# **COLUMBIA UNDERGROUND**

May 2012

#### **COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB**

## **Note From The President**

Wow! This has been a busy month! We enjoyed another great program presented by Charles Paxton about container gardening; cleaned Up McKee Park on April 14th; five members attended state convention in Cape Girardeau and we had another successful plant sale. After all expenses, we made \$2,253.84! Discovery Garden Club made \$385.50!

Connie Blackmore and Janet Lindstrom pulled it off again! They say this is the last year for them and I understand but it would be great if they changed their minds! A lot of work goes in to the sale but we sure make a good profit in a short time! This year we did not add all the extras as in the past few years, no hanging baskets, painted gourds, plant markers or umbrellas, as we felt you were all shopped out with those things. We did purchase 13 flats of annuals and native plants, (on consignment). We sold all of the annuals and about half of the natives so both were good deals for us, with no loss at all. Ken and Jane brought around 160 tomato plants! We sold at least 140 at \$6.00 to non-members and \$5.00 to members! Ken took some to the volunteers at Meals on Wheels and we gave several to the Community Garden Assistance program thru Lily at the church. They actually took many of the left over plants as well as they do plant flowers around the beds to attract birds and butterflies. You can see pictures taken at the sale at: http://mrkewpie.zenfolio.com/p607571933

On a side note, the figures for the last three sales are: 2009: \$2,075.50, 2010: \$3,365.73 and 2011: \$2,696.31 plus\$480.00 for the bake sale for Discovery Garden club



Ken and Jane Sadler and some of the wonderful tomatoes they grew for the plant sale.

Big thank yous go to our co-chairs: Janet Lindstrom and Connie Blackmore, Ken and Jane Sadler for the wonderful tomatoes; the extraordinary amount of plants donated by Carol Notbohm, the wonderful mini gardens donated by Evette Nissen, (as well as her hard work taking the money), the members who unselfishly donated baked goods to help our sister club and to all of the members who donated, and worked to make the sale a success! As the State President, Judy Sheets would say, we are a force for good!

The state convention was another wonderful event. We took a tour of Charleston Missouri to see the azaleas; however they were already bloomed out! (No surprise!) The first stop on the tour was at St Henry's Catholic Church and the windows were worth the price of the tour. Priceless! We also toured their historical museum, the town, one lovely garden and ate a delicious lunch prepared by garden club members. And that was just the first day of the convention! There was so much more. You can see photos of the convention at: <a href="http://mrkewpie.zenfolio.com/p957572756">http://mrkewpie.zenfolio.com/p957572756</a>. You should plan to attend next year in St Joe as we celebrate 80 years as FGCM. We always have fun.

Karen

#### **State Convention Review**

The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. held its 79th Annual Convention in Cape Girardeau, MO on April 24-26, 2012 at the Drury Lodge. Over 270 garden club members from all over Missouri attended the meeting. Guests included the National Garden Club President Shirley Nicolai; the Central Region Director Florence Smith and the State President Judy Sheets from Farmington, MO

Missouri Garden Clubs distribute over \$10,000 annually in scholarships to college students majoring in the areas of horticulture, landscape design and urban planning. This year one major project is for 'Joplin Relief'. State-wide garden clubs have raised over \$10,000 for trees in the tornado-ravaged town.

Members attending the Convention learned about butterfly landscapes and bird habitats through seminars, enjoyed a tour of Historic Cape Girardeau, including the Red House, the SEMO University Greenhouse and old St. Vincent's Church. A Charleston Dogwood and Azalea Tour also highlighted a viewing of St. Henry's Church windows and a tour of a private garden. Members also built blue bird and wren gourd houses and created a table wreath in separate workshops. Music enjoyed was by Judith Farris, the Jerry Ford Combo and many others.



Our delegates to the State Convention were: Karen Blackmore, Alice Havard, Gayle Fry, Marie Pasley and Carolyn Doyle

## **Bylaws Update**

If people have any comments or suggestions about the proposed changes to the club bylaws, the committee would like them e-mailed to Alice Havard at aehavard@yahoo.com. The committee will be meeting again sometime after the plant sale, and it will be easier to get the exact meaning of suggestions if they are in writing.

## **Upcoming Events**

Saturday May 5—7-Noon—Central Missouri Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale—Jefferson City Jaycees Fairgrounds, Hwy 50 West, South on S. Country Club/Fairgrounds

Friday May 18—9 AM—Lake Bloomers Garden Club Plant Sale—Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church parking lot, 305 N. Main, Hwy 5, Laurie. MO

Saturday, June 23–1-4—Centralia Flower and Garden Club Standard Flower Show– Centralia City Hall-Community Room, Corner of Rollins and Sneed Street, Centralia, MO

Sunday, June 24-12:30-5:00– Bittersweet Garden Club Annual Garden Tour—Tickets \$10.00. For information contact Jenelle—893-3538 or Nan– 298-7449

Friday, July 13—Noon-4:00—Lake Bloomers Garden Club, Eldon Garden Club, Arrowhead Garden Club Standard Flower Show—Bank of Versailles, Lower Level, Hwy 5 & O, Laurie, MO

#### Flower Show

"Over the Rainbow" is the name of the flower show CGC is hosting with the Show Me Iris Society. The show is Saturday, May 19 at the library. There is space to sign up in most design classes. Just remember class 5 is a class for novices only. A novice is someone who has never won a blue ribbon in a flower show. Call Carolyn Doyle at 445-1381 to sign up for a design.

