

The Columbia Underground

Newsletter from the Columbia Garden Club
A century club, established in 1919
Member of National Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri
Central District



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Calendar

Year-long native garden calendar:

<https://grownative.org/learn/native-landscape-care-calendar/>

August:

27 - Home Garden Showcase, MU South Farm, 7:30 to noon

27 - Wine and Jazz Festival, Hermann, 2-10pm

September

2-4 - Kansas City Irish Fest, Crown Center

5 - Labor Day

8 - Central District meeting - Ashland Baptist Church 8:30

12 - CGC meeting, potluck - **starting at 12:00!**

16-18 - Dutch Oven Cooking contest, Crowder State Park, MO

23-25 - Old Time Harvest Days, Chillicothe, MO

24 - Women in Nature, Harvest Hills State Park, MO

24 - Prairie Jubilee at Prairie State Park, MO

October

1 - Flower show at DBRL theme of "Nature's Splendor"

Membership form

If you are interested in joining Columbia Garden Club, complete the information below and mail it to:

Carolyn Oates, 6302 S. Old Village Road, Columbia, MO, 65203. Include a \$25 check payable to "Columbia Garden Club."

Name: _____

Preferred phone: (circle) cell or home _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

___I approve of the above information being printed in the annual club yearbook.

For questions about membership, feel free to contact Linda Antal at 573-819-4502 or lga4588@yahoo.com

Notes from President Betty:



Hello to everyone. I'm looking forward to the September meeting. What could be better than eating and chatting with our friends? We're having our potluck luncheon so bring a dish, and we'll share. It is a true potluck—we may have all desserts or all salads, etc. That's the fun of it!

Don't forget that it **starts at 12:00**. It's also a time that we try to bring friends to visit who may be interested in joining our club.

After the meeting, there will be a meeting of the Flower Show Committee and members who are chairs of one of the Flower Show committees. This would include Donna Russell, Leigh Speichinger, Linda Antal, Connie Blackmore, and Rebecca Smith.

Finally, I know we were all shocked and saddened at the passing of Amanda Schoenfeld. It is wonderful that we have the memory of her last meeting where she was so happy and proud of her granddaughters making tiny bouquets. My favorite memory of her was on Plant Sale day. She worked all day, as many of us do, but she put lots of energy into it and really sold those plants!



August business meeting:

The Columbia Garden Club met on August 8, 2022 with Betty Connelly calling the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with 23 members present and two guests—Marie-Anne and Abigail Schoenfeld.

Horticulture Show: Marie Pasley presented the topics of Conditioning, Grooming, and Staging specimens for our flower show on October 1. Bring the best fresh specimen. Any foliage attached to a flower needs to look as good as the flower; any leaves should not be under the water. Wash the specimen, but do not wash off any “bloom” if a plant has that. Take off any seed pods and bug spots. Containers must be clear, colorless, and clean—no stickers or labels (can use PAM spray to clean). Containers need to be in proportion to the size of the specimen. Wedging can be used in neck of container to make sure the specimen stands up straight; it needs to be unobtrusive. Any clear wrap can be used, Saran Wrap brand is a thicker product. Specimens need to be conditioned ahead of time. Pick specimens and place in water several hours before the show. When bringing items to the show, you can bring them ready for showing or finish arranging at the show, but allow for time to do this. We have a small area to get entries ready for the show and have to meet time deadlines. An Entry Card must accompany each specimen. It is a good idea to fill these out ahead of time at home and complete as much as you can. Use address labels for quicker labeling. Club members can also help with naming of plants. Entry cards will be available at the September meeting. It is a good idea when buying new plants to keep tags that come with plants for naming of plants.

Business Meeting: At 1:35 p.m. the regular meeting started. Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: *“Flowers are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul”* by Luther Burbank. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Carolyn Oates presented the treasurer’s report. The balance is \$12,965.99. Mary Nesladek moved to increase the CGC Scholarship to \$1,000 starting with the next scholarship (an increase of \$500). Karen Blackmore seconded; motion carried.

Central District Fall Meeting: This will be on September 8 at the Ashland Baptist Church in Ashland. Cost to attend is \$15. Checks made out to Columbia Garden Club need to get to Carolyn Oates soon. We will meet at 8:15 a.m. at the commuter parking lot on Hwy 63 at the AC/Grindstone exit for carpooling.

September meeting: September 12 will be the annual membership meeting and pot-luck luncheon. This will be held at noon at our regular meeting place. Everyone is encouraged to bring guests as potential new members. It will also be time to pay yearly dues of \$25.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. Delicious root beer floats and snacks were served. We then made 100 tiny flower bouquets that will be distributed to recipients of Meals on Wheels. Karen Blackmore provided glass jars, which Marie Pasley filled with oasis and water. Members brought flowers and foliage, and decorated jars and made beautiful mini bouquets. The jars were put in paper bags and then boxed up for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek





CGC Horticulture





Mini Bouquets

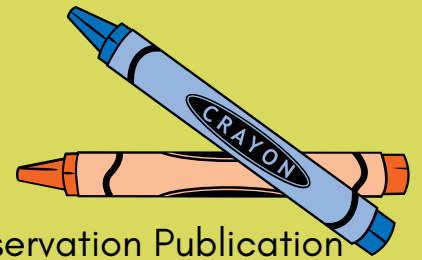


We Remember Amanda





Strange but True!



for your grandchildren, from Missouri Department of Conservation Publication

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A **Peregrine falcon** can dive through the sky at speeds over 200 miles per hour. To keep air from surging up its nose and popping its lungs like over-filled balloons, the falcon has little bumps in its nostrils that slow down the rush of air.

I'm losing my mind! Like many insects, a **wood roach's** body can survive for weeks without its head. Even weirder, its detached noggin can remain alive and sense its surroundings for several hours until it runs out of energy.

Startle a **lady beetle**, and you might get a stinky surprise. When threatened, the brightly colored insects release blood from their leg joints. The blood smells and tastes awful, which makes most beetle-eaters quickly lose their appetites.

When an **elk** bugles, it actually makes two sounds at once: a low-pitched roar and a high-pitched whistle. To do this, it blows through its mouth and nose together – kind of like playing a trumpet and a kazoo at the same time.

Good luck, kiddo! **Ruddy turnstone chicks** learn to fly when they're 19 days old. Two days later, they migrate thousands of miles south for winter. Mom and pop have already left, so the youngsters cross the continent all by themselves.

As the name suggests, **groundhogs** prefer to stay on the ground. Sometimes, however, a groundhog's tummy gets the best of it, and the chubby squirrel climbs into trees to snack on pawpaws, persimmons, and other fruits.

Because their bodies are long and skinny, most **snakes** have only one lung. Like people, slither noodles have a windpipe that splits into two smaller airways. The right airway ends in a lung. The left ends in a tiny, useless pouch.

