



President's Potpourri

November marks another milestone in the career of Columbia Garden Club. Our first Blue Star Memorial marker will be dedicated on November 11 at 12 noon on the East Memorial Union Tower walk. Please plan to attend. We will be a part of the ceremony arranged each year by the university. Karen Blackmore will have shuttle information so there will be no problem parking. Joyce Lewis, our state president will speak. The Blue Star Memorial Marker program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. began in 1945, to honor service men and women serving in World War II. It now includes all Armed Forces. Our marker reads: Blue Star Memorial By-Way A tribute to the Armed Forces of America Columbia Garden Club, National Garden Clubs, Inc.

At a memorial service honoring service men and women, the following words from a hymn by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice were sung:

*I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

See you November 3, 1 pm Garden Club meeting - program given by Charlie and Karen Blackmore. Charlie has produced and narrated a video that chronicles and will continue to chronicle Blue Star markers in Missouri. Please note date- one week earlier than usual. See you on the 3rd. Alice

Plant...Protect...Participate

Hospitality

Hostesses for our November 3 meeting are:

Leigh Speichinger

Leslie Rosenkrans

Lynda Blades

October Minutes

Columbia Garden Club

Minutes of Meeting, October 13, 2014

The Columbia Garden Club met at 1:00 on Monday, October 13, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Twenty-five members were in attendance, plus three guests, all of whom joined the club.

The meeting was called to order by President Alice Havard at 1:00. Vice-president Marsha Taylor introduced our speaker, Adam Saunders, from the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture.

After a brief break for refreshments, Alice reconvened the meeting at 2:30. The inspiration was given by Leslie Rosenkrans, for Lynda Blades.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as distributed, and the treasurer's report, as distributed, was filed for audit. All were reminded that dues, of \$20.00, are now due, and can be paid today. Alice read a thank-you note from Lorrie Kraft, one of our Yard-of-the-Month recipients this summer.

Committees:

The Executive committee has met, to determine the programs and projects for 2015. Most of our projects will carry over, except the Blue Star Memorial, which will be completed this November. A possible new project might be blooming bulbs on Meals on Wheels trays.

If anyone has ideas for programs for 2015, contact Marsha, and include contact information. Karen reminds us that the Blue Star Memorial dedication will be Tuesday, November 11, at 12:00 noon, on the MU campus, just east of the Memorial Union tower. All we're responsible for is paying for the memorial, which will be a by-way marker. All members are encouraged to attend, and there will be shuttle parking.

Garden Therapy at The Bluffs started last month, there was good attendance and patients enjoyed it. Next session is November 6, eight volunteers are needed, also artificial evergreens, for making holiday door hangers. Barb Rothenberger, chairman.

Vision of Beauty calendars are available, \$5.00, pay Alice.

Tours of Members' Gardens-Carolyn Adams: Tours will be in April next year, to see different plants in bloom, particularly narcissus and iris. Gardens will be Carolyn Doyle, Liz Kucera, Carolyn Oates, Barb Schuette and possibly Barb's neighbor.

Old Business: Eight members attended the Central District meeting on September 19. The presidents' reports gave information on club's activities, and provided ideas for future programs. Also discussed was Convention 2015, hosted by Central District. Hostesses are needed, as well as people to place table decorations. And all members are encouraged to attend. Registration information is in The Garden Forum.

New Business: Sign-up sheets for committees for 2015 are on the side table, please sign up for several. Current committee chairs are asked to write a report of the past year's activities, and officers to write a short description of their duties for the next person.

Our state contributions are listed in the yearbook, Karen Blackmore moved they be continued unchanged for 2015. Motion was seconded, and passed.

Karen Blackmore also moved that we donate \$600.00, sponsoring a half-row of garden, to the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture this year. Motion was seconded, and passed.

The proposed by-law changes as published will be reworded and republished in the November newsletter, and voted on in the November meeting.

Bloomin' Bus Tour, Karen Blackmore: The tour will be June 1-4, 2015, to several gardens in Arkansas, cost is \$698.00, and includes transportation, hotels, entrance fees and 2 meals a day.

Karen attended the Central Region meeting recently, they had an interesting program on pollinators.

Karen also showed a Duo Design, which she'd made and discussed at the Designer's Guild meeting this morning.

Thanks to Deb, Leigh and Alice for refreshments today.