We also need clerks to help the flower show judges. This is a fun job and is especially helpful to members who are not familiar with how the flower shows work. The clerk shift would be from 10:00-12:00. If you are interested in clerking, please contact Evette Nissen at enissen57@gmail.com, or 474-3055.

## **Flower Arrangement 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
May	Barb Rothenberger	Marsha Taylor
June	Linda Lowenberg	Leigh Speichinger
July	Mary Redders	

## **April Minutes**

Columbia Garden Club April 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Charles Paxton, Assist. Superintendent of UMC Landscape Services & Curator of Mizzou Botanic Garden gave a power point presentation on plant containers in campus landscape. Many beautiful color and plant combinations were enjoyed by members.

After refreshment break the meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm by Co-President, Carolyn Doyle. 38 members were in attendance with 3 guest; Ellen McKenzie, Stacy Reed, and Katie Graznak. New member, Buffy Balling was welcomed to the club along with club members and guest.

Minutes from March meeting were approved with correction of spelling of Buffy Balling's last name.

**Treasure's report** was the same as March with \$2,698 in checking. \$5,870.18 CD and Checking total. Report filed for audit.

**Design & Horticulture Brief** was given by Carolyn Doyle. She discussed bulbs, rhizomes, and corms for showing, stating that any flower stem that has attached leaves should be shown with leaves, to show the overall health of the plant. Design discussed was a table / tray design. Proportion and scale of design should be kept compact when using a tray, so as not to overwhelm the place setting.

#### **Old Business:**

By-laws- Carolyn thanked the committee for their work on the by-laws. After much discussion on recommended changes and additions by membership, Linda Lowenberg moved to table the by-law vote until the May meeting for further work from the committee. Second by Karen Blackmore. Motion carried. Carolyn recommended anyone having suggestions to contact the by-laws committee to give their suggestions.

#### **New Business:**

Alice Havard reported on the Central District Spring meeting held in Mexico, Mo. She stated there are 407 members in Central District (CD). Columbia Garden Club has the largest membership in CD. The District is selling a small wooded CD lapel pin. Contact Cynthia Florek, District Director if interested in purchasing. Alice also stated that the Central MO Judges Council is offering a scholarship for one FS School to any CD member taking FS class and testing. Contact Alice Havard for more information.

#### Committees:

Art in Bloom- Karen Blackmore reported on entering Art in Bloom event.

<u>Plant Sale is April 28</u> at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Janet Lindstrom, co-chair encouraged members to sign work schedule and to bring plants. If anyone needs assistance with digging contact her. She also brought containers and tags. Vendors will bring native plants, annuals, and Ken Sadler will bring tomatoes. No vendor will bring herbs.

<u>Clean up Columbia is April 14</u> at McKee Park. Janet Lasley encouraged members to dress appropriate for weather. She will have t-shirts for those that signed up.

<u>Courtesy</u>- Carolyn Kemper will be moving to Springfield into an assisted living facility for three months. Karen will keep us updated on her.

<u>Garden Tour</u>- Cindy Deegan reported that there are 5 member gardens now on the list. She will provide more information on directions and travel order at the May meeting.

Newsletter- Evette Nissen asked for articles or information be sent to her by the 25 of each month for the newsletter.

Flower Show- Carolyn Doyle asked members to sign up for designs for the Flower Show, May 19.

<u>Yard of the Month-</u> Carolyn Swope said that they would be looking for a yard to present to, starting with the month of May and she encouraged members to keep an eye out for yards and report them to her.

<u>Jr. Garden Club</u>- Alice Havard reported that the "Russell Sprouts" will be planting sunflowers and eating sunflowers today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Marie Pasley, Secretary

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# Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 30, 2012

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Deposits	
4-30-2012	2,926.14
Expenses	
Ck#1808 4-3-12 Evette Nissen – April Newsletter Prir	nting 14.58
Ck#1809 4-4-12 Tribune – Plant Sale Ad	219.30
Ck#1810 4-8-12 Alice Havard – State Convention	75.00
Ck#1811 4-8-12 Carolyn Doyle – State Convention	75.00
Ck#1812 4-8-12 Marie Pasley – State Convention	75.00
Ck#1813 4-8-12 Karen Blackmore – State Convention	75.00
Ck#1814 4-8-12 Karen Blackmore – Art in Bloom & po	ostage96.93
Ck#1815 4-9-12 Carolyn Swope – Hospitality Supplies	28.93
Ck#1816 4-20-12 Trinity Pres. Church – April Rental	25.00
Ck#1817 4-27-12 Change for Plant Sale	100.00
Ck#1818 4-28-12 Prairie Hill Farm – Native Plants for	
Plant Sale	303.00

Beginning Balance Checking

Total Expenses	(-1,137.74)
Ending Balance Checking	4,393.08
Certificate of Deposit Balance	3,180.43

Ck#1819 4-30-12 Trinity Pres. Church - Plant Sale Room

Rental

Total Assets 7,573.51

## **Member Updates**

Please welcome new member Elizabeth (Buffie) Balling. Her address is 6975 N. Sycamore Creek Rd., Rocheport, MO 65279. Phone number 314-413-6617 and e-mail motherscaretake6@yahoo.com.

