Columbia Underground

News of the Columbia Garden Club

September 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

President Karen Blackmore 442-1873

Sept 10, 8:30 a.m. Central District Fall Meeting, Fulton, Mo.

Sept 13, 10:30
a.m. with lunch at noon pm
"Sharing the
Bounty and Beauty of our Labor":
CGC slide program and carry-in luncheon; seed and plant exchange and dedication of the new shelter at Stephens

Oct 11, 1pm
"The Beauty of
Bats" Dr. Sybil
Amelon, Research
Biologist, Mo.
Dept. of Agriculture

Nov 7-9, 1 pm FGCM Fall Board Mtg.

Nov 15, 1 pm
"Bringing the
Beauty of Nature
inside for Thanksgiving":
Janet Lindstrom,
CGC Member and
certified florist

Dec 13, noon Holiday Tea



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DEDICATION OF OUR MINI-SHELTER IN STEPHEN'S PARK

Just east of the Reichman building on East Walnut at 10:30 a.m. on September 13, 2010 before our annual carry-in luncheon at noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Our special guest for the ceremony will be Horticulturalist Jen Courtney from Parks and Recreation, who is involved in the design of the new Discovery Garden. She will update us on the status as

well as the layout of the garden. We voted to purchase the mini-shelter at the meeting in June and it has been purchased. The sign is ordered and will be here in time for the dedication. We also voted and have donated \$500.00 to the New Century Fund for the Discovery Garden to honor Mayor Darwin Hindman and his wife, Axie. Unfortunately, they will not be able to attend as they are enjoying the freedom of retirement and will be traveling.

I hope you can all attend the dedication. We will then meet for our annual luncheon. Please bring a centerpiece for a table of something growing in your garden, if you have something appropriate. Please also bring seeds or plants if you have anything to exchange with other members.

Note: There will not be seating in the park so if you are concerned about standing for a while, you might bring a chair.

ATTENTION:

Tune in to KBIA radio, 91.3 FM, on Thursday September 9 at 8:50 a.m. to hear the interview of President Karen Blackmore by Paul Pepper or, once it is taped, you may view it on line at: http://www.kbia.org

Membership Drive

Membership dues are \$20.00 for 2011. We start collecting at the September meeting. Please make an envelope and indicate your name, address, phone numbers, to include your cell phone and your e-mail address. We need this information for our yearbook, which Linda Lowenberg will begin working on shortly. We are very close to having 70 members. Let's work to make that a goal. The September meeting is a great one to bring a friend as your guest. They are sure to like our great food and, of course, are very welcome!

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings take place at: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, Columbia, Mo 65203. Phone: 445-4469. We always welcome new members and guests.

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OUTSTANDING SUMMER GARDENS GIV-EN OUR YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

(Above) For JUNE it was the garden of Randy Kilgore and Gary Smith at 804 Fairway Drive that received kudos. It is expertly designed and planted, both front and back, using some out-of-the-ordinary horticulture choices. The curved front bed features a striking color combination of "plum pudding" coral bells, clumps of green-and- white variegated purple iris alternating with similarly striped liriope. Unusual chartreuse sumac shrubs anchor the bed's corners. Pink double knockout roses were in bloom when we visited, adding to the marvelous color blend. American cranberry bush viburnum, yellow barberry, mugo pine, and a tall soulangiana magnolia are also growing lushly across the front.

The JULY award went to Carol and Tom Hughey's shady garden at 1306 Jake Lane. The steep sloping and terraced front yard is deeply shaded by a huge old maple tree. Hostas are the dominant perennial in this lawn-free setting, and it is an example of how really colorful shade can really be when the right plants are chosen. A row of pink begonias borders the driveway and a great variety of annuals are tucked in among the hostas. Day lilies, roses, and geraniums are growing at the edges where some sun is available. Carol, the main gardener, also uses lots of moveable containers to add blooms to dark areas.

