

Note From The President



Fellow garden lovers,

Not that gardening is all we do, we have family, other organizations and interests, that also take up our time and energy. And have you noticed that you start a project, but before you can finish, it leads to something else that either needs to get done before that task can be completed, or that takes you off onto another tangent?

And that's my roundabout way of coming to my subject! I was mulling in my mind what to write in this space this month, and got to thinking of the newsletter, (and what a fine job Evette is doing), and was reminded of the two or three fat folders in my overcrowded file cabinet. These particular folders contain the very first several years' worth of Columbia Garden Club newsletters, starting in September of 1996. So I got them out and started browsing.

The September 1996 issue was called the Columbia Garden Club Newsbrief, and it was one page, front and back. Barbara Allen and Emily Bonwich were the editors, and that was the first year of my first stint as CGC club president. Barb followed me as president, for the 1998-99 term of office, and it was about that time that I took over as co-editor from Emily. I'm not sure how long Barb and I did the newsletter, but it was another five or six years at least.

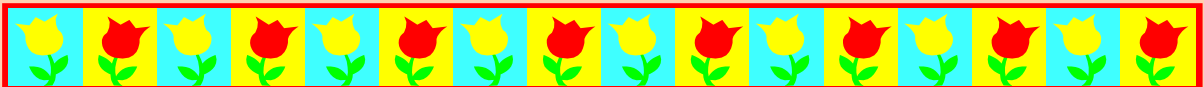
A few highlights from that month, we had our annual luncheon meeting on the 9th, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, (some things never change!), and we were encouraged to enter the upcoming District Flower Show on the 26th, in Tipton. Jane Sadler was the co-chairman. And the speaker for the October meeting was to be Chris Starbucks to talk to us about the use of worms in composting. The yard of the month winners were listed and described, and a new member, Mona Baird was profiled. And all newsletters were mailed, few of us had computers then!

Now to the tangent, I think I'll put all these newsletters in a big notebook binder, to eventually store in our file cabinet at the Boone County Historical Society. Finding someone with a heavy-duty hole-punch is the next requirement, and when I get the notebook done, I'll bring it to the next few meetings.

If something else doesn't come up in the meantime.

See you in April.

Carolyn Doyle, Co-President



Annual Plant Sale—Please Note the Date Change



The Garden Club's annual Plant Sale will be Saturday April 28th, from 8 to 2 at the church. We will set up the day before, Friday, April 27 from 3 to 5.

Please sign up at the April meeting for working at the sale. We will have the white elephant sale again this year, for garden related items, pots, tools, books, etc.

With this early start to spring we should be able to have lots of perennials potted up and ready to go.

Janet Lindstrom—Co-Chair

Clean Up Columbia



Saturday, April 14, is Clean-Up Columbia Day. At the April meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for those Garden Club members who wish to participate in cleaning up McKee Park, which is east of town off of Clark Lane. Many members who have volunteered in past have again signed up – take that as a clue to how much fun we have! We will meet there at 10:30 am Saturday morning rain or shine – since Spring has appeared early this year, we may have spectacular weather. If the weather is bad be sure to wear boots (as there is a little stream running through the park), a poncho helps keep the rain off and gloves to pick up glass, etc. Also bring a rake or something to reach under the trees to pull out trash. A post-cleanup BBQ will be held at noon at Twin Lakes Recreation Area with lunch provided by APAC-Missouri, Inc. and the city will provide special T-shirts for the participants. We have always had a fun time in the past as each tries to find the most interesting junk. I will provide reminder information in April.

Thanks, Janet Lasley, Chairman.



This is an example of a stretch design that Barb Roth- enberger created for our March meeting design tip.



The Wyatt Guest House celebrated its 10th anniversary in Sept. 2011. Each year, it provides more than 800 cancer patients and their families a comfortable place to stay while undergoing cancer treatment. You can take a video tour by going to: www.muhealth.org/WyattGuestHouse. Thanks to the many garden club members who have taken flowers to Wyatt Guest House.



