

# "Columbia Underground"

Member National Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, and Central District

## Upcoming Events

**November 18 - CGC Monthly meeting 1pm**  
**(NOTE DATE CHANGE) at Trinity**  
**Presbyterian Church "Giving" to local women's**  
**shelter.**

November 12 & 13- FGCM Fall Board meeting  
in Jefferson City

November 15- Central Region Awards Due

November 30- Books of Evidence for 2019  
projects due to Awards Chairs

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**Columbia Garden Club Meeting (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of**  
**November) Meet at McAdams at 1pm then on to**  
**church for meeting.**

Due to the FGCM Fall Board meeting the monthly meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting at McAdams at 1pm to dedicate the bench to past member Betty Gladney then we will proceed to the Church for our regular monthly meeting. With Thanksgiving coming up, members are asked to bring full size personal hygiene products; shampoo, conditioner, bath wash, bar soap, razors, Kleenex, etc to give to the local women's shelter *True North*. They will be put out on display for clients to choose what they want at the shelter. This is a new giving project this year, so we hope all will participate.



*"Wart Flower or Toad Lily"*  
**Tricyrtis**

Tricyrtis is most commonly known as toad lily but because it has three "warts" on the backside of the bloom, some know it as "wart flower". There have been many new introductions in the last several years. It is one of the last blooming flowers in the fall garden. It usually gets caught by the frost in my garden each year.

## **CGC Fall Plant Sale, October 12,**

Thank you for participating in the new fall plant sale. It wasn't as large at the spring sale but we did have a lot of buyers come by and we felt sales were very good for a first time event. Members brought many lovely plants, delicious baked goodies, and some awesome white elephant sale items. Thanks to everyone that helped out.

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## Gardening Tips for November

### Ornamentals

- Continue watering evergreens until the ground freezes. Soils must not be dry when winter arrives.
- 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.
- Take steps to prevent garden pools from freezing solid in winter. Covering pools with an insulating material or floating a stock tank water heater in the pond will lessen the chance of ice damage.
- 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.

### Vegetables

- 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.
- Overcrowded or unproductive rhubarb plants

can be divided now.

- Root crops such as carrots, radishes, turnips and Jerusalem artichokes store well outdoors in the ground. Just before the ground freezes, bury these crops under a deep layer of leaves or straw. Harvest as needed during winter by pulling back this protective mulch.
- For Thanksgiving, weave a holiday wreath of garlic, onions, chili peppers and herbs. It will make a gourmet gift for a lucky friend.

### Fruits

- Keep mulches pulled back several inches from the base of fruit trees to prevent bark injury from hungry mice and other rodents.
- Harvest pecans when they start to drop from trees. Shake nuts onto tarps laid on the ground.
- 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.

### Miscellaneous

- 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.
- For cyclamen to bloom well indoors, they need cool temperatures in the 50-60 degree range, bright light, evenly moist soils, and regular fertilization.
- Reduce or eliminate fertilizing of houseplants until spring.

Taken from Missouri Botanical Garden site.