



## President's Potpourri



# Columbia Underground

Good News! You can put off a garden clean up until late spring! Experts agree - many of our plant pollinators overwinter in gardens under sheltering stems, limbs and leaves. They also bore into debris to lay eggs, and lay eggs in underground tunnels. Give them a chance to hatch in the spring, as many don't hatch until after the last frost. If your neighbors frown on the natural look, perhaps moving some of the debris to a corner of the garden and fencing it off will make everyone happy. "Pollinators" seems to be the new buzz word for gardeners, and was the topic presented at the annual Mizzou Botanic Garden meeting, and was also written about in the National Gardener, our national garden club publication.

The speaker at the Mizzou meeting was from the St. Louis Zoo. The Zoo is expanding into an area that will become a short term test for milkweeds and monarch butterflies. They are also working with MO-DOT in S.W. Missouri and envision a pollinator corridor for Interstate 55 from St. Louis to Chicago.

Did you know- There is no bee habitat in corn or soybean fields? That flower fragrance can be reduced by pollution? That honey bees don't pollinate tomatoes but bumble bees do? Books on the subject are "Attracting Native Pollinators" by the Xerces Society, "Beekeeper's Lament" by Hannah Nordhaus, and "Bringing Nature Home" by Douglas Tallamy. (The Xerces Society focuses on invertebrates).

See you soon - and bring any plants or seeds you would like to pass along. My native butterfly weed seed pods just popped! I'll bring some of those - Alice

**Plant...Protect...Participate**

## October Meeting

Columbia Garden Club meeting Monday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 W.Rollins

Program: Getting the Most Out of Life Through Gardening" given by an Occupational Therapist from MU School of Occupational Therapy

Refreshments by Deb Corkery, Connie Blackmore, Alice Havard



## September Meeting Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

9-08-14 MEETING MINUTES

We celebrated 95 Years using the Rose as the theme for our luncheon. Members enjoyed a delicious meal with fine desserts. Rose decorated cupcakes, rose hip tea, and the silver tea set purchased by the club many years ago was put to good use once again.

Thank you hospitality, Carolyn Swope, Dee Bauer, Virginia Itschner and everyone who participated in the celebration.

Meeting was called to order by Alice Havard.

39 Members and 6 guests

1 of the guests became a member: Lorrie Kraft.

Minutes of June meeting approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

A nice Red Rose Bush and 3 Mini Rose Bushes were given as door prizes to 4 lucky winners.

Each of the former presidents who attended were asked to stand and be recognized to be given a single red rose for appreciation of their service.

Recognition was given to the District Directors from our Columbia Garden Club; the Officers of the Columbia Garden club; State Board Officers; Flower Show Judges.

The Program involved some of our members giving highlights of each decade over the past 95 Years when our club was formed. We were entertained by taking a trip down memory lane by 9 members who gave us facts, styles, gossip, and happenings for each decade. Thank You ladies to all who participated.

Betty Gladney was given a special recognition for the great memories of planning the Garden Club trips from 2004 to 2006 and for sharing her photo memory book of these tours.

Karen Blackmore reminded anyone who wants to attend the District Meeting needs to pay their \$15.00 to Leigh Speichinger.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

## New Member

Please welcome Lorrie Kraft as the newest member of Columbia Garden Club. Her contact information is:

1209 Weaver Drive

Columbia, MO 65203

Cell phone number—573-639-1625



## Treasurer's Report

### Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report

September 10, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$5,492.32
Deposits		
Registration Fees for Fall District Meeting	\$120.00	
Membership Dues x 31	620.00	
Total Deposits		\$740.00
Expenses		
Ck#1923 – Church Rental	\$50.00	
Ck#1924 – Roses for Anniversary Meeting	\$10.58	
Ck #1925 – Hospitality	\$59.82	
Ck #1926 – Registration Fees for Fall District Meeting	\$120.00	
Total Expenses		(-\$240.40)
Ending Balance Checking		\$5,991.92
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-9-2014		\$3,213.41
Total Assets		\$9,205.33

## Fall Festivals

Fall is a great time for festivals. Following is a list of just a few in our area.

Oct. 11-12 - 46th Annual Arrow Rock Heritage Craft Festival

Oct. 11 - Autumn On The Bricks - Fulton

Oct. 11-12 - Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 18 - Know the Dark Hike at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park

Each weekend in October - Oktoberfest at Stone Hill Winery - Hermann



## Mark Your Calendars

**October 13 DUES ARE DUE FOR 2015 - PLEASE BRING YOUR PAYMENT TO THE MEETING - \$20.00** Or you can send dues to our treasurer, Leigh Speichinger 4100 Coats Lane, Columbia Mo 65203. Please make your check to Columbia Garden Club, and include your name, address, phone and e-mail address as you want it in the 2015 yearbook. Include your cell phone number if you wish. We must complete the paperwork for the state and have it in the state treasurer's hands before November 1.