For AUGUST we recognized the large corner yard at 1912 Surrey Court maintained by homeowner Ilene Todd. There are curved beds around the foundation and back patio; also several in the midst of a large expanse of emerald green lawn. All the beds are crisply edged and mulched with brown-black colored bark, a striking contrast to the green lawn. Shady areas are planted with hostas and ferns; sunny areas have coneflowers, coreopsis, flocks, catmint, and other colorful perennials. Pots of pink geraniums flank the front door and the front flower bed is bordered with dwarf "butter daisies" (melampodium). An unusual redbud called "Oklahoma" grows at the right corner. Ilene is a gardener who saves seeds from her annuals and successfully regrows most of them each year.

Emily Bonwich and Carolyn Swope

NEW EVENING GARDEN CLUB OFF TO A GOOD START!

DISCOVERY GARDEN CLUB met for the first time in July and again on August 9th at the Cattleman's Assn. building on Bluff Creek Drive. Several of our members have attended the meetings to support them. Cindy Deegan presented their first program on herbs in July and I presented a program on daylilies at the August meeting. They have elected officers and have named their club. Our member and past president, Mary Jane Wheeling, has agreed to be the president for the first term. I know they appreciate our support and Mary Jane's leadership. Their meetings will be the same as ours only in the evening at 6:30. If you have time and can attend, it helps a lot to have several people there who have experience and can help them, as they find their way, with the new club. Call Mary Jane if you have questions or can help them.

Karen Blackmore

<u>Courtesy Committee</u>: If you know of any member who is ill, please notify Carol Notbohm, Courtesy Committee Chair, or Rose Mayfield, Courtesy Committee member, so they can send a card from the Columbia Garden Club! There may be other occasions when you feel we should send a "courtesy" someone. Just notify Carol or Rose.

September Yard of the Month

Surely there is a lovely yard in your neighbor that you want to nominate for the September yard of the month! Let Emily Bonwich or Carolyn Swope know and they will consider it!

Please welcome our newest members and update your vearbooks:

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Tiffany White, 7932 Audrain Road 241, Centralia, MO 65240-6141 702-449-8456 tiffanywhite11@gmail.com (Note this is a change in her e-mail address)

Rose Mayfield has a new e-mail address:

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Bonnie Stevens' new e-mail address is:

joe156@centurylink.net

Dee Bauer's new e-mail address is:

deebauer56@yahoo.com

Remember to update in your yearbook!!

ATTENTION!

You are invited to:

FGCMO Central District Fall Meeting

"EDIBLE LANDSCAPING: FRESH FLOWERS & HERBS"

First Christian Church, 6 East 7th St., Fulton Hosted by: Fulton Garden Club "75 Years Young" September 10,2010

Agenda:

8:30-9:30 Registration

10:00 Business Meeting

11:30 "Golden Girls" Celebration

12:00-1:00 Luncheon

1:15-2:00 Program



Please come! Fulton Garden Club was formed in 1935, so this is our 75th year. At this meeting we will be honoring our "Golden Girls"- Central District members who joined garden club prior to 1991 who have been members for 20 years or more. We would like to celebrate these ladies and recognize their lasting contributions at this meeting with special surprises! Please note your "Golden Girls" on the registration form and encourage your members to attend so we may honor them.

Registration fee is \$15.00 each and is due by September 1st. Please make checks payable to Fulton Garden club and send to: Alma Hoffman, 6897 State Rd. J, Fulton, Mo. 65251

(Note: Barbara Rothenberger, Alice Havard, Carolyn Doyle, Carole Van Vranken, Gayle Fry, Cindy Deegan, Evette Nissen, Virginia Itschner, Karen Blackmore, Betty Gladney and Marie Pasley have already indicated they are attending. If you are new to the club, I encourage you to attend this meeting as it is closer than most and you will enjoy it! If you are a "Golden Girl" with 20 or more years as a member, we especially want you to attend so we can celebrate you. Please contact Virginia Itschner and get your check to her before September 1st and she will send in our check along with your information.

To new members: We ask that all members sign up for at least one project (and more if you want). Please look at the projects listed in the yearbook on pages 12 and 13 and let President Karen know which project you choose. All the projects are fun, and the very best way to get to know us is to get involved. Do not be intimated, as we welcome your input, experience, ideas, time and energy! We are proud of our long standing club and want you to have the full experience of the Columbia Garden Club. Welcome!

