

“Columbia Underground”

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Upcoming Events

September 14th CGC Meeting—In person meeting
CANCELLED- ZOOM ONLY

Hello everyone,

I am sorry to say that we will not be able to have our Membership meeting on Sept. 14 as planned. I don't know if you saw the news or not, but after the rise in numbers of cases of Covid 19, the city made some new rules. One of them limits the number of people who can gather to 20. Marie checked with the city and emphasized that it was an outdoor meeting, but it didn't matter.

Instead, we will have a Zoom meeting at 1.00PM September 14, our usual meeting time. We have some things to go over about upcoming meetings and the coming year.

Since we will not be meeting, you will need to mail your check for dues (\$20) to Evette. **Her address is: Evette Nissen, 10721 S. LaVista, Columbia, MO 65202.**

I am so sad that we are having to do this, but I just can't see going against the city when they are just trying to do what's right for us. It would be terrible to cause an outbreak. We don't want to make headlines like that! The Executive Committee has started Zooming to come up with next year's programming, as well as, finishing off 2020!

You'll get the info just before the meeting. Please, if you didn't attend the last Zoom because of technical issues, we will try to help you.

Betty Connelly

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“Rose -Breasted Grosbeak”

Description: 8” long, startling sized. Male black & white with a conspicuous rose-red patch on breast & underwings. Female heavily streaked brown on white above & below, with prominent white eyebrow.

Habitat: Moist woodland adjacent to open fields with tall shrubs.

Nesting: 4 to-5 purplish-spotted whitish eggs in a loosely made nest of twigs, grass & plant fibers.

Columbia Garden Club August Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on August 10, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the yard at the home of member Marie Pasley. There was plenty of space to spread out for social distancing for the messy but fun workshop. Some members made concrete-draped pots bringing their old

towels for the “drapes.” Members also made 27 concrete stepping stones that will be placed at Russell Boulevard Elementary School in the garden area. Stepping stones were decorated with many items such as: ferns, shells, tile pieces, and colorful glass beads. All projects were kept at Marie’s barn so the concrete could cure. A big thank you goes to Marie and especially her husband John for mixing up all the concrete.

Business: Betty Connelly called a meeting to order at 10:12. Eighteen members participated in the workshop. We had one guest, Clare, daughter of Leigh Speichinger. Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: Well-balanced gardens have a quality of restfulness and exquisite perfection, with plants chosen and placed like words in a perfect poem (by Jeff Cox). Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. There was nothing new to report from treasurer, Evette Nissen. The Garden Club will pay for the expenses for today’s meeting—the concrete supplies.

Melissa Kouba reported on the progress at Russell Boulevard School for the garden area and the Monarch Waystation. Members have done some cleaning and weeding. The sign has been posted now. A first grade teacher, Laralee Hensel, is the contact person from the school and is helping with this project. We have a data collection center on a blackboard where people can record findings. There is also a rain gauge and thermometer.

Marie Pasley reported that several members went to the Patriot House to pull weeds, plant a few perennials, and mulch the area. Residents will keep up with watering the garden area.

Schools: There are several schools coming up soon that will be via Zoom: Environmental School I will be August 17-20, Landscape Design IV will be in October, Garden School III will be in the fall.

Future Meetings: September 14 meeting will be at 11 a.m. (note earlier start time). This will be at Burford Shelter at Cosmo Park. Members are to bring their own lunch and mask. While there are picnic tables there, members should also bring a chair if more social distancing is desired. This is our annual membership

meeting; try to bring friends who might become new members. Dues of \$20 will be collected at this meeting. The October meeting will be via Zoom. We may have more than one Zoom link to allow for the time needed for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Some members then toured Marie’s lovely yard and exquisite vegetable garden. Extra produce was given away.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek

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Photos from Marie’s





Rose-Breasted



Grosbeak eggs and nest.

Hi CGC club members.

I have attached photos (above) of the great stepping stones you all have made! They were placed in the garden last week. As you can see, we have placed the sign regarding our monarch waystation, have cleaned up the garden some and have started working on the learning station around the shed!

More work to do, but progress is seen...I will have to do some looking for our "before photos" 😊

Melissa Kouba