

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

DATE CHANGE November meeting:
changed to November 13 at 1-Program-
“Growing Orchids” Anne Johnson w/the
Orchid Society will give a power point on
how to start growing orchids.

November 4 at 10 am. Gold Star
Memorial dedication on the west side of
the Capital in Jefferson City.

November 8- Women's Symphony Home
Tour- Decorating of home in Grasslands
area - more details later

November 16 at 2- Garden Therapy at
the Bluffs

December 14 at 2 -Garden Therapy at
the Bluffs- Christmas placemats (bring old
Christmas cards)

October 1 to November 5 open
Wednesday & Sunday Prarie Queen Quilt
Show- at the Centralia Historical Society.

Remember

This is a great time to invite friends to become new members. Our goal for 2018 is to increase membership by 10%.



*“Flower of the Month for
November is
Chrysanthemums ”*

Columbia Garden Club November 13 Meeting

Please note the DATE CHANGE for this meeting. Meeting is November 13 at 1 pm. Program will be presented by Anne Johnson w/ the Orchid Society. She will discuss growing orchids.

NOTE: We will collect MONEY for food bank at December meeting instead of food.



Vote on Amount of Meetings Per Year at November meeting

Members discussed meeting for 12 months of the year instead of 10. It was felt that the B&B tours could be scheduled as educational meeting months. Most of the tours are related to gardens and are educational so why not call them that. Rebecca Smith moved that we meet 12 months a year instead of only 10, Barb Schuette 2nd the motion. Motion Passed by raise of hands. It was discussed what we would do at the 2 extra months during next year. We will Vote at the November meeting to amend the bylaws to meet 12 months a year.



Columbia Garden Club Members are Invited

All CGC members are invited to attend the Gold Star Memorial dedication on the west side of the Capital Grounds on November 4 2017 at 10 am. Wear your red, white, and blue and join in this wonderful dedication honoring our veterans lost in war. This is the second gold star dedication in Missouri.



November Monthly Tips and Tasks

Now is the ideal time to plant trees and shrubs. Before digging the hole, prepare the site by loosening the soil well beyond the drip line of each plant. Plant trees and shrubs at the depth they grew in the nursery and not

deeper. Remove all wires, ropes and non-biodegradable materials from roots before back filling. Apply a 2-3 inch mulch layer, but stay several inches away from the trunk. Keep the soil moist, not wet, to the depth of the roots.

Remove the spent flowers and foliage of perennials after they are damaged by frost.

Newly planted broad-leaf evergreens such as azaleas, boxwood and hollies benefit from a burlap screen for winter wind protection. Set screen stakes in place before the ground freezes.

Now is a good time to observe and choose nursery stock based on fall foliage interest.

Plant tulips now.

Mums can be cut back to within several inches of the ground once flowering ends. After the ground freezes, apply a 2 to 3 inch layer of loose mulch such as pine needles, straw or leaves.

Mulch flower and bulb beds after the ground freezes, to prevent injury to plants from frost heaving.

Roses should be winterized after a heavy frost. Place a 6 to 10-inch deep layer of mulch over each plant. Top soil works best. Prune sparingly, just enough to shorten overly long canes. Climbers should not be pruned at this time.

Covering garden pools with bird netting will prevent leaves from fouling the water. Oxygen depletion from rotting organic matter can cause winter kill of pond fish.

Fall tilling the vegetable garden exposes many insect pests to winter cold, reducing their numbers in next year's garden.

Any unused, finished compost is best tilled under to improve garden soils.

To prevent insects or diseases from overwintering in the garden, remove and compost all plant debris.

Continue watering evergreens until the ground freezes. Soils must not be dry when winter arrives.

Keep mulches pulled back several inches from the base of fruit trees to prevent bark injury from hungry mice and other rodents

Fallen, spoiled or mummified fruits should be cleaned up from the garden and destroyed by burying.

A dilute whitewash made from equal parts interior white latex paint and water applied to the southwest side of young fruit trees will prevent winter sun scald injury.

Commercial tree guards or protective collars made of 18-inch high hardware cloth will prevent trunk injury to fruit trees from gnawing rabbits and rodents.