Lynn Birkby—Chair

Floral Arrangements Schedule

If you would like to furnish flowers for the open spots, please contact Lynn Birkby at 573-443-8704.

Month	Boone Library	Wyatt Guesthouse
April	Margaret Sullivan	Kay Egbert
May	Barb Rothenberger	Marsha Taylor
June	Linda Lowenberg	Leigh Speichinger

Travel Opportunity—Powell Gardens

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners will take a trip to Powell Gardens Botanic Gardens of KC on June 16, 2012. We are inviting local gardeners along on our trip. We will leave Boone County Extension Center at 7:45 am and return at 6 pm. Contact Marie Pasley for questions 573-474-5245 or smpasley@aol.com. The \$50 cost will cover bus, gratuities and entry fee. Attendees can bring a sack lunch (cooler on bus) or eat at the garden café. The Powell Garden web site is <http://powellgardens.org> for more information on the gardens.

Fee will be due to Boone County Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy UU Columbia, MO 65203 by or before May 15. Make checks to Boone County Extension Council. Please put Powell Garden trip in the memo line. Provide contact information with registration so that you can be contacted for updates.

March Minutes

Columbia Garden Club March 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Jen Sieradski, City of Columbia Horticulturalist updated members on what Columbia Parks and Recreation Landscape Department activities are. Columbia Garden Club (CGC) members have been working with Jen in developing a list of plants that might be used in the Stephens Lake Park in the Hindman Garden Area "Plants of the World".

Karen Blackmore, Co-President called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. 38 members and one guest, Buffy Barley were present.

Linda Lowenberg presented a FGCM Life membership to Karen Blackmore for her work as president of CGC in 2010/11. Linda expressed CGC's great appreciation for all the work Karen has done for CGC.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as written in the February newsletter.

Treasurer, Evette Nissen reported that our treasury remains the same, with \$2,698 in checking, with a total including the CD and checking of \$5,870.18. The report was sent for audit.

Old Business:

Members donated 185 lbs of food products to the Food Bank at the December 2011 meeting.

By-Laws committee chair Jane Sadler stated that the recommendations from the committee would be printed in the April newsletter for member review.

New Business:

Karen Blackmore presented a letter from Barb Devine, past chair of the Scholarship committee stating that she felt we should continue presenting the scholarship to a high school senior. The CGC officers had felt the scholarship should be given to someone attending the University majoring in horticulture. The concern being that it is a problem getting a high school student that ended up with a major in horticulture after attending college, many change fields defeating our purpose of increasing horticulturalist. After members discussed the pros and cons, Carolyn Doyle made the motion that the CGC scholarship be awarded to a student at the University of Missouri majoring in the horticulture field. Jane Sadler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Karen stated that Dr. Trinklein with the horticulture department on campus stated the scholarship could be awarded however members wished. Members expressed a desire for the scholarship to be awarded to someone local when possible but to be given to someone from the State of Missouri, at least.

Spring District meeting is March 28 in Mexico. Registration fee is due today to Evette for those members attending. Registration the day of the event is 8:30 to 9 am. Meeting is being held at the 4-H Fair Grounds on the southwest side of Mexico off of Hwy. 54.

FGCM Convention is April 24-26 in Cape Girardeau. Five CGC members will attend. They are all eligible to be delegates because of being FGCM board members. Members will divide the money allotted them from the club.

Spring District meeting 2013 will be hosted by the CGC. Marie Pasley will chair the committee. The location will be at the University of Missouri Bradford Research Farm, in southeast Columbia. More information will need to be worked out once we have the location set up. We will need a decoration chair, food chair, and registrar.

Environmental Studies School for FGCM is being held in late March for any member interested in attending. More information can be found at the FGCM web site (www.fgcmo.org) or in the *Garden Forum*.