TREASURER'S REPORT			
June 2, 2010			
April 27 Checking Account Balance			\$2799.04
Income			
Plant	Sale	5369.50	
Vintaş	ge Hill Ad	75.00	
New I	Member Dues (2 x \$20)	40.00	
Total Income			\$5484.50
Disbursements			
Mo Do	ept of Agriculture (plant inspection)	20.00	
Summ	nit Rose Nursery	252.74	
Farme	er Jones	467.50	
Heart	land Family Nursery	377.50	
Prairi	e Hill Farm	228.86	
Kinca	id Gardens (markers)	697.92	
Karen	Blackmore (printing,		
	May basket, hypertufa)	142.55	
Lucille	e Wayland (commission/paintings)	120.00	
Trinit	y Presbyterian Church (rent)	25.00	
Caroly	yn Doyle		
(v.	inca/BCHS Courtyard Garden)	17.25	
Natio	nal Garden Clubs		
(Ribb	oons/Flower Show)	14.83	
Karen	Blackmore (Judges Lunches)	91.56	
Total Disbursements			\$2455.71
June 2, 2010 Checking Account Balance			\$5827.83
May Certificate Balance			\$3080.01
Total Assets			\$8907.84

Select a committee where you can serve..

We will be asking you to serve on the committees where you can best serve in 2011. There are several to choose from and many of you will want to participate in several of the things we have planned. We need 100% participation in order to be successful. Sign up sheets will be available at the next 3 meetings.





- Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, grass seed and sod. Plants that are planted in the fall enjoy cooler temperatures and ideal growing conditions that allow roots ample time to grow into the surrounding soil. Use starter plant fertilizer mix when planting.
- Plants and trees that provide color in the month of September include Beautyberry, Crape Myrtles, Cotoneaster, Viburnums, Hypericum, Hydrangeas, Potentilla, Pyracantha and Butterfly Bush.
- There are lots of perennials with interest now including Coreopsis, Ccabiosa and ornamental grasses.
- Add a touch of fall to your landscape by planting hardy Mums now.
- Do not prune Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they have already set their buds for next year's blooms. If you feel these shrubs do need to be pruned, however, you can prune them now, but you will sacrifice next spring flowers.
- Time to feed your plants with a good quality, slow release plant food made for perennials and flowering shrubs and trees that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.
- Feed evergreens (Hollies, Boxwoods and Yews) and deciduous trees (Maples, Oaks and Ash) with a tree & shrub food. This product contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development
- Time to transplant peonies or divide them if you wish to multiply your plants.
- Spring blooming bulbs are best to plant in October. Plant Iris, Tulips, Crocus, Daffodils and many others for glorious color next spring.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

June 14, 2010

Our business meeting for June was held in the backyard of Barb Devine after touring 5 of our member's beautiful gardens.

President Karen Blackmore called the business meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. We had 4 guests at our meeting, plus the 3 judges that judged our garden tour. The May minutes and treasurer's report were approved as they were printed in the newsletter. Thanks to Carolyn Swope for taking the minutes last month in my absence.

We had a great flower show last month and had enough points to qualify to do a Book of Evidence, however we did not have 50% of our members participate in the show, so we are ineligible to submit it. It is very important for the members to participate in some way when we have a flower show be it setting up, baking cookies for judges, or bringing at least one piece of horticulture to the show.

Committee Reports:

Carolyn Swope reported on the May and June yards of the month. If you have a yard in mind that you would like to nominate for yard of the month, please give Carolyn or Emily Bonwich a call.

Marie Pasley said they could use more volunteers to help with Jr. Garden Club. They will start up again in August.

Alice Havard said the beds at the Bluffs need some work. If you have a bed there, please check on it and weed if necessary. There are some beds that need someone to look after them. If you would be interested in working on one, please contact Alice Havard or Karen Blackmore to volunteer.

