

NEWS OF THE COLUMBIA

GARDEN CLUB

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April 14, 1 pm: "Mini Gardens Near and Beyond"

April 11-13: Flower Show School I- Kirkwood, Mo

April 12: Clean Up Columbia Day

April 16: Central District Spring Mtg.- Laurie, Mo

April 26: CGC Plant and Bake Sale and Garden Bazaar

April 24-28: NGC Convention- Memphis Tenn.

May 6-8: FGCM 75th Anniversary Convention, JC, Mo

May 10: Mother's day Blooming Basket Sale farmer's market

May 12, 1 pm: "A Touch of the Earth's Beauty"

June 1-7: National Garden Week

June 7: CGC Flower Show-Columbia Public Library

June 9, 8:30 a.m.: Garden Tour: "Beyond Our Garden Gates"

August 7-17: Missouri State Fair (August 13th -Federation Day)

August 22-24: Flower Show School II

Sept. 15, noon: Annual Covered Dish Luncheon

"Natural Wonder beyond the Gate"

Oct. 9: Central District Fall Meeting, Booneville

TBA: Central District Bus Tour

Oct.13, 1 pm: "Tread Lightly on the Earth"

Oct. 14-16: Landscape Design School IV, St Louis

Nov. 10, 1 pm: "Beyond the Bird Feeder"

Nov. 13, 14: FGCM Fall Board Meeting-TBA

Dec. 8, noon: Holiday Tea



Mother's Day "Make & Take" Blooming Basket Sale

New for us this year is the Mother's Day "Make & Take" Basket Sale.

We will have a booth at the Boone County Farmer's Market (corner of Worley and West Boulevard) on May 10th from 8am to noon.

We furnish baskets and plants for buyers to create a gift for Mothers or we will have some already made for them to buy.

We will need members to be at Market to set-up at 7 am and then take down when market is over at noon. Plus, we need to help all those young future gardeners on their garden journey during the morning!! Mary Jane and Marie P. will be purchasing plants for the baskets for planting.



CGC

Annual Fundraiser

It's time for the Annual CGC Plant Sale, Garden Bazaar and Bake Sale. The sale is April 26th 8 am to noon. Donations for the sale can be brought Friday afternoon 3 pm to 5:30 pm to Trinity Presbyterian Church. We need all types of plants; house plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees. Please price all items and no plants below \$1.00; if it's small add to it. We need baked items for the bake sale; best to bring Saturday morning between 7:30 and 8 am but we can take them on Friday afternoon. We also can use garden bazaar items; books, garden tools, pots, garden accessories, etc. This is our largest fund raiser so let's make it a good one. Again, please help lighten our work load by pricing your items.

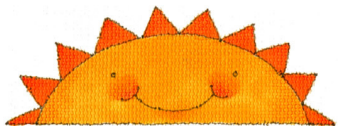
Yes, we will allow buying on Friday afternoon for **club members only**. Ken and Jane are bringing wonderful tomatoes, as usual and other bedding plants. Plus, this year we will have more annuals to choose from. If you have some special request for annuals, contact Marie Pasley or Mary Jane by April 7th. We also could use some banquet style tables & card tables to put sale items on. We will be asking for these at the April meeting. Thanks, we appreciate your help.

Marie Pasley and
Mary Jane Wheeling,

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA

Join us Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. and help clean up Columbia. For the 7th year we will clean up McKee Park, a neighborhood park at the corner of McKee St and Orchard Lane on the northeast side of town. Take Clark Lane east about 1.1 miles (past Home Depot) and turn left on McKee (just before Clark Lane curves into Ballenger Lane) and continue on McKee to the park on the right. The park has a creek, two basketball courts and a children's play area. The litter usually consists of bottles, cans, food wrappers and etc. which we should have bagged before by noon. The following people have signed up to help: Susan Cushing, Evette Nissen, Cindy Deegan, Connie Blackmore, Betty Gladney, Linda Lowenberg and Linda's husband. This is a RAIN OR SHINE activity so if it is raining, a cheap poncho over your jacket and boots and gloves will help. Also a rake or tool to reach under the trees and in the creek is good. The city provides trash and recycling bags, Clean up Columbia t-shirts and tickets for the noon BBQ at Twin Lakes Recreation area off Chapel Hill Road. This is a great way to begin the gardening season while getting acquainted with your Garden Club friends. If you have questions or need a ride, call me at 445-4500. Thanks!