Committee Reports: **Art in Bloom-** Karen stated that she and Kay Egbert are entering a design for CGC titled

“Watermelon 2”. She encouraged members to attend the show this upcoming weekend, March 17 & 18.

Plant sale, co-chair Janet Lindstrom asked those members that need help digging plants for the sale contact her so that a committee can be gathered to dig and pot plants for members needing assistance. Members also expressed an interest in holding the White Elephant Sale again this year because it was felt to be a good addition to the sale. Only garden related items are to be brought for this area.

Clean up Columbia will be on April 14. Chair, Janet Lasley passed around a sign-up sheet and asked for more members to sign it. Members attending can receive a free t-shirt and b-b-q lunch.

Gayle Fry, **Conservation** chair passed out a Conservation pamphlet titled “Native Plants for Your Landscape”. She encouraged members to plant native and spoke of the advantages of native plants.

Courtesy- Karen reported that Carolyn Kemper had not been feeling well. She encouraged membership to send her thinking of you cards to brighten her day and let her know we are thinking of her.

We are still needing gardens for the **CGC Annual Garden Tour**. Cindy Deegan, chair stated that one’s garden doesn’t need to be perfect, few are. Members felt, gardens like homes are always a work in progress. New member gardens are always fun but any member can be on the tour.

Jr. Garden Club plans a program on “Pollinators, the Bee” today. Art and Vera Gelder from *Walk About Acres* will bring a traveling hive of bees and discuss bees with the group. The bird nesting bags were a huge success at the February meeting. We thank all that brought materials for stuffing the bags.

Lynn Birkby, chair **Wyatt House and Library arrangements** stated that Kay Egbert will take the Library Design in April and Margaret Sullivan will take the Wyatt House arrangement.

Evette Nissen, **Newsletter** Editor asked committee chairs to send her updates or information on committees for the newsletter. Karen Blackmore will send letters to nurseries or garden businesses for purchasing ad space in the CGC newsletter. If anyone knows someone that would want an ad space, contact Karen.

Flower show chair, Carolyn Doyle reported that the CGC Flower Show will be held on May 19 in conjunction with the Show Me Iris Society show. The iris will need to be the dominate flower used in designs and will be the only flower allowed in horticulture. She handed out the FS schedule and asked for members to sign up for design classes.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Marie Pasley

Hospitality

April

Dee Bauer
Marie Crenshaw
Linda Lowenberg

May

Barb Rothenberger
Alice Havard
Gayle Fry
Leslie Rosenkranz
Lynda Blades

We will be voting on changes to our by-laws at the April 9th meeting. I am only including those sections that have revisions. The full set of by-laws is printed in our yearbooks.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB BY-LAWS

Article II- Objectives

The objectives of this club shall be: to beautify our home landscapes, to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening through public education, to encourage civic plantings and beautification through the improvement of roadsides and parks, and to aid in the protection and conservation of our natural resources, forests, wildflowers, and birds.

Proposed revision: The objectives of this club shall be to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening through sharing of ideas and educations, to encourage and participate in civic beautification, to support horticulture institutions and to aid in the protection and conservation of our natural resources, forests, wildlife and native plants.

Article III- Membership

Section 1. The membership shall consist of persons with an interest in the objectives of the club who are residents of this community.

Proposed revision: The membership shall consist of persons with an interest in gardening and the objectives of this club.

Section 2. Membership in this club requires acceptance of program and committee duties.

Proposed revision: Membership in this club implies acceptance of programs and committee duties.

Section 3. Application for membership shall be made to the Membership Chair. Upon receipt of membership application and dues for the current year, the member shall receive a copy of the current yearbook and the club by-laws with standing rules.

Proposed revision: Request for membership shall be made to the Membership Chair. Upon receipt of dues for the current year, the member shall receive a copy of the current yearbook and the by-laws with standing rules.

