



Columbia Underground

News of the Columbia Garden Club

April 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

President Karen Blackmore 442-1873

Reminder:

- April 16
Central District Spring Meeting, Tipton, Mo.
- April 22-24
FGCM State Convention, Chesterfield, Mo.
- April 30-May 1
CGC Plant Sale
- May 10, 1 pm
"Beauty in the Seedlings"; tour by Bart Piotter of E. C. Piotter and Sons Nursery
- May 14-16
NGC National Convention
- May 22
"Maplewood Memories": CGC Flower Show
- June 14, 8:30 am
"Let Beauty surround You": CGC tour of five members' gardens
- July 12, 9 am
"Enjoy the Beauty of Day-Lilies and Hosta"; Optional meeting/tour of Julia Seimon's Gardens
- Sept 10
Central District Fall Meeting, Fulton, Mo.
- Sept 13, 12 pm
"Sharing the Bounty and Beauty of our Labor"; CGC slide show program and carry-in luncheon
- Oct 11, 1pm
"The Beauty of Bats"; Dr. Sybil Amelon, Research Biologist, MU 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 sure to enjoy the meeting April 12, 1 pm
"The Beauty of Insects-from Beneficial to Harmful;"
 Anastasia Becker, State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator

Those planning to help with the plant sale are meeting at **12:15 before the April 12th meeting** to discuss plans for working at the sale. We want this to be the biggest ever!

Spring District Meeting
 Tipton, Mo. April 16,

"Birds and Blooms,"

Hosted by

Grow and Glow Garden Club.

We have 13 members attending!

PLANT SALE CO-CHAIRS **STILL** PLANNING FOR FUN !!!

We still need all of you to work on the plant sale, either setting up on Friday, selling on Saturday, or cleaning up afterward! We need a lot of help, and it would be great if we had **100% participation**. Please plan to donate plants as always. We will also have the bake sale, and plan to donate a lunch item to sell since this year we will be there at noon. Linda Lowenberg is in charge of the bake sale and will need help as well. **Please plan to meet at 12:15 before the April meeting** to finalize plans as to when and where you will be working. This is a fun day, and we get to purchase plants from our friends at great prices! Now is the time to dig, dig, dig and pot, pot, pot, so that your donated plants will be nicely rooted and look healthy in the pots. We are not having the "White Elephant" sale this year due to space constraints, but we do want your new gardening items for the rolling raffle cart! Last year, nearly half of the \$500.00 scholarship came from the raffle! Please bring any new items for your donation to the April meeting. Please also wait to buy plants until our sale! As we announced, we have \$10 gift certificates available. See Janet to make your purchase. These are great gifts to friends and neighbors who are interested in CGC. As always, we appreciate your help on this important fundraiser!

Janet Lindstrom and Connie Blackmore, Co-chairs

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.

ART IN BLOOM

March 12, 13, 14

Hopefully you were able to attend this year's "Art in Bloom"! It was great fun, and our three entries were well received. We did not win in any category but we certainly were not embarrassed! We realize from the start that we are competing against florists. There is discussion that they may make changes so that we have a class of our own and will do much better. The last day of the event, 1700 people visited the exhibit and saw that the Columbia Garden Club had three of the seventeen entries! Great participation by 8 of our members! While it is a little stressful, it is a lot of fun and well worth the effort! Thanks to Mary Jane Wheeling, Janet Lindstrom, Carolyn Adams, Carolyn Doyle, Amy Bonwich, Connie Blackmore, Kay Egbert and Karen Blackmore for representing our club so well. You can see all of the photos at: <http://www.kewpie.net/CGC/ColumbiaGardenClub.html>



Courtesy Committee: 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" to someone. Just notify Carol or Rose.

Our friend Dorothy Anderson is doing well following her fall and partial hip replacement. She is back home and getting around. Hopefully she will be able to come back to CGC soon. We miss you Dorothy and hope to see you again soon! Barbara Schuette's knee is also healing nicely and we will see her at the April meeting. She is actually able to do some gardening! Yeah!

Smart Seed-Starting Tip:

If you're planning to start your own seeds this year, save a few newspapers from the recycling bin to use instead of pricey peat pots. Roll them up and place them upright in a planting container and plant away!



