

Columbia Underground

N E W S O F T H E C O L U M B I A G A R D E N C L U B

CALENDAR

April 13, 1:00pm

"Going with Underused Evergreens in the Landscape"

Chris Starbuck, PhD

April 20-23

FGCM State Convention, Sedalia

April 25

CGC Plant, Basket and Bake sale and Garden Bazaar

April 25

Clean Up Columbia Day

April 24-28

NGC Convention, Memphis Tenn.

April 30

Central District Spring Meeting Eldon

May 11, 1:00p.m.

"Going and Growing with Books & Websites for Garden Enthusiasts"

Linda Lowenberg

May 29-31

Flower Show School III

June 7-13

National Garden Week

June 8, 8:30a.m.

"Going and Growing,

April Meeting Sure to be a Good One:

If you have not met Chris Starbuck, PhD., you are in for a treat at the April meeting. He will present a program on adding evergreens to our landscape and I for one, need to do that. I took out most of mine last summer because they had become overgrown and "leggy" and did not look good. I now have a very bland winter landscape. I am looking forward to his program. See you the 13th!



Clean Up Columbia

Saturday, April 25, is Clean-Up Columbia Day 2009 and it coincides with our annual plant sale. I'm confident that we can accomplish both. 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. I want to thank those of you who have already signed up at the March meeting. We will meet at McKee Park at 10:30 Saturday morning rain or shine – since it is scheduled for later in April this year we may experience more pleasant weather than in the past. 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. If you sign up at the April meeting you can let me know how many BBQ tickets and the size of tee shirt you would like. We have always had a fun time in the past as each tries to find the most interesting junk.

Thanks, Janet Lasley, Chairman.

March 9 Minutes

President Linda Lowenberg called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. First Vice President Emily Bonwich introduced our speaker, member Barbara Rothenberger, who presented a power point program on "Going to New Zealand" which featured flowers and sites of that country.

Inspiration Chair Marie Crenshaw shared with us the way to a full life by using the senses of touch, taste, sight, sound and smell plus laughter and love.

31 members and three guests were present. The February minutes were approved as printed and mailed. Karen Blackmore reported total assets of \$5,544.30. The CD balance will be reported quarterly in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clean Up Columbia – Chair Janet Lasley asked that those on her committee meet at McGee Park at 10:30 A.M. rain or shine. Wear boots, gloves and rain gear if needed. Janet said the pickup should be completed by noon and then volunteers are invited to a barbeque provided by the city.

Floral Arrangements – Lynn Birkby said that Barb Rothenberger is providing a design for the library in March and Janet Lindstrom will provide a bouquet for Wyatt House. In April, Marty Buell will take flowers to the library and Marie Pasley will take an arrangement to Wyatt House. Lynn still needs volunteers to provide arrangements at the library in May, June, July and August.

Art in Bloom – Chair Mary Jane Wheeling said 12 members have signed up to help with designs. Four designs will be entered. There is \$100 for this activity in the budget. A raffle held before the meeting made \$100 so each group will have \$50 available to spend on their design. Art in Bloom will be held March 14-16 at the University of Missouri Art/Archeology Museum.

Ways and Means Co-Chairs - Mary Jane Wheeling and Marie Pasley Marie announced that a new banner for the Columbia Garden Club has been made. The banner's dimensions are two feet by eight feet and easy to handle. The old sign is available for use. Plant Sale set up will begin on Friday at 1:00 P.M. Plants may be brought in from 2 to 4 P.M. Price the plants you bring in even amounts. There will be a sale of plants to members only Friday P.M. Bake Sale items should be brought the day of the sale, April 25. Please mark your items in even dollar amounts. Emily Bonwich volunteered to chair the bake sale. Connie Blackmore offered to chair the White Elephant Sale. Please price any items you bring in even dollar amounts. (ex. 2 for \$1:00) Cindy Deegan has a pop-up tent that will be put up outside for sale of the Mother's Day Baskets. Please bring any baskets you have to donate to the April meeting. Marie asked for volunteers to "baby sit" the plants that will be purchased at the Versailles Auction. Linda Lowenberg will bring yellow plastic covering for the tables. Carolyn Doyle will give information about the Plant Sale on the Paul Pepper TV Show. The telephone committee will call all members with details about the Plant Sale.

OLD BUSINESS: Carolyn Doyle reported that the Columbia Garden Club's 90th Birthday Celebration is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at the Boone County Historical Society. Invitations will be sent to Missouri State Garden Club Officers, to clubs in the Central District and to other gardening clubs in Columbia. Claudia Hopp will present a program on "Flower Design through the Ages".

NEW BUSINESS: FCGM Convention will be held in Sedalia, April 20 – 23. Kathy Shreve moved that Linda Lowenberg, Carolyn Doyle and Barbara Rothenberger serve as delegates. Carolyn Swope seconded the motion and it was passed. Each delegate will receive \$100 from the club to use toward the registration fee.