Mulch strawberries for winter with straw. This should be done after several nights near 20 degrees, but before temperatures drop into the teens. Apply straw loosely, but thick enough to hide plants from view.

Now is a good time to collect soil samples to test for pH and nutritional levels.

Roll up and store garden hoses on a warm, sunny day. It's hard to get a cold hose to coil into a tight loop.

To prevent injury to turf grasses, keep leaves raked up off of the lawn.

Continue mowing lawn grasses as long as they keep growing.

A final fall application of fertilizer can be applied to bluegrass and fescue lawns now.

Clean house gutters of leaves and fallen debris before cold wet weather sets in.

Set up bird feeders. Birds appreciate a source of unfrozen drinking water during the winter.

Be sure to shut off and drain any outdoor water pipes or irrigation systems that may freeze during cold weather.

Reduce or eliminate fertilizing of houseplants until spring.

From Missouri Botanical Garden callendar

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
October 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Program: given by Mary Fritz of *Windy Hill Cut Flower Farm* in Herman, Missouri. We all enjoyed learning about different wildflowers and weeds to gather for preserving and using in arrangements and wreaths. I am sure we will all be looking for a variety of things to gather as we stroll through the woods, in our gardens, or watch for along fence rows when we take a drive. Watch out for poison ivy.

Meeting was called to order by President Marsha Taylor. 30 Members, 1 Guest, Welcome to 2 New Members, Carolyn Oats sister, Mary, and Barb Bechtell.

Hospitality Thanks to: Linda Rubin, Karen Brooke, and Mary Redders.

Inspiration was read by Lynda Blades.

Garden Tip: Blue Jays gather acorns and hide them. Design horticulture tip by Karen Blackmore is Beauty Berry which the Birds love and it self seeds. An African Violet was shown by Leona Litteral, which was a start given to her by Dorothy Anderson. Kay Kern planted Swamp Milkweed and counted 171 Monarchs this year.

September meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Report:

Rita Gerke, Scholarship chair, chose Wendy Barnhart to be awarded the CGC \$500 scholarship.

Barb Rothenberger, chair for Garden Therapy reports they will meet at the Bluffs on **October 26** to help residents decorate for Fall. The next project will be **November 16th** at 2:00 PM. Please bring recycled Christmas Cards to use for placemats. Please help if you can.

Alice Havard needs volunteers to help decorate for Christmas for the Women's Symphony Home Tour the week before December 8th. Information will follow, contact Alice if interested.

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Betty Connelly will chair the Program Projects, please contact her for any ideas.

Donna Russell will chair the Garden Tours in 2018, please contact her if you wish to show your garden.

Old Business: Suggestion was made to send an email to let members know who was selected for Yard of the Month, so our members can drive by and take a look.

Chairmen for Yard of the month are Betty Connelly, Barb Rothenberger, and Alice Havard. If you have suggestions for a Yard please contact one of these ladies.

New Business:

Marsha Taylor would like to see our membership increase this year and keep the members we have. Think about what we can do to make this happen. **We need to work on Getting New Members, Projects, Retention, and Applications for Awards.**

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Marsha Taylor reminded those of us who can walk with no trouble to please park down the hill, and leave the spaces near the door for our members who need it.

New officers are encouraged to ask old officers for tips or advise on their new position.

Announcements:

Karen Blackmore thanked everyone who sent cards to Chris Egbert, during and after Kay Egbert's passing. Karen moved we put a memorial for Kay in the Garden Forum, motion was 2nd, and passed.

The Gold Star Memorial at the Capitol in Jefferson City will be presented on November 4th, at 10AM . It will be on the west side of the building. Please plan to attend this special event for our Veterans.

Karen stressed that membership for our club is important as it will be 100 Years old as a Federated Club in 2019. We need to apply for Awards as there are many out there for us. You can see list of awards on the National Garden Club site, the user name is member, and the password is pumpkin. We received a 2nd Place Award for Garden Therapy. Keep in mind if awarded on a National Level it would be a \$100 award.

Centralia Historical Society is hosting *Prairie Queen* Quilt Show October 1 through November 5th 2PM to 4PM.

December 11th Meeting will be our carry in luncheon, Kay Kern will chair the activities and decorations, and fun. We will collect money instead of canned goods this year for the food bank.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary.

