couple of hours on Saturday morning and it was a fantastic show! I was actually surprised to see so much horticulture this late in the season. I have heard that the judges were complimentary of the amount as well as how clean and well-presented our show was. A big thank you to Carolyn Doyle and the committee for doing a fine job and thank you to all of you for the great turnout to help and to enter as well. I am so proud!

Thirty seven of you have paid your dues for 2014. I can see by our membership list that several of you will re-join who have not as yet. I know the new garden club, Discovery, took a few of our members and we have lost some for other reasons. We had a membership of more than 60 four years ago when I took office so I am sad to see the membership drop so much. Please invite your friends and others you meet to join our club.

We will have a good program at our November meeting, Healthy Mediterranean Lifestyle by Nutrition and Health Education Specialist, Vera Massey. The meeting is early due to the Fall Board Meeting of FGCM. See you on the 4th!

Karen



ATTENTION!!!!!!

The November meeting of the Columbia Garden Club will be November 4th not November 11th. We will meet in the sanctuary of the church instead of our usual meeting room. The date was changed because we have members that will be attending the State Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

October Meeting Minutes

Columbia Garden Club October 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Program on “Propagation” was presented by CGC member and Advanced Master Gardener , Marie Pasley.

Called to Order- Carolyn Doyle, co-president called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. 27 members were present with one guest Jean Roselle.

Minutes without corrections were filed as written.

Treasurer’s report- In the absence of our treasurer no verbal report was given but members had no questions regarding the printed report, so report is filed to audit.

Old Business:

-Karen Blackmore, along with Charley’s assistance has purchased a projection screen for the Trinity Presbyterian Church. It is remote control operated and very nice. The Church had the screen installed and sent a warm thank you note to CGC thanking us for the donation.

New Business:

-Ten CGC members participated in a tree focus group for Missouri Conservation and were each paid \$60. Several have donated this to CGC. Karen moved to purchase a digital projector for CGC spending up to \$800, the projector will only be used by CGC and is to be kept in the possession of the program chair/1st VP. The monies donated from the tree focus participants will be utilized for the projector purchase, with the rest coming from our treasury, motion second by Carol VanVranken, carried unanimously. Karen will consult with Charley on the best projector for the club to purchase.

- Barb Rothenberger and Karen Blackmore, co-chairs of the Blue Star Memorial met with UMC Landscape Director, Pete Mileau to discuss possible locations for a memorial. UMC is very excited about the memorial and would like to put a By-way marker south of the Union in the *Walk of Honor* area. The by-way style marker cost around \$400. Some members expressed concern that few would see the marker only being on the campus. Barbara Schuette moved to go forward with plans to put a By-Way style memorial on the UMC campus with a maximum investment of \$1,000 with the stipulation that we also look into putting another Blue Star Memorial somewhere else in the city of Columbia in the future, motion second by Rita Gerke, carried unanimously.

-Marsha Taylor made a Facebook page for CGC. She encouraged members to go to it and like the page so others would check it out.

Committee Reports

-Youth Garden- Marie Pasley reported that she and Alice Havard had gone to the gardens last week and added some perennials. A wrought iron fence has been installed so you have to go through the hospital to reach the gardens. The gardens have filled out and look very nice.

Conservation- Gayle Fry passed out literature on “Buzz about Bugs” listing several interesting facts about insects.

Committee Reports continued:

Flower Show- Carolyn Doyle, chair again encouraged participation in horticulture and design classes. Set up for the show will be Friday 3 to 5 pm. Entries are on Saturday starting at 8 am.

Announcements

November 5 will be a BBB to Clark Amish community. Members are to meet at Patricia’s at 9:30 am to go to Colliers Junction and meet with Deb Corkery, who will guide us through the many stores, markets, etc. in the area. Members are asked to bring a brown bag lunch since we won’t know where we will be at lunch time. All are invited, it should be a fun day.