Please change Marsha Taylor's phone number to: 657-4664.

## **Clean Up Columbia**







Columbia Garden Club's help with Cleanup Columbia was successful yet another year. The club owes many thanks to Nancy Biden, Karen Blackmore, Cindy Deegan. Barb Devine, Kay Egbert, Linda and Brent Lowenberg, Evette Nissen, Marsha Taylor, Janet Lasley and Bill Clark who showed up to work despite the ominous weather predictions. We collected 14 bags of trash which included a toy rifle, a basketball and the expected unmentionable. Leigh Britt, the city coordinator for the event, reported that 32 groups participated and had 350 volunteers picking up 255 bags of trash and sharing 555 hours of service. That is a big accomplishment considering our wet morning! Thanks again to the Garden Club crew for sharing your Saturday morning to make the 16th annual Cleanup Columbia a huge success.

Janet Lasley, Chair

Karen Blackmore represented Columbia Garden Club in this years Art in Bloom at the University of Missouri's Museum of Art and Archeology. Her design is in the picture on the left.



### **Powell Garden Tour**

Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners will take a trip to Powell Gardens, Botanic Gardens of Kansas City on June 16, 2012. We are inviting gardeners in the area to come along on our trip. We will leave from Boone County Extension Center at 7:45 am returning at 6 pm. Spending the day at Powell Gardens touring their many garden areas. The Heartland Harvest Garden a vegetable and fruit garden is the latest addition to the Garden and should be in full production for our visit. Visit <a href="http://powellgardens.org">http://powellgardens.org</a> for info on the gardens.

The \$50 cost for the trip will include bus, gratuities, and entry fee. Members can bring a sack lunch or eat at the garden café. (I will have a cooler). Contact Marie Pasley for further information – 573-474-5245 or <a href="mailto:smpasley@aol.com">smpasley@aol.com</a> Mail check to Boone County Extension Center 1012 N. Hwy UU Columbia, MO 65203 Please provide contact information with registration for updates.

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# Fee for the trip is due on or before May 15, 2012 – Checks to: Boone County Extension Council, put Powell Garden Trip in memo line on check.

Name Address
Phone # e-mail

## We Need Your Help!!!

Do you have a special project you would like to see us work on? We have no costly projects this year and we should consider what more we might do to enhance our community. Please write it out and turn it in so we can start thinking about projects and programs for the coming year. Give your suggestions to Connie as you sign in!

Some of us are busy working on the 2013 Spring District Meeting plans as well as the Flower Show Judges Symposium for 2013. We will need your help. Please be thinking how you can help. I have heard many of you say you either do not have time or do not have the skills to help but we cannot stay strong as a club without everyone's effort. Ask yourself why you are here and how you can get anything out of the Columbia Garden Club if no one stepped up to make things happen. I also was told by a previous member that she misses us and wants to come back but did not like the pressure of being asked to enter designs. Again we cannot have flower shows if we do not have designs as well as horticulture. Find a friend and work to learn how you can be involved. Work with your strengths and we will all succeed!

## You are invited.....

We are so fortunate to have Fan Yun present her program to us on June 18, 2012 at 1:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Bring a friend who is interested in CGC and enjoy! We will discuss more and finalize our plans at the May meeting.



Chinese paper cutting artist Fan Yun creates a unique art work by using traditional Chinese paper cutting techniques on fresh tree leafs. She plans and cuts each design based on the distinctive characteristic of individual leaf. Each leaf has to go through a six months long www.findart.com.cn process in order to retain and incorporated the original ap-

pearances of leaf vein textures into the final art work. Come and attend any of her many public events in Columbia. Check out her public event schedule on http://columbiafriendsofchina.com.

### Hospitality for May

Barb Rothenberger Alice Havard Gayle Fry Leslie Rosenkranz Linda Blades

#### Calendar of Events

May 14—CGC Meeting—Program-Preparing a Floral Design with Iris

May 19—Flower Show

June 11—CGC Garden Tour

June 18-Fan Yun-Leaf Cutting Program



Columbia Garden Club

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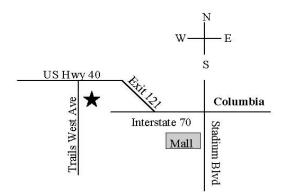
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