

Columbia Underground

NEWS OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

CALENDAR

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, How they do it”
Garden Tour

June 15

FGCM Spring Board
Meeting Jefferson
City

July 13, 1 to 4 pm

“Celebrating our
90th Birthday Gala”

August 13-23

Missouri State Fair-
Sedalia

August 19

Federation Day at
State Fair

September 14, noon

“Growing our Membership” Carry in
Luncheon/Seed and
Plant Exchange

WISH YOU KNEW MORE ABOUT GARDENING BOOKS AND WEBSITES?

Now is your chance. President Linda Lowenberg has put together a program to add to our knowledge of finding information. This will be a good opportunity to learn from an expert!

We will finalize plans for our June garden tour as well as talk more about our 90th Celebration and the flower show!.



We have a new member who joined at the plant sale! Look for MARY HORTON and make her feel welcome!

Final total for the plant sale \$2075.50!

We sold a lot of plants and baked goods and the raffle put us over last year! The drawing for the gift basket will take place at the May meeting. You may purchase additional tickets and we'll have a full report at the May meeting.

From Marie P and Mary Jane.....

Thanks to all who brought and bought plants, bazaar items, and baked goods. Thanks too, for the people who set up, dismantled and worked in the sale areas. The "Red Shirt Crew" did a wonderful job making our *Ways and Means* sale a big success. Special thanks to Ken & Jane Sadler for growing the great tomatoes, to Cindy Deegan & husband for supplying and putting up the tent, and to plant setters Virginia Itchner, Carolyn Doyle, Karen Blackmore, Mary Jane Wheeling and Ken and Jane Sadler. Thanks again for making our club sale a big success.

APRIL 13, 2009

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

MINUTES

The April meeting was called to order by President Linda Lowenberg at 1:05 PM. She welcomed 36 members and two guests, Diane Poole and Carolyn Swope's grandson, Dalton. Emily Bonwich introduced Chris Starbuck, Phd, Extension Woody Ornamental Specialist and Associate Professor of Plants at the University of Missouri. Dr. Starbuck presented a power point program on shrubs and trees growing on the campus.

Following the program and refreshments, President Linda recognized Carolyn Swope for inspiration due to the absence of Marie Crenshaw. Carolyn read a poem "Harvest Prayer ". The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Karen Blackmore reported a checking balance of \$2,619.52 and a CD balance of \$2,984.72 for total assets of \$5,604.24.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Carolyn Doyle reported that in May she plans to hand out the category of designs for the club's Flower Show which is scheduled for December 12th at the Columbia Public Library.

Cindy Deegan announced that Ken and Jane Sadler have volunteered to have their garden on the tour replacing Barbara Rosenberger's garden. Barbara will be recuperating from surgery at that time. Cindy made a motion to invite the Centralia Garden Club to join us for the Garden Tour. Mary Jane Wheeling seconded the motion and it passed. We will meet at Patricia's IGA to start the tour.

Janet Lasley said her Clean-up Columbia group will meet at McKee Park at 10:30 on Saturday, April 25. People picking up trash are Barbara Gillaspie, Cindy Deegan, Evette Nissen, Linda Lowenberg, Carolyn Swope and Dalton.

Mary Jane Wheeling showed us the plaque the club received for participating in Art in Bloom. She also asked for help in finding gardens in the community that the club can recognize by placing a Yard of the Month sign in the yard. Mary Jane told us that the yard signs need to be replaced and suggested that we use real estate signs that can be repainted. Carole Van Vranken moved that new signs be purchased. Barbara Devine seconded the motion and it passed.

Marie Pasley reminded members to dig plants they are contributing to the Plant Sale at least two weeks before the sale. Also, she asked for plant sitters for the nursery plants that are being purchased.

Barbara Devine announced that the Scholarship Committee has met and selected a candidate. Details will follow at another club meeting.

In May, Cindy Deegan will furnish a floral arrangement for Wyatt House and Mary Creed will take one to the Columbia Public Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1)Twelve members will attend the Central District meeting in Eldon, April 30.(2) Barbara Schuette and Betty Gladney invited members to visit their gardens during the month of May. (3)Gayle Fry urged members to subscribe to the free Missouri Conservationist. (4)The Heart of Missouri African Violet Club Plant Sale will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 2, from 9 to 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Virginia Itschner

Secretary

State Convention

April was a very busy month for garden clubs in Missouri. The 76th FGCM convention was held in Sedalia, Mo. on April 21 - 23, 2009. The theme was "Maple Leaf Rag". 267 full, part time and guests attended this year's convention. We toured Powell Gardens, watched in awe as Kay Schaefer demonstrated Sogetsue Ikebana flower design, and learned about roses from Judy Penner, Director of Loose Park Garden in Kansas City. Informative seminars included how to grow orchids, cacti and succulents, and native plants. It was fun to make new friends and mingle with garden club people from all over the state.

