

Columbia Underground

News of the Columbia Garden Club

September 1, 2007

PRESIDENT Mary Jane Wheeling 874-0006

Celebrate a new Beginning



JULY YARD OF THE MONTH

Larry and Barb Stratton of 2501 Bluff Creek Drive won the coveted award.

CENTRAL DISTRICT FALL MEETING SEPT 25

The Central District Fall meeting and luncheon will be Tuesday, September 25, 2007, hosted by the Arrowhead Garden Club. Registration begins at 9a.m. The afternoon program is "The Future is Now"- Horticulture Education. The meeting is at Harper Chapel United Methodist Church, 5567 Hwy 54 (next door to city hall) Osage Beach. The cost is \$10.00. Please bring your check, made to the Columbia Garden Club, to **Cindy Deegan** at the entry table, or mail it to her at 2000 Parkade Blvd., Columbia, 65202. The deadline is September 13. **Do not mail your luncheon check to Alice as she will be in Hawaii and your check will not get to Cindy by the deadline!**

It is time once again to prepare one of your best dishes and join the Columbia Garden Club as we begin again following a lovely summer hiatus. We will meet **September 10 at 12 noon instead of the usual 1:00, for a covered dish luncheon.** *****Please bring your own place setting as the club will not be providing.*****If you have friends who have expressed an interest in the garden club, please invite them to join us as well. What a great opportunity to meet new friends, increase our membership plus have more good food!

SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIP

It is also time to pay our dues.

Dues for 2008 are \$15.00 and are now payable to the treasurer. Please fill out the envelope included with this newsletter, add your check made payable to the Columbia Garden Club, put it in another envelope, address and mail it to: **Alice Harvard, 6451 N. Creasy Springs Rd., Columbia, Mo 65202**

You may wish to bring the dues envelope to the September meeting. Please place in the basket on the entry table. We send \$5.00 for each member to the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri and 50 cents to Central District to finance district activities. Absolute dues deadline is October 15. This allows the paperwork to be completed and sent to the state by the November 1 deadline.

MAKING US PROUD !

Marie Pasley will be installed as the 2007-2009 District Director. Let's have a good representation at the luncheon from our club to cheer her on! This is a significant office, and Marie will have a busy two years ahead of her!

Calendar of events:

Sept 10, noon

Carry in Luncheon
Speaker: Jim Loveless
"Birds we can sow for". Jim will present a slide show on habitat at Eagle Bluffs.

Sept 25

Cent. Dist .Fall Meeting- Lake Ozark

Oct 8, 1:00

David Massy, MU Landscape Services will lead a Tree ID Walk on MU Campus. Written committee reports are due.

Oct 17-19

Landscape Design School III, St Louis

Nov 12, 1:00

Artist Dorie Draper will present a slide show of botanical illustrations she has created.

Nov 13-14

FCGM Fall Board Meeting-Columbia

Dec 10 noon

Holiday Tea

JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH

Kay Pingelton, at the corner of Berrywood and Arbor Drive says she does not have a garden plan or a garden design, but rather her yard is an ongoing experiment. She sees a plant, usually something in bloom, that she loves. Then she plants it in a pocket of soil amended with peat moss, fertilizes it weekly with Miracle-Gro, and waits to see what happens. She doesn't hesitate to move sickly plants from one location to another place that they might like better, and she was ruthless in discarding plants that suffered major freeze damage. The results have been marvelous, a colorful variety of healthy plants in beds around the foundation, a shady corner, a curved bed around the patio in back, and a formal rose bed. She grows Endless Summer hydrangeas, pruned and shaped American cranberries, althea, Zuni crape myrtle, ferns, variegated English ivy, coral bells, Shasta daisy, coreopsis and liriopse. She grows annuals from seed and has a small herb bed. Congratulations, Kay! P.S. Kay's tip for incorporating dry peat moss into the soil: Pour very hot water into the bale or a container of dry peat moss and let soak overnight. Then it will mix easily.

Emily Bonwich

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
EXTRA SEEDS AND PLANTS
FOR THE SEED AND PLANT
EXCHANGE ON THE 10TH!**



Thank You

A very special thank you to ART SCHNEIDER who has volunteered many times to take flowers to Wyatt's Guesthouse. His effort to do this has added much cheer to the cancer patients being treated at Ellis Fischel and their families. Some garden club members who do not have flowers in their yard have purchased flowers at area grocery stores. A flowering houseplant would also be welcome. This project is ongoing EACH WEEK, so many volunteers are needed. Please call Lynn Birkby at 443-8704, or email at wbirkby@msn.com.

Pruning Calendar

Early Spring

Prune summer-flowering trees and shrubs, which bloom on new growth, nonblooming broad-leaved evergreen plants, and evergreen or deciduous hedges. Also prune hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora, and miniature roses. Remove winter-killed growth from climbing and rambling roses.

Late Spring or Early Summer

Prune spring-flowering shrubs immediately after their blossoms fade. Pinch or trim one half of new candles on pines and other needled evergreens.

Summer

Shear deciduous or evergreen hedges. Prune mature climbing roses, which are more than two or three years old, and rambling roses after they bloom. Prune dogwoods, maples, walnuts, and yellowwoods, if needed. Prune summer-flowering shrubs and trees as blossoms fade.

Fall

Trim long rose canes. (If they remain, the winter wind will damage them and surrounding objects as wind whips them.)

Winter

Prune berried shrubs or trees by harvesting for holiday decorations. Prune deciduous trees, fruit trees, and deciduous shrubs that don't flower in late winter or spring, but make sure the temperature is above 20 degrees F.

This clump of daylilies, Salvo, was in full bloom and absolutely beautiful in Ken and Jane Sadler's garden on the tour June 12, 2007. If you have a nice yard that you are willing to share, be thinking of that now and let someone know! We will be looking for 5 yards again in 2008. It is a lot of work but so much fun and rewarding. (Also forces you to get your yard work done!

JUNE MINUTES

The Columbia Garden Club met on June 11th for the Annual Members Garden Tour. We were blessed with beautiful weather and 5 wonderful gardens to tour. Forty-four members of Columbia garden club and 11 guests were in attendance. A brief business meeting was conducted in the Blackmore's lovely back yard.

President, Mary Jane Wheeling called the meeting to order at 11:20. The May minutes were corrected by Carolyn Doyle and approved. Alice Havard gave our Treasurer's report and the report was filed for audit. Total assets as of June 11th, 2007 was..

President, Mary Jane Wheeling thanked Linda Lowenburg for chairing this years member garden tour. She also thanked Al Lackey, Marie Pasley, Ken and Jane Sadler and Karen Blackmore for sharing their beautiful gardens with us.

Janet Lasley, Conservation Chairman encouraged us to fill out applications for the Bluebird Trail, Butterfly and Hummingbird gardens.

Mary Jane Wheeling, Adopt-A-Spot Chairman said things are looking better.

Marie Pasley asked for volunteers to help with the Stephens College Judges Symposium to be held July 11-13. Carolyn Doyle, Carolyn Swope and Karen Blackmore volunteered.

Carolyn Swope asked the club to call her with nominations for Yard of the Month.

Mary Jane Wheeling asked for a volunteer to help Linda Durand with the Business Citations. Julie Fisher volunteered to help.

Alice Havard said the deer have been visiting the Rock Bridge cabin gardens.

Mary Jane Wheeling asked for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Alice Havard volunteered.

Our next meeting will be September 10th at NOON. Jim Loveless, Manager of Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area will present a slide program on habitat at Eagle Bluffs. It is also our annual covered dish luncheon and plant & seed exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted by, Mary Jane Wheeling.



President Mary Jane Wheeling conducts the June meeting at the home on Karen and Charley Blackmore, the last yard on the tour.



Dorothy Anderson tours Marie Pasley's yard, the first on the tour and a beautiful place to start!



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