Adjourned 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marie Pasley, secretary

October Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report
October 29, 2013

Beginning Balance Checking		\$5,342.84
Deposits		
In Memory of Lynn Birkby's Mother	\$50.00	
Tree Focus Donations	\$120.00	
African Violets	\$36.25	
Membership	\$140.00	
Total Deposits		\$346.25
Expenses		
Ck#1891 – MBS Oct. Newsletter	\$2.99	
Ck#1892 – Cindy Deegan-Children's Garden	\$101.39	
Ck#1893 – Carol Eilerman-Flower Show Judge Mileage	\$50.00	
Ck#1894 – Mary Young-Flower Show Judge Mileage	\$50.00	
Ck#1895 – FGCM, Inc. Membership Dues and Donations	\$475.00	
Ck#1896 – FGCM Central District-Membership Dues	\$22.50	
Total Expenses		\$701.88
Ending Balance Checking		\$4,987.21
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-4-2013		\$3,206.99
Total Assets		\$8,194.20

November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next spring.- Elizabeth Coatsworth -

Flowers for Wyatt Guesthouse and Library

Month	Boone Library	Wyatt Guesthouse
November	Leigh Speichinger	
December	Leigh Speichinger	Evette Nissen

As you can see we have an empty spot for November. If you can help with this, please contact Lynn Birkby. I would like to say thank you to Lynn for all of her work with the Library and Wyatt Guest House Committee. We will no longer have this committee due to lack of volunteers.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 4—CGC Meeting-
Vera Massey—Healthy
Mediterranean Lifestyle

Nov. 4—Committee
Chair Reports are due.

Nov. 10-12—FGCM
Fall Board Meeting

Dec. 9—CGC Meeting—
12:00 Noon-Holiday
Luncheon

Hospitality

November

Kay Egbert

Leslie Rosenkrans

Patty Purves



Columbia Garden Club

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Doyle

Karen Blackmore

1st VP: Barbara Rothenberger

2nd VP: Connie Blackmore

Secretary: Marie Pasley

Treasurer: Evette Nissen

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Vranken

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Meetings take place at Trinity
Presbyterian Church, 1600 West
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How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.



At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.

- Elsie N. Brady, *Leaves*

Forcing Bulbs for Winter Bloom

What can be more cheerful in the dead of winter than a potful of flowering bulbs? With a little bit of planning, you can have spring flowers in full bloom indoors, months before they come up outside.

Usually spring-flowering bulbs are planted outdoors in fall, and most bloom from March to May, depending on the type of plant. For bulbs to flower indoors in midwinter, they have to be tricked into spring mode with a period of cold. Plant the bulbs in pots in autumn and store them where the temperature is just above freezing—a mudroom or porch, garage, or unheated spare room.

Another option is to put them outside in a cold frame; a temporary one can be made with four straw bales arranged in a U-shape against a wall. Huddle the bulb pots close together, cover them with a foot of shredded leaves, and let nature do its work.

In 12 weeks, the bulbs will have filled the pots with roots, essential for the leaf and flower growth to come. Move the pots into the house. With 50 to 70 degree temperatures indoors and maybe some sunshine, you will have flowers in a few weeks. The cooler the room, the longer the flowers will last.

Save the bulbs once the show is over and transplant them to the garden in spring, where they will bloom again the following year.

From: 100 Garden Tips and Timesavers

Mulch for Winter Protection

Winter mulch isn't necessary for all garden plants, but it can mean survival for some less hardy plants. Winter mulch has a different purpose than summer mulch. The main benefits of winter cover are to protect against heaving from wide temperature fluctuations in the soil and to prevent extreme cold temperatures from harming plants.

Heaving is most harmful to relatively shallow-rooted plants, such as strawberries and newly planted specimens of any kind that have not yet had a chance to develop solid footing. The insulation that winter mulch provides keeps the soil temperatures from fluctuating, thus preventing heaving of plants. Winter mulch also prevents extreme cold damage to above-ground plant parts.

In most cases, 2-4 inches of mulch, such as straw, pine needles, hay or bark chips, give adequate protection. For some more tender plants, such as grafted roses, more elaborate protection is needed.

Timing is critical when applying winter mulch. It's best to wait until after temperatures are consistently below freezing to apply the mulch. After all, you aren't trying to keep the soil from freezing; rather, you want to keep it from alternately freezing and thawing. Applying the winter mulch too early can smother the plant and encourage disease development.

From: Possum in the Pawpaw Tree

Pictures from “A Touch of Frost”



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Design by Connie Blackmore



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More Pictures from "A Touch of Frost"



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