The Central District spring meeting will be held in Eldon on April 30. If you plan to attend, please send a check to Karen Blackmore by April 10. A motion was made and approved that we give one small add space to McConnell's Plant land to show our appreciation for the many donations of flowers they have made to our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Itschner, Secretary

Heart of Missouri African Violet Club will have its spring sale on May 2nd from 9 to 12 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We should have a pretty good collection of not only African violets; but a number of other gesneriads such as episcias and nematanthus. Dorothy Anderson

ART in BLOOM

For those of you who were able to visit the Museum of Art and Archeology, you know we had 12 members participate and 4 entries of the 13 total were designed by CGC members. We did not win but we certainly did impress visitors to the exhibit. A slide show of the 13 designs is on our website at <http://www.kewpie.net/CGC/ColumbiaGardenClub.html>

To visit the museum's website to view past designs go to <http://maa.missouri.edu>
We had such a good time that all who participated want to do it again next year. You might put this on your calendar as it really is a lot of fun.

Do you want a CGC shirt? We may reorder if we need at least 6 shirts. See me to place your order. Karen 442-1873

WE'RE INVITED:

The Lake Bloomers Garden Club is having a small standard flower show titled "**Garden Reflections**" on **Saturday, April 18th**. This show is sanctioned by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri. There will be two divisions - our home grown horticulture specimens and our beautiful designs, both which will be judged for excellence and awarded according to their merit by state qualified flower show judges. Club members will be available to discuss their entries and answer your gardening questions. Please take time to join us at the **Westside Senior Activity Center** (lower level) on Hwy O in Laurie from **Noon until 4:00 PM** as our show is open for the public's enjoyment. There is no admission charge. We hope you will join us for a beautiful afternoon.
If you have any questions regarding this, you may e-mail me at judilloyd@hughes.net or call (573) 372-9977 or Mary Bullock at (573) 374-1151.

State Convention:

Our delegates will be Linda Lowenberg, Barbara Rothenberger and Carolyn Doyle. The deadline to register is April 3rd. After that , there will be a \$20.00 late registration fee.

THINGS TO BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING:

Baskets that will make a pretty planter basket for the May baskets at our plant sale.

Something garden related that you have that will be a nice addition to a basket of goodies to be raffled at the plant sale. Mary Jane will put one together with the items we bring.

A guest, a potential new member, who will be a new friend for all of us!

Please note a new article has been posted to the Columbia Garden Club website at:

<http://gardencentral.org/fgcmisouri/columbiagardenclubarticles/>

Julie Fisher updates the website with new articles with each new season. Please let her know if you have an article that you think would be appropriate and of interest to us.

Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention!

Barbara Rothenberger has to take her garden off the tour as she is having knee surgery. We are looking for another yard for the tour. Please contact Cindy Deegan if you are willing to put your yard on the tour. I have done this twice and promise it is not painful. We would all love to see your yard! Call Cindy at 443-5307 or e-mail her cdeegs@hotmail.com

(Barbara we wish you a speedy recovery)



Plant & Mixed Floral Basket Sale; Baked Goods and Garden Bazaar

April 25 at Trinity Presbyterian Church-- 8am to Noon

We ask that all CGC members participate in this CGC “Ways & Means Event” so that we may continue with our many community projects.

Several members agreed to bring tables- we will need them at the church for set up at 1pm on Friday, April 24.

Bring Plant & Bazaar items to Trinity on Friday, April 24 between 2-4pm

We prefer Bake Goods be brought Saturday morning before the sale, if possible

Bring to the April 13th meeting- Baskets

New Item at the Plant sale: **1. Mother’s Day Mixed Floral Baskets-** since we need baskets for this we are asking members to bring small baskets for children’s activity table and larger baskets for potting in, to the April 13 meeting

Preparing Items for sale

Dig & pot plants 1 to 2 weeks prior to sale for reestablishment of roots

Bulbous root plants (iris, daylilies, daffodils) can be sold bare root with 6 inch green tops attached (only allow 2 to 3 days out of the ground for these plants when brought bare root)

Price items fairly; (check stores for their prices on plants and baked items) if yours’ look similar, price similarly without being excessive, we want to sell stuff but not give them away!

Price items in even increments; \$1.00, \$2.00, etc. this may require combining items (4 cookies for \$1.00 or 2 bulbs for \$1.00, etc) This will help our cashier at check -out & is more user friendly pricing

Mark plants clearly with name & color along with price, we will place them according to sun or shade at the sale

Plant categories will be annuals, perennials, houseplants, natives, vegetable plants, (Ken & Jane again have great tomatoes) & herbs

***Columbia Garden Club members will be able to purchase items 4 to 5 pm on Friday afternoon, April 24.**

***Watch Carolyn Doyle on *Pepper & Friend*, KOMU on Thursday, April 23rd at 11am.**

Wear your red shirts day of the sale.

TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL SALE!!

TREATS FOR THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

Virginia Itschner and Hazel Keel

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I can make the newsletter larger to accommodate additional advertising and appreciate the help of our members in locating businesses that want to advertize in our newsletter and support our organization. Please let me know if you know of anyone interested and I will get in touch with them to set up their as.

Note the delivery special only until April 30th from Dave Casey for Bart Menning products. I have used their miracle dirt and had very good results. I plan to use the miracle mulch if it ever warms up enough to spread it! Karen 442-1873