CGC earned awards and recognition from the State Convention. Alice Havard & Marie Pasley have been working with 4-H members on an energy efficient landscape design for a Habitat for Humanity home. Their project won \$25 from the Hoe & Hope Garden Club Habitat for Humanity Award at the state level and the project will be sent to the Central Region for further competition. Our club was also recognized for increasing membership and received a certificate acknowledging our 75th anniversary as a Federated Garden Club. Finally the club which has "excelled in performing best the most objectives of the FGCM Performance...determined from the Club President's annual report" and WE EARNED FOURTH!

Awards are earned through the commitment and work of all our members and the willingness of a few "to put it in writing". Our club has engaged in many activities because people see a need, have an interest, and want to learn more. Getting an award for doing what we are already doing is "icing on the cake". Thank you everyone!

President Linda Lowenberg



Do you want a CGC shirt? We may reorder if we need at least 6 shirts. I have 3 shirts requested as of April 30. See me to place your order. Karen 442-1873

TREATS FOR THE MAY MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY:

Mary Creed and Marie Crenshaw

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF YOU COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP WITH RESEARCH, BUT DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED?

The Psychological Sciences Department of the University of Missouri is looking for healthy individuals 45 and over to help with research.

Alice Havard is participating and has set up the payment to go to the Columbia Garden Club. We get a check for \$15.00 each time she reports for follow up. Participating is as easy as sitting back and letting them present various stimuli. Some things that they might show you are short video clips, jokes, or faces. Once shown, they will ask you about what you saw or heard.

For more information, please contact the Memory and Cognitive Aging Laboratory at 882-8123 or e-mail navehlab@missouri.edu.

***All studies can be completed within 2 hours. You may participate as often as you like. Offices are located on the University's campus, and parking is free for participants.**

Before you head out to tend your beds, drag your fingers across a bar of soap. Soap will fill the space under the nails, keeping dirt out and making wash-up simple.

McKee Park is Clean! Thanks to all who helped!

Eight members and 4 guests worked to clean up the park. Janet Lasley, committee chairman, reports they had plenty of help and were finished in about an hour. Guests who helped were Janet's dad, Art Ausherman, (age 91 and he had a great time); Carolyn Swope's grandson, Dalton; Janet's friend Bill and Linda Lowenberg's husband, Brent.

Thanks to all who helped. Janet stated that we could handle both the clean up and the plant sale on the same day and she was correct!

Thank you to these fine businesses that support us.
Please support them to show our appreciation.



GARDEN CENTER, INC.

TREES, SHRUBS, ROCKS,
PERENNIALS, BULBS, GIFT CERTIFICATES,
MULCHES, FULL LINE GARDENING SUPPLIES

*"Where Columbia's Gardeners Shop"
Family Operated Since 1980*

804 OLD 63 N., COLUMBIA, MO 65201
(573) 874-8690



VINTAGE HILL FARM

5643 Hwy 87 Franklin, MO 65250

Hundreds of unusual annuals, tropicals, perennials, shrubs and roses
await you. Fantastic selection of pottery and garden ornament.
Open Daily 9-5, March thru June & September & October.

Phone: 660-848-2373

E-mail: info@vintagehill.com

www.vintagehill.com

Directions: 6 miles NW of Boonville Bridge on Hwy 87



www.mcconnells-plantland.com

OPENING APRIL 1
SEE YOU THEN
1601 Earthland Rd.
(573) 445-5415



A division of Rost, Inc

3100 Old Highway 63 South
Columbia, Missouri 65201
573 442-9499 • 573 442-5211 (FAX)
www.superiorgardencenter.com

MIRACLE DIRT ★ MIRACLE MULCH

BART MENNING MIRACLE PRODUCTS

Miracle Dirt \$46

Top Soil - Dry, Screened, 30% Compost

Dry, Screened Top Soil \$40

Screened Composted Manure \$30

Gravel - Sand

Miracle Mulch \$30

Double Ground, Brown, 30% Compost

Natural Mulch \$20

Cedar Mulch \$30

Other Mulches

Horticultural Services

- ↻ Lawn Aeration
- ↻ Mulching
- ↻ Seeding
- ↻ Pruning

With coupon
Expires 6/5/09.

**25% OFF
DELIVERY FEE**

**DAVE CASEY
DELIVERY**

All items priced
by cubic yard.

\$40 Delivery Fee
(minimum)

**DAVE CASEY DELIVERY
864-3340**