Article IV- Dues

Dues shall be paid annually at the first meeting in September for the coming calendar year, and shall be delinquent by October 15. This is necessary to meet the November 1 State and District dues deadlines. Checks made out to Columbia Garden Club go to the club treasurer.

Proposed revision: eliminate the underlined information.

Article V- Officers and Their Duties

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, the Executive Committee, and Executive Board. The President shall **enforce** all rules and regulations relating to the club, and shall be the official representative in all State and District activities of the club. The President shall call special meetings when deemed necessary, and in the event of an emergency may cancel a meeting **by telephone** with the Executive Committee's approval. The President shall appoint the Parliamentarian and the chair of all standing committees. The President shall appoint the chair of the Nominating Committee from the Executive Board and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Proposed revision: sentence 2: The President shall communicate all rules and regulations relating to the club....Sentence 3: The president shall call special meetings when deemed necessary and in the event of an emergency may cancel a meeting with the approval of the Executive Committee

Section 5. The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the First Vice-President and President in their absence. The Second Vice-President shall be membership chair and with the aid of the Treasurer compile an accurate membership list for the club yearbook. When new members join, the Second Vice-President shall supply them with a yearbook and the club by-laws. The Second Vice-President shall make a list of new members' addresses and telephone numbers and give a copy to the Secretary and Treasurer.

Proposed revision: last sentence: The Second Vice President shall make a list of new member's addresses, and telephone number and give a copy to the officers and newsletter editor.

Section 6. The Secretary shall record proceedings of general club meetings, the Executive Committee meetings, and the Executive Board meetings. The Secretary shall be custodian of these permanent minutes, which must not be destroyed. The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to the President a week prior to each regular meeting. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the club as directed by the President.

Proposed revision: sentence 2: the minutes shall be retained for three (3) years; the Secretary shall be custodian of these minutes. sentence three (3): the secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to the President and newsletter editor within a week after any meeting.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the club and shall pay only bills approved by the assembly. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, shall notify delinquent members, shall file receipts and expenditures, shall pay all State and District per capita dues by November 1st. The Treasurer shall make monthly reports at the regular membership meetings and shall serve as chair of the Budget Committee. The books must be submitted for audit by December 15.

Proposed revision: sentence 2: The Treasurer shall collect all dues, notify delinquent members, file receipts and expenditures, and pay all State and District per capita dues by November 1st. Sentence 3: The Treasurer shall make monthly reports at the general membership meeting and serve as chair of the Budget committee. The Treasurer shall submit the books for audit annually. Add to the duties of the Treasurer: A state Life Membership will be given to each outgoing President. The Treasurer will be responsible for obtaining the Life Membership for presentation at the December meeting.

Article VI- Nominations – Elections- Vacancies

Section 1. Nominations.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of officers at the regular September general meeting.

Proposed revision: eliminate the word regular.

Article VII- Executive Committee- Executive Board

Section 4. A majority of members, including three officers, shall constitute a quorum for both the Executive Committee and the Executive Board.

Proposed addition: Section 5: Should circumstances require creative solutions, the Officers and Board may, with the approval of the membership at a general meeting, take such actions as are necessary to provide for the well-being and continuance of the Columbia Garden Club.

Article VIII- Meetings

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held the second Monday in November for annual reports to be given by the standing chairs and the President.

Proposed revision: The annual meeting shall be held at the general meeting in November. Annual reports shall be given by the standing chairs and the President.

Section 5. In the event of an emergency, the President may cancel a regular meeting by telephone with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Proposed revision: In the event of an emergency, the President may cancel a general meeting with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article IX- Committees and Chairs Duties

(v) **The Yearbook Chair** and members of the Executive Committee shall compile the information for the yearbook and have it prepared. Chairperson: Linda Lowenberg

Proposed revisions: remove names of committee chairs from the published by laws, they should be on a separate list near the front of the book.

General proposed revision: where the words regular and general have been used to describe meetings, we suggest that the word general replace the word regular.