October 18 Songbird Station ( Gold Crest Distributing) garage sale, Mexico, MO 8 am start time.

October 28, 29, 30 Landscape Design School in Fulton MO registration forms will be available at the meeting.

November 3 Columbia Garden Club meeting featuring the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Please note this meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the state meeting held on our regular date. Refreshments: Leigh Speichinger, Leslie Rosenkrans, Lynda Blades

November 11 Tuesday 12 noon Blue Star Memorial marker dedication - MU campus Memorial Union Tower. The marker is sponsored by Columbia Garden Club- please attend this annual Veteran's Day event. Our state president, Joyce Lewis will be among the speakers.

November 6 Thursday 2 pm Garden Therapy at the Bluffs We will construct door decorations for the holidays. Helpers needed to work with the residents. It's fun, and the residents are very appreciative. We need holiday greens (artificial) and small ornaments, etc. Call Barb Rothenberger if you can help in any way - 446-3262.

June 1-4 2015 FGCM Bloomin' Bus Tour to Arkansas Gardens -double price per person \$698 see Karen Blackmore to sign up. Visit the Crystal Bridges Museum, Garvan Woodland Gardens, the state capitol Iris gardens, P. Allen Smith, and Heifer International.

### 2014 Plants of Merit Tree—Silverbell Tree

Halesia diptera (Magniflora Group)

Zone: 5 to 8

Height: 20.00 to 30.00 feet

Spread: 20.00 to 30.00 feet

Bloom Time: April to May

Bloom Description: White

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium

Maintenance: Low

Suggested Use: Flowering Tree

Flower: Showy

Fruit: Showy

From Missouri Botanical Garden website





## By-Law Changes

Following are proposed changes to the Columbia Garden Club By-Laws. We will be voting on these changes at the October Meeting. The proposed changes are in red.

### Article VI - Nominations - Elections - Vacancies

#### Section I. Nominations

(a) The Nominating committee shall consist of five members (**change to 3 members**). To be eligible to serve on the committee a member must have attended at least three meetings during the year. The president shall appoint one member from the Executive Board to serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. Two members (**delete all underlined words**) **shall be elected by and from the Executive Board and two members** shall be elected by the assembly at the June general meeting.

Article V -Section 1.The elected officers of this club shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and four (**change to 2**) advisory board members. (**delete underlined words**) **two to be elected each year**. In alternate years the retiring President automatically becomes one of the (**delete underlined words**) **two new** advisory board members (**add**) **with the other advisory member elected at the time of officer elections**.

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# Celebrating 95 Years





# Plant Sale Report

Submitted by Leigh Speichinger

The plant sale was held on April 26th from 8-2 p.m. Set up was on Friday April 25th from 2-4 p.m. Advertisements were placed in the Columbia Daily Tribune: two highlighted ads on the garage sale page and one 3”X4” display ad during the week (either Wednesday or Thursday). Various signs advertising the sale were placed in the vicinity of the church e.g. along Rollins and Broadway.

Jane and Ken Sadler donated 150 tomato plants. These sold well at \$6.00 each for the first hundred or so and then discounted to \$3.00 each. 35 plants were returned to the Sadlers. A written receipt was given to them for tax purposes.

Karen Blackmore bought annuals from the Centralia High School and these all sold. The cost of these annuals was reimbursed by an equal dollar amount of plants from the sale.

Native plants were purchased on consignment from Prairie Native Plants at \$3.00 each and were sold for \$6.00 each. 123 were sold, those not sold were returned to the seller.

The bake sale netted \$185.90. In the last hour or so, remaining items were sold at a reduced price.

### Expenses

Advertisements	\$177.00	
Native Plants	\$369.00	
Church Rent	\$ 50.00	It was decided that the church rental should be \$75.00 for The day and a half that we use the space for the plant sale.
Total Expenses	\$596.00	

### Gains

Sale of Plants	\$2,724.00
Late payment	\$ 18.00
Bake Sale	\$ 185.90
Total Gains	\$2,927.90
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>\$2,331.90</b>

## Missing Spoon

Linda Rubin left a large stainless steel serving spoon at the September luncheon. If someone might have picked it up for her, would you please bring it to our next meeting?



## HOW DO PLANTS POLLINATE?

What does a plant need to  
Make a new seed?  
Three things give flowers  
Reproductive powers-  
The sticky pollen,  
The slender stamen  
and pistils that make a flower whole.

What gets the pollen going  
To keep new plants growing?  
Different kinds of birds do,  
Or the wind that's blowing.  
Butterflies and bees,  
Carry pollen they need  
That's what makes pollination work.

If a flower's not scented,  
Not brightly colored,  
And the flowers are smaller  
In clusters tighter  
With stamens longer  
the signs are stronger  
This plant spreads pollen on the wind.

Pollinators help plants  
To make their seeds.  
Plants offer food  
Pollinators need.  
Getting and giving  
What they need for living.  
That's part of the balance of our world.

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