Items at the plant sale: Tomatoes and peppers from Ken Sadler... Wedgies... Kincaid plant markers... gourd birdhouses... lunch... plants from our gardens... hanging baskets and annuals from Farmer Jones in Ashland... hanging baskets of ferns from Vintage Hill... annuals from Vintage Hill... native plants... herbs... roses and peony's from Holt summit Roses... hypertufa planted pots... baked goods... So much fun!!!!!!!

Yard Smarts

Radish Seeds to the Rescue

Plant several white icicle radish seeds at the base of cucumber and squash seedlings. This discourages insects while providing an extra veggie crop. —Joyce Barnhart, Norwalk, Connecticut

ATTENTION:

May 10 2010 Meeting

We will tour

E.C. Piotter and Son's nursery 5065 Clearview Road N. Columbia, Mo 65202

There is a cleared area where we will be able to have a meeting following the tour. It is very important that everyone attend as we will be finalizing plans for the flower show.

Bart Piotter will have four (4) golf carts for those who need to ride.

We will need to take lawn chairs.

We will have refreshments

We will meet at Piotter's at 1:00

Those who need to can meet at the church at 12:30 to car pool.

We will talk more at the April meeting.

PLANT MARKERS

We have orders for 700 Kincaid plant markers! Members at the February meeting got one as a gift! They are great markers that I have been using for several years. We have them now and you may purchase them at the April meeting. If you have friends who want them, take their orders, as the more we sell, the more we make! We hope to sell over 1000, and with your help we will sell many more! I have 2000 on hand! We have 10" and 15" available. We only paid \$20.00 shipping so they will be a little cheaper than we originally thought. These plant markers will be sold at the meeting as well as at the plant sale. KB

Clean Up Columbia

Saturday, April 24, is Clean-Up Columbia Day 2010. 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 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, and 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 to help keep off the rain, and work 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 person tries to find the most interesting junk.



Thanks, Janet Lasley, Chairman



Central District Website:
www.centraldistrict.gardenclubsofmissouri.org

New CGC website still in development

Please welcome three new members:

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Tiffany White, 7932 Audrain Road 241, Centralia, MO 65240-6141 702-449-8456
tiffanywhite@allstates.com

Remember to update in your yearbook!

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 intimidated, 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!

Treats for the March meeting will be provided by: Bonnie Stephens and Lucille Wayland



FLOWER SHOW MAY 22, 2010

Five people have signed up for designs! If you have a class in mind, don't delay. In fact we need you to sign up at the April meeting as we need to get the classes filled and complete the planning. This will be a fun show at the Maplewood House.

Alice Havard will do sign up at the April meeting! Help Barb Rothenberger by signing up early. Also, if you can work, please sign up, if you have not already done so. The house is beautiful and not to be missed! We will need extra help to station people thru the house as our guests are there. Flower show schedules will be available at the April meeting for those who plan to enter either design or horticulture.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

March Checking Account Balance		\$2596.30
Income		
Univ. of Mo Memory Study	\$ 15.00	
Spring District Meeting (12x15)	180.00	
Wedgies (8 x \$12)	96.00	
Raffle	49.00	
Dues (3 x \$20)	60.00	
Flower Show Manual	15.00	
Design By Types Book	46.95	
Total Income		461.95
Disbursements		
Karen Blackmore	78.21	
Newsletter, Program Gift, Name Tags/Clips		
Wherry Enterprises (20 Wedgies + S & H)	150.35	
Grow and Glow Garden Club	195.00	
Spring District Meeting (13 x \$15)		
FCGM, Inc. (State Dues – 6 x \$10)	60.00	
Trinity Pres. Church (April Rent)	25.00	
Total Disbursements		508.56
April Checking Account Balance		2549.69
April Certificate of Deposit Balance		3080.01
Total Assets		\$5629.70

Respectfully submitted: Virginia Itschner, treasurer

Plant it Pink and Bench Projects

Linda Lowenberg and I are chairpersons for these two projects. We have not made decisions regarding these as we want to make sure we meet our goal on the plant sale and determine how much money we have available. The city of Columbia offers benches as well as mini shelters to be purchased and a plaque placed in memoriam or just as a special honor. I hope to be able to use one in order to **honor past and present members of the Columbia Garden Club, Established 1919**. I would like five members to help make the recommendations to the club. If we can get a proposal developed and approved, we could make our major plantings in the fall. If you have a plant that is pretty and pink, we would love to include your plant in the pink garden. Carol Notbohm and Mary Jane Wheeling have also volunteered to be on the committee. Please see me if you can help us. We would like to have one more volunteer.

