



Columbia Underground

• “The merry family gathering—the old, the very young; the strangely lovely way they harmonize in carols sung. For Christmas is tradition time—traditions that recall, the precious memories down the years, the sameness of it all.”

• -Helen Lowrie Marshall

Holiday Tea December 8, Noon

The Holiday Tea is one of the highlights of our year. We always have a good turnout and great food. We hope you plan to attend and bring your favorite finger food or Christmas food for sharing. Table service and beverages will be provided.

We also ask that you bring a can or more of food for the food bank. As we are all hearing in the news, the demand is much higher in this tough economy.

For those of you who are new this year, we put on a Christmas sweater/outfit and we do not have a program. This is a great time for us to socialize and celebrate our Garden Club friends!



“A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; It makes no noise at all, But softly gives itself away; While quite unselfish, It grows small.”

-Eva K. Logue

2009 will be a very big year!

Plans are underway for our **90th** anniversary celebration. Details will be announced once finalized.

If you have a talent that we are not aware of, please let

someone know so we can take advantage of everyone's talents!

If you are a member who thinks everyone else is running everything, please know that

you too can run things! Just speak up and sign up! Any organization that has survived 90 years has had many talented people working together and keeping it interesting!



Are you interested in working on the newsletter? I can use your help! I have been doing this over 2 years and we need new ideas and articles, as well as someone in training to take over one day! Let me know if you are interested!

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Those of you who are members or interested in the **Missouri Botanical Garden** might want to put this on your gift list this year: *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*. This oversized (12-inch-by-ten-inch), hard cover book is illustrated with over 400 photos and sells for \$29.95. Dr. Peter H. Raven, President of the Missouri Botanical Garden and one of the world's leading botanists, writes the foreword and will be signing copies starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20 at the Garden Gate Shop. If you don't want to make the trip to St. Louis you can call (314) 577-5137 to purchase your copy or buy online at www.gardengateshop.org.



December Gardening Calendar

<http://ppp.missouri.edu/newsletters/megindex.htm>

Houseplants

Weeks 1-4: Water houseplants with tepid water. Cold tap water may shock plants

- Weeks 1-4: Be sure newly purchased indoor plants are well protected for the trip home. Exposure to icy temperatures for even a few moments may cause injury.

- Weeks 1-4: Overwintering geraniums like bright light and cool temperatures. Keep soils on the dry side

- Weeks 1-4: On cold nights, move houseplants back from icy windows to prevent chilling injury.

- Weeks 2-4: Holiday Poinsettia basics: Sun for at least half of the day. Keep away from drafts, registers and radiators.

Night temperatures in 50's or low 60's, days at 70 degrees. The soil should dry only slightly between thorough waterings. Discard the drainage. Be sure to punch holes in the decorative foil wraps to prevent soggy soil conditions.

Ornamentals

- Weeks 1-4: Hairspray works well to keep seed heads and dried flowers intact on wreaths and arrangements.

- Weeks 1-4: Living Christmas tree basics: - dig the planting hole before the ground freezes. - mulch and cover the backfill soil and the planting hole to keep them dry and unfrozen. - don't allow the tree's roots to become dry. - spray with an anti-transpirant to reduce need-



le moisture loss. - store the tree outdoors in a cool, shady, windless area until the last minute. Mulch the roots to prevent cold injury. - set the tree up in your coolest room. - don't keep the tree indoors for more than one week. Plant outdoors promptly.

- Weeks 1-4: Be sure the root zones of azaleas and rhododendrons are thoroughly mulched. Any organic material will do, but mulches made from oak



leaves, shredded oak bark, or pine needles are preferred.

- Weeks 1-3: Christmas trees hold needles longer if you make a clean, fresh cut at the base and always keep the trunk standing in water.

- Weeks 1-3: Only female holly trees bear the colorful berries. There must be a male tree growing nearby for pollination, if fruits are desired.

Miscellaneous

- Week 1: If you feed rabbits corn or alfalfa, they may leave fruit tree bark unharmed.

- Week 1: Apply mulches to bulbs, perennials and other small plants once the ground freezes.

- Week 1: All power equipment should be winterized before storage. Change the oil and lubricate moving parts. Either drain fuel systems or mix a gas stabilizing additive into the tank.

- Week 1: Clean and oil all garden hand tools before storing for winter.



Spice Muffins:

Mix one spice cake mix with one regular size can of pumpkin. Stir in 1/2 bag of mini chocolate chips. Bake in greased mini muffin pan at 350 approximately 15 minutes. So simple and delicious!

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

COLUMBIA, GARDEN CLUB

MINUTES



President Linda Lowenberg called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. She recognized long time members of the club and thanked them for their service.

Inspiration Chair Marie Crenshaw asked members to bring a can of food for those in need to each meeting.

Vice President Emily Bonwich introduced the speaker Mel Toellner, owner of Songbird Station. He spoke on "Ways of Attracting Birds to Our Backyards". Each person received a folder filled with information about the subject discussed.

Following the program, Roll Call was taken. Those who wished named their favorite bird.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in COLUMBIA UNDERGROUND.

Treasurer Karen Blackmore reported a checking balance of \$2,568.33 and a CD balance of \$2,945.02 for total assets of \$5,513.35. Karen announced she has small Floral Design 2009 Calendars for sale. The cost is four dollars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wyatt Guest House and Columbia Public Library – Chair Lynn Birkby said that Carol Notbohm has signed up to take an arrangement to Wyatt Guest House in November and Sue Williams will take an arrangement in December. The Columbia Public Library will receive a Thanksgiving arrangement from Alice Havard and a Christmas arrangement from Martie Buell.

It was suggested that Committee Chairpersons write a paragraph or two about the work of their committees. This information will be printed in the newsletter. Contact Karen Blackmore when you are planning to submit your report.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Emily Bonwich announced that she needs to complete the programs for 2009 so they can be included in the 2009 Yearbook. May 11th is the only date that the program has not been confirmed. After discussion, Barbara Devine moved that club members tour Jefferson Farms on May 11th. The motion was seconded by Kathy Shreves. The motion passed. President Linda recognized Emily for the quality programs she has had this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Linda has Garden Club Cookbooks for sale. They are five dollars.
2. Mary Jane Wheeling announced that she and Karen Blackmore will do a Floral Design program for the Fulton Garden Club on April 9, 2009 at 1:30. Mary Jane invited club members to attend.

Martie Buell moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Nola Smith. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Virginia Itschner

Secretary





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