Carol Notbohm, Chair



Community Garden

Coalition

Sue Popper asked me to mention in the newsletter that volunteers are always needed for the Community Garden Coalition sponsored by the city of Columbia. There are currently 6 major garden locations: Ninth Street-Paquin Towers-Oak Towers-Claudell Lane-Seventh Street and Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Facility. If you are interested in working on this important project, providing participants with a source of nutritious food, please talk to Sue. She has additional information and will help you get involved. Or you may call 573-875-5995, e-mail cgarden@yahoo.com or go to the website <http://cgc.missouri.org>

Marine Parents Care Boxes

Marine Parents operate a care package program here in Columbia. If anyone has some extra time they might go by on Thursdays 10 am to noon during May for preparing inventory for packing. This isn't a heavy job, usually just separating items into smaller packages.

Packing for shipping dates are June 7, August 23, & November 8. These are major packing days and they can always use lots of help. The day starts at 8 am.

If you have items you would like to ship they send; gum, hard candy, granola bars, small shampoo bottles, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, wet ones, q-tips, cotton balls, small tubes of toothpaste, tooth brushes, most any toiletry. They love getting written notes from the states; just

tell them what is happening in Missouri, etc.

Location is 2810 Lemone Industrial Blvd. Building is on the east side of the street, several blocks down.

I have done this several times and usually feel like I'm doing something for our soldiers in Iraq besides complaining about the situation. Thanks. Marie P.



GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

March 10, 2008: The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. following a program on "Beyond the Ordinary Plant – Plants of Merit", presented by Chris Starbuck, PhD., MU Associate Professor and State Extension Specialist.

Thirty four members and three guests attended the meeting. We welcomed new member Evette Nissen and three guests, Guy Marie Sackretter, Carol Koenig, and Mary Sue Barnart.

Courtesy Chair Liz Kucera notified the club of the death of long time member, Frances Seltsam. Liz will notify the state organization of members who have died within the past year so they can be remembered at the convention in May. Liz also had cards for members to sign to send to Nola Smith and Lou Brouk who are currently at Boone Hospital.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer Karen Blackmore reported a balance of \$1,510.16 in the treasury and a C.D. balance of \$2,866.33 for total assets of \$4,376.49. The report was filed for audit.

A note was read from Marie Pasley thanking members for the gifts she received from the club honoring her as the new Central District Director. We received a card from Sue Popper who sent us best wishes for the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-Clean-Up Columbia – Chair Carol Notbohm announced that the date for cleaning up McKee Park is April 12th. (See the related article in this issue for additional information.)

Scholarship - Chair Barb Devine has applications at the high schools. When they are completed, counselors will make the selection. The scholarship is for a student who wants to study horticulture or a related field. Barb also had entries for the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl contest at the meeting. Third graders at Blue Ridge competed in the contest. Barb had two conservation students who had firefighting experience talk to the children, which was very successful.

Flower Show - Co-Chair Carolyn Doyle reported the committee had met and had chosen the theme "TV Guide" for this year's show to be held at the Columbia Public

Library on Saturday, June 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ways and Means – Mary Jane Wheeling reminded us that we have two fund-raising events this spring. The annual plant and bake sale will be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 26. The Blooming Basket Sale will be at Columbia Farmers Market on Saturday, May 10. Discussion was held about purchasing polo shirts for members to wear at club events. Carolyn Doyle moved that the shirts be purchased with the club paying the \$15 set up fee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Art in Bloom was held at the Art and Archaeology Building on the U. of Mo. Campus, March 7-9. Our Club had an entry designed by Mary Jane Wheeling, Marie Pasley and Carolyn Doyle. Julie Fisher and Jane Sadler expressed their appreciation for the "simple but beautiful" exhibit.

The State convention will be held in Jefferson City, May 6-8. President Lowenberg announced there is still room for those who want to attend the tea at the Governor's Mansion. Linda drew the names of Carole Van Vranken and Mary Jane Wheeling, who, along with Linda, will serve as delegates. Each delegate will receive \$100 to help defray costs of attending.

The Central Missouri District Meeting will be held April 16 at

Laurie. Linda reported for Marie Pasley that the Lake Bloomers Garden Club will host the meeting. The reservations deadline is April 3rd. If you plan to attend, send a check for \$10.00 payable to the Columbia Garden Club to Treasurer Karen Blackmore.

Announcements

1. Jefferson Farms.org has a large farm located on New Haven Road. The produce grown there will be donated to the Food Pantries. Jennifer Smith will do a program for any group interested.

2. Bradford Research Farm: April 12, 9 to noon, will host a native plant sale featuring three vendors. On May 22 they will have a rose workshop featuring a guided tour of the rose gardens and seminars on rose history, cultivation and disease issues. Visit Bradford on the web at:

<http://aes.missouri.edu/bradford/index.stm>

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Itschner, Secretary

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Thank you to the members who submitted articles this month, making my job so much easier! Information received by the 25th of each month will be included if space is available. Please call with questions!

Karen Blackmore 442-1873



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