

October 2012

Columbia Garden Club



THE NEWSLETTER OF COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

Columbia Underground

A Note from our President

Happy Fall Day! I am having the time of my life as I work in the flower beds all day every day! I have to keep my head down as when I look up and see how much work I have left to do, I get light headed! I have created a monster but I keep at it so must not be too much trouble!

Seven of us attended the fall district meeting in California Mo. We got great ideas about our spring meeting plus enjoyed a good meeting and a tasty lunch!

Gayle and I will not attend the October meeting as we will be in St Louis attending the 80th Central Region Convention. Co-President Carolyn Doyle will conduct the meeting however as I am writing this note for the newsletter, she is enjoying England! Lucky Girl!

Remember that dues are due and 2nd VP Connie Blackmore will be taking your money at the meeting. She will also follow up with anyone who has not paid their dues so that we can meet the deadline of sending our state dues to FGCM by November 1st along with the copies of the roster. If you plan to join but have not sent your money and cannot attend the October meeting, please contact Connie to let her know your intentions.

I will edit the yearbook this year and will be asking several of you to edit or proof various sections of the yearbook. I appreciate all the help you can give as this is a big job and I have a lot of respect for all who have done this in the past.

Our long time member and past President, Marie Crenshaw is now at Le-noir. Kathie Shreves has visited her and she was so happy to have visitors. I have sent her a card and Carol sent one from the club. I know she would appreciate hearing from or seeing any of you! We miss you Marie!

Finally, a big thank you to Connie Blackmore, Karen Brooke, Barbara Schutte, Evette Nissen, Carolyn Adams, Karen Brooke and Carolyn Swope who met with me at Carolyn Kemper's house and cleaned out her flower beds. Many of you will remember how lovely her gardens were on our member's tour a couple of years ago. Carolyn has moved to Springfield due to health issues and was not able to keep her yard up or even water this summer. The yard looks amazingly good after the awful summer. Carolyn is here with her family this week getting the house ready to put on the market. They are all so appreciative of our help. I can't tell you how rewarding it was to help someone who really needed our help. Carolyn is so thankful to all of us. She asked me to let you know for her as she is at a loss as to how to thank you. As our State President says, "We are a force for good!"

Karen





September Meeting Minutes

Columbia Garden Club September 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes and Annual Dinner

Members enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Then Charley Blackmore, videographer presented a wonderful video on the 2012 Columbia Garden Club Year that he had compiled.

Karen Blackmore, co-president called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. 34 members attended along with 3 guests, Gary Behan, Judy Kelly, and Susan Blackmore.

Karen reminded everyone that dues are to be turned in now until the October 16 meeting. She stated the Executive committee met and made plans for the 2013 year.

2013 Committees

Committee chairs needed- Karen stated we are in need of several committee chairs and asked for members to step forward to assist. She has sign- up sheets for committees. Chairs are needed for Garden Tours, Plant Sale, Yearbook Editor, and Jr. Garden Club. If chairs are not found then some of these projects may need to be dropped. The Bluff's garden project will be discontinued.

New Project- The new project for 2013 will be at "The Children's Hospital". CGC has been asked to design 4 small garden areas for "The Children's Hospital". A sign up list is available for this. Staff wants us to design with native plants if possible.

Spring Central District Meeting- Columbia Garden Club will be hosting the Spring Central District meeting on March 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at Bradford Research and Extension Center. Marie Pasley is the chair for the meeting.

Central Missouri Judges Council will be presenting a flower show symposium in June and will need assistance from members the day of the event. Barb Schuette and Karen Blackmore are co-chairing.

Flower Show- Carolyn Doyle will chair the flower show in October 2013 since we are so busy in the spring months.

Plant Sale will be the end of April at the Trinity Presbyterian church.

Yard of the Month- Please keep a look out for outstanding yards for the month of October and contact Carolyn Swope with locations. September has been chosen.

Old Business

Linda Blades reported that the by-laws committee had met and worked on recommendations given for by-law changes. Look for revision suggestions in the October newsletter.

Announcement- There is a correction to the November meeting date that was wrong in the year-book. **The date for the meeting should be November 5, 2012.** This is because of a conflict with the FGCM Fall Board meeting. Both co-presidents and the secretary will need to attend the board meeting.

Horticultural & Design Tip- Alice Havard presented flowers from the Asteracea family for horticulture. She brought a Creative Horizontal design which should be asymmetrical, with plant material placed toward one direction.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by secretary, Marie Pasley



September Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report September 30, 2012

Beginning Balance Checking		3,617.50
Deposits		
Membership Dues	600.00	
Calendars	78.00	
District Meeting	90.00	
Barb Schuette	59.00	
Total Income		827.00
Expenses		
Ck#1828-State Dues New Members - Leigh Speichinger, Elizabeth Balling, Margaret Sullivan	30.00	
Ck#1829 Carolyn Swope – Hospitality	46.64	
Total Expenses		(-76.64)
Ending Balance Checking		4,367.86
Certificate of Deposit Balance 5-3-12		3,189.45
Total Assets		7,557.31

Volunteers are needed to take flowers to the Library and Wyatt Guesthouse. See the available months below. If you would like to volunteer, please call Lynn Birkby at 443-8704.



Flower Arrangement Schedule

Month	Boone Library	Wyatt Guesthouse
October	Alice Havard	Carol Notbohm
November	Terry Reid	
December		



Change in November Meeting

Our November Meeting will be held on Monday November 5th from 12:00 to 2:00 as the church has a prior commitment to the folks setting up for the next day's election. We will have our meeting first and then enjoy Dr. Chris Starbuck tell us how to prepare our gardens for winter. Hopefully he will also have information about how we recover from the drought. Plan to eat an early lunch and join us for treats provided by Connie Blackmore, Virginia Itschner and Evette Nissen.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 8-Columbia Garden Club Meeting-1:00
Program—Pete Millier of Mizzou Botanic Garden

Oct 8-12-Central Region Convention, St. Louis, MO

Oct. 20-Deadline: Butterfly/Hummingbird Certificate

Nov. 5-12:00 Columbia Garden Club Meeting-
Chris Starbuck

Hospitality

October—Mary Jane Wheeling
Carolyn Doyle

November—Connie Blackmore
Virginia Itschner
Evette Nissen



Columbia Garden Club

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Doyle

Karen Blackmore

1st VP: Barbara Rothenberger

2nd VP: Connie Blackmore

Secretary: Marie Pasley

Treasurer: Evette Nissen

Parliamentarian: Carole Van-
Vranken

Newsletter Editor: Evette Nissen

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Meetings take place at Trinity
Presbyterian Church, 1600 West
Rollins Road. Columbia, MO

Visions of Beauty Calendars

We still have some copies of the Visions of Beauty Calendars 2013 available for sale. They are \$6.00 each and if you want to purchase one, they will be available at the October meeting.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2013 are \$20.00 and must be paid by October 15. Please bring your money to our October meeting and give it to Connie Blackmore.



Committee Reports

Written reports of each committee must be submitted by committee chairs by the November meeting for the annual President's report.

Yard of the Month for September



The cheery, whimsical yard in the pictures above is located at 814 Donnelley and is the garden of Eric Robinson. Eric has been gardening for nearly 35 years. As a child he helped his grandpa in a two acre vegetable garden, then as a teenager he worked for Stark Brothers Nursery and he said that is where he “grabbed the real passion” for gardening. He has helped design his mom’s yard which includes water features, raised beds and square foot gardening. He describes the garden at his home as “tiny controlled chaos”! He is never completely satisfied with anything and makes changes from year to year and sometimes month to month. His current garden is a mix of native plants, perennials, water plants and annuals. Currently his favorite plants are the black eyed susan vine and sunflowers. He says the birds and squirrels love the sunflowers and each year his neighbors mysteriously grow their own sunflowers.



Proposed By-Laws Changes (These are changes only, see yearbook for complete 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 education; to encourage and participate in civic beautification, to support horticultural 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 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 the Columbia Garden Club go to the club treasurer.**

Proposed revision: Eliminate the above underlined sentence.

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 convey all rules and regulations relating to the club. The President shall be the official representative in all State and District activities of 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 approval from 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 members' addresses and telephone numbers and /or other contact information and give copies to the officers and the 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 minutes to the President **a week prior to each regular meeting**. The Secretary shall conduct correspondence of the club as directed by the President.

Proposed revision: sentence 2: The Secretary should have in her possession the minutes for the current year, plus the previous two years; all others shall be stored with other historic documents. Sentence 3: The secretary shall send a copy of 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

Proposed addition: Section 5. Should circumstances require creative solutions, the Officers and Board may with 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.

Proposed By-Law Changes Continued

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.

Article IX-Committees and Chair Duties

P. the Program Chair's duties are described in Article V, Section 4 **and standing rule 3.** Chairperson: Barbara Rothenbergber.

Proposed revision: p. delete: and standing rule 3.

Proposed revisions:a-v: 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

1. The club shall contribute \$40 each year to the Columbia Public Library for a gardening book in memory of deceased members and friends of Columbia Garden Club.
2. Time of the regular meetings will be 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted in the yearbook.
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 \$50.00 will be donated to the State Scholarship Fund.

4. Members joining after June 1st will pay half dues for the remaining program year. (rev. January 2010).

Proposed revisions:

1. Time of the regular meetings will be 1:00 unless otherwise noted in the yearbook.
2. Garden Club meetings will automatically be canceled if the Columbia Public Schools are canceled due to inclement weather.
3. If an outgoing President is already a Life Member, \$50 will be donated to the State Scholarship Fund.
4. The Club shall contribute \$40 each year to the Columbia Public Library for a gardening book in memory of deceased members and friends of Columbia Garden Club.
5. Members joining after June 1st will pay half dues for the remaining program year. (rev. January 2010)



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