President Karen said we have enough money in our account to go ahead with the Bench Project. Carolyn Swope made a motion to go ahead with the purchase and Barb Devine seconded the motion. We are going to purchase a small shelter in Stephens Park in honor of past and present garden club members. There will be a plaque on the shelter with Columbia Garden Club on it.

Mary Jane Wheeling reported that there are 17 people interested in joining an evening garden club. She is close to starting this new club, which will be a sister club of ours.

President Karen has the 2011 Vision of Beauty calendar and some of the new pins from the National President available for sale.

The Fulton Garden Club is taking a bus to the Missouri Botanical Garden on July 8th and has room for 3 more people. If interested, contact President Karen for more information.

Kathy Shreves was injured in a fall. She is currently temporarily at Lenoir.

There will be a planning meeting for committee chairs and officers at the home of President Karen on August 9th at 1:00.

Some upcoming events of interest are: Daylily Show-July 10th, Daylily Sale-Aug. 21st, Fall District Meeting-Sept. 10th, Iris Sale-August 28.

There are two optional trips coming up in July. On July 12th there is a trip to Julia Semons to tour her daylily gardens and on July 20th, there will be a trip to Tipton to tour Dorothy Colette's gardens. If you are interested in either one of these trips, please contact President Karen Blackmore.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Evette Nissen, Secretary

Planning Committee Meeting: Officers and committee Chairpersons met at Karen Blackmore's on August 9th and begin planning to 2011. While there is still a lot to do, most chairpersons agreed to serve another year and we discussed their plans and dates for the different events. If you have suggestions about events for next year, We welcome your input. Just e-mail the chairperson or Karen with your suggestions or concerns.

Karen Blackmore



"If you have never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you have ever imagined, plant a garden."

Robert Gault

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Attention

Jr. Garden club needs you!

Jr. Garden Club needs help. Please volunteer 1 hour per month to help second graders do a garden club activity. We invite anyone interested in helping to a planning meeting on September 2, Thursday, 2010 at 1:30 in Cafe' Court at the Columbia Mall. We have some new ideas and decisions to make. Again, we need you, please help teach our future gardeners through Jr. Garden Club. For Questions contact Linda Lowenberg 573-234-1650 or Marie Pasley 573-474-5245



Alice Havard and Karen Blackmore traveled to Sedalia and judged the flower show on Federation Day, August 18,2010, at the Missouri State Fair. It was a big show with many clubs participating. We should each make it a goal to enter in the fair next year as we would have competed well, especially in design classes. If you have not been to the fair, you should plan to go next year. It is not that far and we saw many nice entries; things we typically do not get to see.





SUMMER TRIPS

Julia Semons daylilies and hostas were amazing on July 12 when eleven of us toured her spectacular gardens. Julia is a delightful person and was a sweetheart to us. We all learned so much and saw daylilies we will not soon forget. We can go anytime so if you are interested next year, let me us know and we will do it again!

If you missed the trip to **Dorothy Collette's**, on July 20th, you missed out as it was a lot of fun! Pictured above, back row: Bill Schuette, new member Jan Korte, Barbara Rothenberger, Karen Blackmore; middle row: Connie Blackmore, Barbara Schuette, Cindy Deegan; front row: Barbara and Bill's grandson, Jackson, Carolyn Kemper, Alice Havard and Marie Pasley. In addition to seeing a beautiful cutting garden and learning about preserving cut flowers, we enjoyed the meeting of Grow and Glow Garden Club, which included a piece of scrumptious fresh strawberry cake served on a plate sitting a gardening magazine place mat. Each of us received a start of lavender and the tables had centerpieces of beautiful celosia and zinnias. Thank you Grow and Glow!

OCTOBER MEETING

Oct 11, 1pm

"The Beauty of Bats"

Dr. Sybil Amelon, Research Biologist,

Mo. Dept. of Agriculture

You will enjoy this program where we are likely to see live bats and find out what important part they play in our ecology. I have seen this program once and am excited to see it again! This is one where you might invite your husbands to join us! KB



Officers and Committee Chairs met at the home of Karen Blackmore on August 9, 2010 to make plans for 2011. Each received a mini container. Hopefully we will see these later in a flower show!

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