Our next meeting will be on the first Monday of November, the 3rd, due to a conflict with the State Board Meeting the second week. There will be a plant and seed exchange at the November meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20.

Carolyn Doyle, for Secretary Connie Blackmore.

Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report October 20, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$5,991.92
Deposits		
Membership Dues x 9	180.00	
Donation from friends of Karen Blackmore	100.00	
Total Deposits		\$280.00
Expenses		
Speaker's Fee/donation to CCUA	\$50.00	
Church Rental (two months)	\$50.00	
Supplies for Garden Therapy at the Bluffs	\$21.95	
Total Expenses		(-\$121.95)
Ending Balance Checking		\$6,148.97
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$9,362.38

Committee Sign-Up

All Members of Columbia Garden Club are asked to sign up for at least two of our committees. There will be sign up sheets at the November 3 meeting. It is important to sign up now so the information can be put in the yearbook. If you are unable to be at the meeting you can contact Alice Havard to sign up for the committees you are interested in. Her contact information is 445-4624 or aehavard@yahoo.com. Some of the committees that need volunteers are: Clean Up Columbia; Garden Therapy at the Bluffs; Flower Show; Historical Society Garden; Hospitality; Plant Sale; Seeds of Change.



IMPORTANT!!!!

The November Meeting of the Columbia Garden Club will be November 3, a week earlier than usual. Several of our members will be attending the FGCM Board meeting on the day we would normally meet.

Also, Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2, so be sure and change your clocks so you are at the meeting at the right time.

Blue Star Memorial Program

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

The program was expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, as well as in churches and businesses. This program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute always and especially now.

From: The National Garden Clubs official website

Historian Needed

A committee chair is needed for the Historian/Scrapbook position. According to our club's by-laws, "The Historian shall collect newspaper articles and other memorabilia of the club and compile it in a suitable scrapbook for display at the September meeting." If you think you might be interested in taking over this position, please contact Alice Havard. Many thanks to Cindy Deegan for her service to Columbia Garden Club as our former Historian.



Welcome New Members!

Please add the following new members to your yearbook.

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Volunteers Needed

The next Garden Therapy at The Bluffs session will be November 6th at 2:00. Barb Rothenberger will be showing the residents how to make holiday door hangers. Volunteers are needed to help the residents. Also needed is artificial greens and any decorations you might have for the project.

Docents are needed for the Women's Symphony League Home Tour. The tour is December 5th, 6th and 7th. If you are interested in helping, contact Alice Havard at 445-4624.

REMINDER!!

Next meeting is November 3

Help the Monarchs

Monarch butterfly populations are declining, but there is something we as individuals can do to help them. We can plant milkweed plants. Milkweed is the only plant on which monarch butterflies will lay their eggs, and it is the primary food source for monarch caterpillars. There are also toxins in the milkweed leaves that are harmless to the caterpillars but is poisonous to its predators. If a bird eats a monarch caterpillar or butterfly, it quickly becomes sick and learns to stay away from the monarch. Missouri has 17 native species of milkweed. Missouri Wildflower Nursery carries 6 of those. Pictures and descriptions of 4 of them are listed below. Perhaps you will find one or two that you like and can plant in your flower beds so the butterflies will have a nectar source as well as a host plant.

Purple Milkweed - *Asclepias purpurascens*
Uses: pollinators, host plant, hummingbirds
Bloom Time: May-June
Height: 2 to 4 feet
Space: 1.5 to 2 feet
Sun: Sun to medium shade
Moisture: Average



Spider Milkweed - *Asclepias viridis*
Uses: deer resistant, drought tolerant, pollinators, showy flowers
Bloom Time: May-June
Height: 12-18 in. Space: 16-20 in.
Sun: Full sun to light shade
Moisture: Dry to Average



Butterfly Milkweed - *Asclepias tuberosa*
Uses: butterflies, pollinators, showy flowers, Host plant, medicinal
Bloom time: June & July
Height: 2 to 3 feet
Space: 1.5 to 2.5 feet
Sun: Full sun to light shade
Moisture: Average



Swamp Milkweed - *Asclepias incarnata*
Uses: Naturalize, Rain Garden, butterflies
Bloom time: July to August
Height: 4-5 feet
Space: 2-3 feet
Sun: Full sun
Moisture: Medium to Wet



You're Invited

**BLUE STAR MEMORIAL
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Giving Thanks

(Author Unknown)

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" —
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving 