



Columbia Underground

News of the Columbia Garden Club

May 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

President Karen Blackmore 442-1873

May 10, 1 pm
"Beauty in the Seedlings;" tour by Bart Piotter of E. C. Piotter and Sons Nursery

Sept 13, 12 pm
"Sharing the Bounty and Beauty of our Labor": CGC slide program and carry-in luncheon

May 14-16
NGC National Convention

Oct 11, 1pm
"The Beauty of Bats" Dr. Sybil Amelon, Research Biologist, Mo. Dept. of Agriculture

May 22
"Maplewood Memories": CGC Flower Show

Nov 7-9, 1 pm
FGCM Fall Board Mtg.

June 14, 8:30 am
"Let Beauty surround You": CGC tour of five members' gardens

Nov 15, 1 pm
"Bringing the Beauty of Nature inside for Thanksgiving": Janet Lindstrom, CGC Member and certified florist

July 12, 9 am
"Enjoy the Beauty of Day-lilies and Hosta" Optional meeting/tour of Julia Semon's Gardens

Dec 13, noon
Holiday Tea

Sept 10
Central District Fall Meeting, Fulton, Mo.

Plant Sale

Friday and Saturday April 30 and May 1st!



In similar words to those of President Kennedy's, "Ask not what the Columbia Garden Club can do for you but what can you do for the Columbia Garden Club?" We need all of you to make this a terrific plant sale and a successful day! We will sell, rain or shine! You can help in so many ways: We need your **healthy plants!** We need your help **setting up** and **organizing** for the sale on Friday afternoon between noon and 4:00! We need your **help during the sale** on Saturday, from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm, and we need your **help cleaning up** after the sale!

We have so many wonderful things to sell. Ken Sadler has **tomatoes** that are really big and healthy. In fact, he is struggling to keep them upright in the pots! I hope you are all planning to buy yours at our sale! We appreciate him so much!

Many of the **gourds** are here and they are looking good! Please see that your gourd is painted and delivered to the sale along with your plants and **baked goods!**

We will have **lunch items** in the kitchen so that people can get something that is not sweet for lunch. If you want to help in the kitchen or want to bring something special for the sale, call Linda Lowenberg as she is in charge of the kitchen for this sale.

If this is your first sale, **you are in for a treat** as we have a good time. The weather forecast is for rain on Friday and Sunday but Saturday will be clear. Of course that may change, but our sale is indoors, so **we will have our sale rain or shine!**

See you at the sale! **Wear your red CGC shirt** if you have one, if not, wear another red shirt if possible. We will have aprons for those who do not have a shirt.

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.



Columbia Garden Club's help with **Cleanup Columbia** was successful again this year. There was less trash than last year, but we still managed to collect **10 bags of trash** plus a blanket, toy car, buggy, child's lawn chair, and a couple of items too delicate to name. Eleven of us worked in a moderate sprinkle of rain, but nothing like the rain that came later in the day. Based on reports turned in from **75 groups**, the city estimates that **1,535 volunteers picked up 1,994 bags of litter and logged 3,066 hours of service**. More than 560 people attended the lunch at Twin Lakes.

Thanks again to the Garden Club crew for sharing your Saturday morning to make the 14th annual Cleanup Columbia a huge success. Janet Lasley, Chair

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.



Banana Crunch Recipe; from Central District meeting in Tipton

Crunch: (Crunch may be made ahead of time)

- 1 C. sugar
- 2 T. flour
- ½ tsp. salt and baking powder
- ½ C. oatmeal
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- ½ C. coconut
- ½ C. softened butter

Mix crunch ingredients together, spread on a 15X13 greased baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes @ 350° Remove from oven and immediately stir to break up. Cool and continue to break into smaller pieces.

Mix together with crunch:

1 large tub whipped topping , 3 sliced bananas, ½ C chopped pecans. Serve within a short time.

Six members attended the State Convention where we received awards for our club! We had a great time and will be reporting at the meeting at Piotters on the 10th of May! We were proud of our members and our club!

ATTENTION: Meeting May 10, 2010 at 1:00

We will tour E.C. Piotter and Son's Nursery , 5065 Clearview Road N. Columbia, Mo 65202

Our meeting will be held at the nursery, 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. Please bring your lawn chairs. Carolyn Doyle and Barbara Schuette will provide refreshments.

See you at Piotter's at 1:00 sharp! Or you may meet and car pool from the church at 12:30. Please note: we will leave the church promptly at 12:30!

I received this sweet note from Marlene and thought I should pass it on. We can ask her to tell us more at the May meeting as it sounds like fun!

Hi Karen

Last Wednesday, and again this evening, I participated in the wildflower walks at Rock Bridge State Park [Wednesdays @ 5:30pm-meets at Devil's Ice Box trail head and car pool to destination, which changes each week]. They were very informative and fun; I would recommend them to anyone with an interest in wild plants.

Marlene Willick

Please welcome three new members:

Karen Brooke, 25680 Hwy. 98, Boonville, MO 65233 660-882-3137 mkbrooke@att.net

Laura Franklin, 3031 Hwy. NN, Moberly, MO. 65270 660-998-1164
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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!



Central District Website:
www.centraldistrict.gardenclubsofmissouri.org

New CGC website still in development



“Maplewood Memories”

FLOWER SHOW MAY 22, 2010

While there are still openings for designs at the flower show, most are now filled. Thank you to all who have stepped up to enter! Please **make sure you complete your design as we must have all four designs entered in each class to meet the requirements** of a Standard Flower Show.

Flower show schedules will be available again at the May meeting for those who plan to enter either design or horticulture. We should have at least two entries per member so **we need 130 horticulture entries!** We will talk more about this at the next meeting and discuss any questions you might have regarding your entries. **Contact Barbara Rothenberger if you have not signed up and want to enter a design.**

We need everyone available to help. Please sign up if you have not already done so. **Connie Blackmore will need help in the garden with hospitality.** We will need extra help to station people throughout the house while our guests are there. (The house is nice and not to be missed!)

Also, we have received information about **how we were rated for the December show** and we will talk about that at the May meeting. **We did great!** We were faulted because we did not have enough horticulture for the size of the club. (Understandable for a winter show!) **I know we have a lot of nice horticulture for this event, and with everyone's help, we will have a great show!**

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

April 8 Checking Account Balance		\$2549.69
Income		
Spring District Meeting	\$ 15.00	
Rost Landscaping and Design Newsletter Ad	125.00	
April 12 Plant Marker and Wedgie Sales	332.44	
Cosmos Flowers	1.00	
Items Sold by K. Blackmore		
Plant Markers, Wedgies & Birdhouse Gourd	345.21	
Total Income		818.65
Disbursements		
State Convention Registrations (5 x \$60)	300.00	
Columbia Daily Tribune (2 -2x3 Plant Sale Ads)	219.30	
Trinity Pres. Church Plant Sale Rent	50.00	
Total Disbursements		569.30
April 27 Checking Account Balance		\$2799.04
April Certificate of Deposit Balance		3080.01
Total Assets		\$5879.05

Virginia Itschner

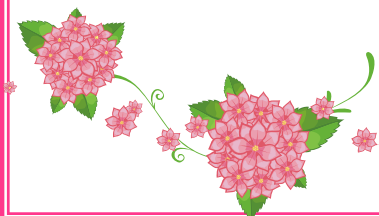
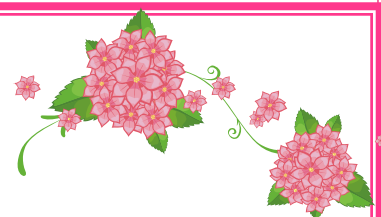
Treasurer

(note: The plant markers are not paid for so the total assets is higher than it actually should be. We still have a lot to sell or return for credit!)

Plant it Pink and Bench Projects

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 take one of those "To Honor Members of the Columbia Garden Club, past and present. Est. 1919". 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'll have available. I would like five (5) members to help make the recommendations to the club. If we can get something worked up and approved, we could make our major plantings in the fall. If you have something that is especially 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



April 12,2010

Columbia Garden Club Minutes

Our guest speaker for April was Anastasia Becker. She is the State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Agriculture. She gave a program about beneficial and destructive insects and how to control them.

President Karen Blackmore called the business meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. There were 27 members and 2 guests at the business meeting. We have 3 new members. They are Tiffany White, Karen Brooke, and Laura Franklin. Phyllis Jiji gave the inspiration titled Dandelion Corsage. The March minutes and treasurer's report were approved as they were printed in the newsletter. We have 13 members attending the Spring District Meeting in Tipton on April 16. There will be 6 members attending the FGCM State Convention in Chesterfield on April 22-24.

Committee Reports:

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 talked about the Plant Sale which is May 1.

Our flower show is May 22. There are still some design slots to be filled. Contact Barbara Rothenberger if you are interested. Carole Van Vranken gave us some very good tips for displaying horticulture items at the flower show.

Lynn Birkby gave her report on flowers for the Wyatt Guest House and Library.

Virginia Itschner reported she had done some clean up of the gardens at the Historical Society.

Alice Havard reported her committee is beginning to dig up the flowers around the cabin at Rock Bridge State Park.

Gayle Fry gave the conservation report on mushrooms.

Carole Van Vranken said we do have a scholarship winner and it will be announced at a later date.

Emily Bonwich said she has an idea for someone for yard of the month, but hasn't confirmed it with that person. If you have a yard that you think deserves the award, contact Emily or Carolyn Swope.

Linda Lowenberg said the Jr. Garden Club would be planting after the meeting.

President Karen discussed the Bench and Plant it Pink Project. She would like to place it in Stephens Park if possible. More discussion to follow.

Our May meeting will be at Piotters Nursery.

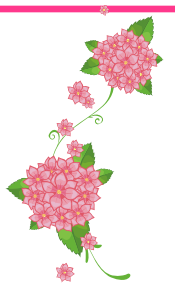
The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evette Nissen, Secretary

We are listed on **two different sites to advertise our club plant sale and flower show: Columbia Tourism and Convention Center "Events Calendar," and:**
www.mymissourian.com

We placed two ads in the "Columbia Tribune" for the plant sale and will have a full page in "Columbia Home" magazine's June/July issue. **A reporter will be at the plant sale taking pictures! Smile pretty!**



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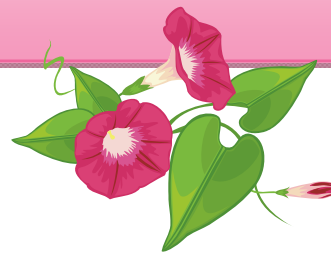
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YARDS OF THE MONTH, 2010 SEASON

APRIL

Spring was beautiful while it lasted, so the Yard of the Month committee looked around for an April award, which we have not done in the past. We were struck by the beauty at **401 Cedar Lane, the home of Dorothy and Glen Grimes**, a couple in their mid eighties, who are avid gardeners and do nearly all the work by themselves. When we went by the house, around the 15th of the month, hundreds of daffodils had just about finished blooming, but a cascade of brilliant blue Swedish forget-me-nots covered one slope, contrasting with pink bleeding hearts. Redbud trees, pink azaleas, flowering quince, and red honeysuckle were also on display. It is a double lot with terraced slopes filled with a huge variety of perennials and evergreen shrubs and



trees. They use fencing and fishing line to keep the deer away. The couple are continually redoing and adding to their landscape, especially Dorothy, who admits to being a compulsive plant collector. Dorothy has the artistic eye; she also designs and makes beautiful floral



greeting cards. An amazing Yard of the Month for April!



MAY

We decided to award a **Yard of the Month for May** as early as possible so that it could appear in the newsletter and club members would be able to look at the yard during the month that the sign is on view. Marlene Willick and Linda Lowenberg pointed out the beautiful landscape design at **1209 LaRail, at the corner of LaRail and Burrwood. This is the home of Emy and Michael Friedman.** Emy has an interior design business, and her talents show in her garden as well. The sunny front yard is planted with iris and other perennials showing great potential for a stunning display when the weather warms up. The most remarkable thing about the landscape is in the tree shaded back yard visible from the side. When the couple bought the house, there was a very steep slope where washout was a major problem. This has been handled beautifully with large mulched areas, stone and gravel paths, a waterfall and a large flagstone terrace surrounded by shade loving plants. This is a must-see garden for the month of May!





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