

# “Columbia Underground”

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

Editor; Marie Pasley

## Upcoming Events

February 10 @ 1:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church 1600 W. Rollins, Program: “Vaux~le~Vicomte & Stowe Garden” presented by Meg Melanick, PhD candidate in Art & Archeology w/ MU.

February 1- President’s Report due

February 1- Club yearbooks due

February 6- “Valentines at the Bluffs” at 2pm in the craft room. Bring supplies.

May 22-24 Flower Show School Course 3

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## Columbia Garden Club February 10 Meeting

Meg Melanick, a PhD candidate in Art and Archeology with MU will explore different views of landscape design. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

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## Welcome to the 2020/2021 CGC officers

President- Betty Connelly  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Diana Cooksey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Karen Blackmore  
Secretary- Mary Nesladek  
Treasurer- Evette Nissen  
Parliamentarian- Carolyn Doyle



“Blue Jay”

**Description:** 12” long w/bright blue above white & black in the wing & tail. Black Face.

**Habitat:** Chiefly oak forest, in parks, suburban yards, especially with oak trees.

**Nesting:** 4-6 brown-spotted greenish eggs in a coarsely built nest of sticks lined with grass, concealed in fork of tree.

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“There’s one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor’s.”

--Clyde Moore

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## Flower Show School Course 3

Flower Show School Course 3 will be held on May 22 to 23 at Boone County Extension. Anyone can take the flower show school with our without credit. We will be studying Transparency, Still Life, and Tubular design types along with hosta and African violets in horticulture. If you want more information contact Marie Pasley for a flyer.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

### Edible Weeds

Research all plants before eating, make sure you have the correct plants first.

#### 1. Autumn Olive-



Large shrub, berries may be used for jams or jellies.

#### 2. Burdock



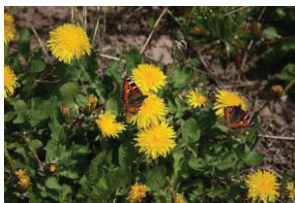
Stems are good with dips. Cook like asparagus.

#### 3. Chickweed-



Nutty taste when eaten raw.

#### 4. Dandelions



Note the butterflies in picture. Great early pollinator source. Leaves used in salad greens, wine, fritters, and numerous other foods.

#### 5. Field garlic-



Use like regular garlic, also alternative for ramps.

#### 6. Garlic Mustard



Taste like horseradish.

#### 7. Japanese knotweed



Mild spring shoots look like asparagus but taste like rhubarb. Good in savory dishes.

#### 8. Mugwort



Has sage like fragrance.

#### 9. Pokeweed



Leaves must be cooked in spring only. Never eat uncooked. All parts poisonous late in season.

#### 10. Wintercress



Taste like arugula.

**COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB Minutes**

The Columbia Garden Club met on January 13, 2020 at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. with 24 members and one guest –Bill Hires (husband of Carolyn Oates).

Tim Moloney, instructor in Plant Sciences at MU gave a talk on “Designing Your Landscape for Water Conservation.” Tim discussed: Sound landscaping and design, limiting lawn to functional area, use of water efficient plants, efficient irrigation, soil amendments, use of mulch, and appropriate landscape management. 50% of water used outdoors is wasted from inefficient watering methods.

Refreshments were served and provided by hostesses Leigh Speichinger, Melissa Kouba, and Alice Havard.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by President Betty Connelly. Inspiration was given by Mary Nesladek: “There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues.” By Hal Borland.

**Design tip** was presented by Barb Schuette—Basic Design Principles of Balance. She gave a handout on this topic and will present other design tips at future meetings. Balance is what you see: top to bottom, side to side, and front to back. The information is from the Flower Show Manual and is intended to help members design arrangements for flower shows.

Karen Blackmore passed around her pregnant onion plant (albucabracteata) for members to see and had one plant to give away.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Evette Nissen, Treasurer, reported that Alice Havard completed an audit of the 2019 financial records and found them to be in order. The balance is \$9,231.60

**Committee reports:** Barb Rothenberger reported that we will meet at The Bluffs on February 6 at 2 p.m. in the Craft room to make Valentines with the residents. Please bring card stock, stickers, markers, or any other helpful supplies. Ideas for a March activity are needed.

**Business:** Betty presented Carolyn Oates a certificate for a lifetime membership to the Federated Garden

Clubs of Missouri (FGCM) from the Columbia Garden Club for her past service as president. The 2020 yearbooks are available for members to pick up. On February 5 there will be a yearbook evaluation in Tipton. Betty will be attending and would like one more person to also attend. Karen Blackmore, Barb Schuette, and Betty met with new members to acquaint them with CGC. They will also do this in February. Linda Antal has moved to Herman, MO temporarily.

**Announcement** was made of schools coming up and are listed on the agenda.

#### **Newsletter**

Marie Pasley announced that she needs any items for newsletters by the last week of each month; send her information about committees and other news items.

**Reminder** - Discovery Garden Club will host The Winter Garden Forum on January 26 at the Daniel Boone Regional Library at 1:30.

#### **Garden**

**Tour-** Please consider your garden for our Members Garden Tour in June.

Carolyn Oates will be doing an educational display on turtles in May for the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual FGCM State Convention. She needs some help with this; Carolyn Doyle has offered to help.

Liz Wells announced interesting programs by Monty Don “American Gardens” on BBC. Check the internet for details.

**CGC Flower Show** will be June 13 and there are things to get ready: making the schedule, developing a theme, etc. A meeting is scheduled for Jan 22 to start working on this; everyone is welcome to attend. (Meeting was postponed to Jan 29 due to inclement weather).

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek, Secretary



**Blue Jay Nest with Eggs**