Karen Blackmore

March 8, 2010

Columbia Garden Club Minutes

Our guest speaker for March was Ann Koenig. She is a Conservation Department forester and she gave a very informative presentation on planting trees.

President Karen Blackmore called the business meeting to order at 2:23 p.m. There were 38 people in attendance. She welcomed 2 guests and 3 new members. Jane Sadler made a motion to approve the minutes as they were printed in the newsletter and Mary Jane Wheeling seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jane Sadler made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as it was printed in the newsletter and Carolyn Doyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the horticulture portion of the meeting, some of the gourds that we will be selling at the plant sale were on display. Also, Liz Kucera brought a specimen of native Witch Hazel.

Mary Jane Wheeling reported on Art in Bloom.

The spring district meeting will be in Tipton on April 16th. If you want to go, you need to pay \$15.00 to our treasurer Virginia Itschner by April 1.

The state convention will be in Chesterfield on April 22,23 and 24. 4 people said they are going. Marie Pasley explained what happens at the state convention. The club has \$300.00 to give to the delegates to help cover expenses. Gayle Fry made a motion to divide this money among all people who are interested in going to the convention. Mary Jane Wheeling seconded it and the motion carried.

Janet Lasley reported that Clean up Columbia will be April 24th. If you are interested in helping, we will meet at 10:30 at McKee Park.

Janet Lindstrom and Connie Blackmore talked about the plant sale which is May 1. There will be a meeting at 12:15 on April 12 before our regular meeting for those who are planning to work at the plant sale.

Our May 10th meeting will be a tour of Piotters Nursery. We hope to have a good attendance for this meeting.

Alice Havard reported on the flower show which is May 22.

President Karen announced there will be a beardless Iris show at the Library on June 12.

Committee Reports:

Lynn Birkby said she needs someone to take flowers to the Wyatt Guest House in December.

Alice Havard reported that they are either going to repair or remove the cabin at Rock Bridge state park and we will need to remove the flowers that are in the garden there.

Gayle Fry gave the conservation report on toads and frogs.

Barb Devine said she has distributed the scholarship information and is waiting for the students to return them to her.

Emily Bonwich and Carolyn Swope talked about the Yard of the Month committee we have enough signs, that we could possibly have more than one yard a month recognized.

Marie Pasley and Linda Lowenberg said the Jr. Garden Club would be talking about herbs and they were going to look at the daffodils they planted last fall.

We are listed on two different sites to advertise our club plant sale and flowers show.

Columbia Tourism and Convention Center –events calendar and: www.mymissourian.com

We will place two ads in the Columbia Tribune and will have flyers at the April meeting so that all of you can help us get the word out about our sale!

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Roses

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Fertilize roses with *Fertilome Rose Food with Insecticide* once new growth is at least 2" long.

Ornamentals & Lawn

1. *Fertilome Weed and Feed* may be applied.
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3. Plant your Easter lilies in the yard after blooms have faded.
4. Crape myrtle and butterfly bush may be pruned back once new growth has started - these plants leaf out after warm weather, so this might not be done until May.
5. Prune boxwood anytime after the middle of the month.
6. Divide spring blooming perennials directly after flowering.

Plant, plant, plant - start planting warm season annuals as early as the middle of the month.

Fruits and Veggies

1. Begin to harden off seedlings started indoors earlier in the year.
2. Remove developing flower stalks from rhubarb plants.

Birds & Wildlife

1. Start hanging your hummingbird feeders outside.
2. Spray *Liquid Fence* on tulips and other tasty new plants in your yard to protect from deer damage.
3. Remove tree wrap that might have been protecting trees from deer damage.

(from Superior Garden Center April Newsletter)



Don't forget--We will have lots plants coming to the sale. Please try to wait to buy your hanging baskets as we will have several pretty ones available, including 10 large fern baskets from Vintage Hill! Also, Vintage Hill will donate some annuals for our sale. In addition, we will have plants from Farmer Jones in Ashland as well as some natives, herbs and roses on consignment! While it is exciting to get out and plant now, please wait for our sale if you can! May 1st is just around the corner!

Most important: pot, pot, pot your existing plants as we need your donations most of all!