Standing Rules

3. A state Life Membership will be given to each outgoing President. The Membership Chair will be responsible for obtaining the Life Membership for presentation at the December meeting.

Proposed revision: move this to the duties of the Treasurer. Replace this standing rule with the following: If the outgoing President is already a Life Member, \$50 will be donated to the State Scholarship Fund.

Calendar of Events

April 9th—Meeting

Program-Charles Paxton,
MU Container Gardening

April 14th—Clean Up Co-
lumbia

April 24-26th—FGCM
State Convention

April 28th—CGC Plant
Sale

New Member

Please welcome Leigh Speichinger to Columbia Garden Club. Her contact information is: 4100 Coats Lane, Columbia, MO 65203 573-445-7716, leighspeichinger@yahoo.com

Please make the following e-mail changes in your yearbook.

Leslie Rosenkrans—leslierosenkrans@gmail.com

Karen Brooke—mkbroke7@gmail.com



Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report March 31, 2012

Beginning Balance Checking January 31, 2012 **2,698.94**

Deposits

3-31-2012 District Meeting Registration \$135.00
3-31-2012 New Member Dues 40.00

Total Deposits **175.00**

Expenses

Ck#1801 3-7-12 Evette Nissen – Feb. Newsletter Printing 9.18
Ck#1802 3-7-12 USPS – stamps 45.00
Ck#1803 3-12-12 Nichols Career Center -
 ½ of flower show schedules 25.00
Ck#1804 3-12-12 Mo. Dept. of Agriculture –
 Plant sale inspection 20.00
Ck#1805 3-12-12 Trinity Pres. Church Room Rental 25.00
Ck#1806 3-12-12 Mexico Garden Club – District Meeting 135.00
Ck#1807 3-15-12 Evette Nissen – March Newsletter 10.08

Total Expenses **-(269.26)**
Ending Balance Checking January 31, 2012 **2,604.68**

Certificate of Deposit Balance **3,171.24**

Total Assets **5,775.92**



New Plants for 2012 from Birds and Blooms Magazine

Cherry Star Superbells

Proven Winners introduces yet another gorgeous calibrachoa, this one with bright-yellow stars inside beautiful cherry-colored flowers that resemble petunias. Like other calibrachoa varieties, this one doesn't disappoint, with its hardy blossoms and long bloom time.

Why we love it: An excellent trailer or filler in your containers, Cherry Star also boasts outstanding color that pairs well with just about any plant .



Summer Jewel Pink salvia

(*Salvia coccinea*, annual)

A 2012 All-America Selections winner, this salvia is more compact than Summer Jewel Red, and blooms earlier. The plentiful pink flowers attract hummingbirds throughout the growing season. Growing to only 20 inches tall, this one's a natural for smaller gardens.

Why we love it: It flowers up to two weeks earlier than other salvias, and hummingbirds can't resist it.

Wheee! hosta

(Hosta, Zones 3 to 9)

A fun little hosta with an appropriate name, the Wheee! has ruffled foliage with cream-colored margins. In spring, you'll see curly shoots. As the plant grows, the foliage continues to curl and twist.

Why we love it: This pretty, medium-size (18 to 24 inches) hosta is also slug-resistant.



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 2nd VP: Connie Blackmore
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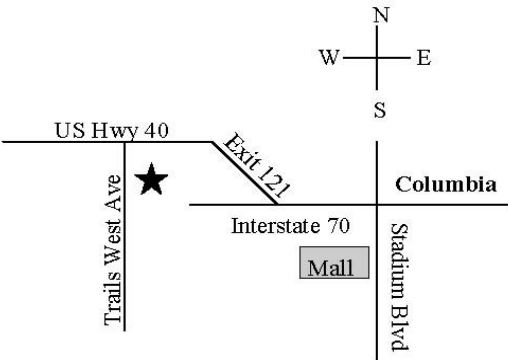
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