

COLUMBIA UNDERGROUND

News of the Columbia Garden Club

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Spring District Meeting

Nine members of the Columbia Garden club enjoyed the Spring District meeting in Laurie Mo. sponsored by the Lake Bloomers, where our own Marie Pasley did a great job presiding as District President. If you were unable to attend, we highly recommend you make every effort to attend the fall meeting in Booneville to see what other GC's are doing in our district.

CGC Plant Sale a Big Success!!

It was simply amazing to see all the red shirts at the sale! We had a terrific turnout of both members and customers! The donations were unbelievable! While we had baked goods left over, we actually had \$267.46 in gross sales. Deducting the prorated portion of the rent and advertising leaves a net in sales of \$249.89! In addition, we had wonderful participation in plant donations! Money was collected for so many beautiful plants and more tomato plants than I dreamed possible! We actually sold \$1620.46 in plants and after deducting the prorated rent and advertising costs, netted \$1513.61 for a grand total for the sale of \$1763.50! There certainly is power in numbers! Thanks to all who participated and especially to the Chairmen, Mary Jane and Marie and the Sadlers, Jane and Ken, who donate so many beautiful plants that sell so well each year!

FROM MARIE AND MARY JANE:

A BIG Thank You goes out to all those members that donated and helped make the CGC Plant Sale, Bazaar and Bake Sale a success. We certainly needed everyone to help us out this year. We had a hard act to follow after the great success in the past years of the "Sadler duo" chairing this committee. We thought we knew how hard they worked but now we REALLY know what all they did to make the plant sale a success.

May 10: Mother's day Blooming Basket Sale farmer's market
May 12, 1 pm: "A Touch of the Earth's Beauty"
June 1-7: National Garden Week
June 7: CGC Flower Show- Columbia Public Library
June 9, 8:30 a.m.: Garden Tour: "Beyond Our Garden Gates"
August 7-17: Missouri State Fair (August 13th -Federation Day)
August 22-24: Flower Show School II
Sept. 15, noon: Annual Covered Dish Luncheon
"Natural Wonder beyond the Gate"
Oct. 9: Central District Fall Meeting, Booneville
TBA: Central District Bus Tour
Oct. 13, 1 pm: "Tread Lightly on the Earth"
Oct. 14-16: Landscape Design School IV, St Louis
Nov. 10, 1 pm: "Beyond the Bird Feeder"
Nov. 13, 14: FGCM Fall Board Meeting-TBA
Dec. 8, noon: Holiday Tea

May Baskets

Remember we still have plants to sell at the Boone County Farmers Market (corner Worley & W. Blvd, old Nowell's) on May 10th -8 to noon. Market goers will have the opportunity to "Make and Take, Mother's Day Baskets". This will be a great event for anyone to make a great gift basket at reasonable prices. Special children's planting equipment will be available. Set up will start at 7 am. We can use help working with basket makers and selling plants. Thanks again for your assistance with the Plant sale. Mary Jane and Marie P.

MAY MEETING

"A Touch of the Earth's Beauty"

The **May 12** program will give members a chance to work on floral designs for the June 7 flower show. Bring plant material, container and idea for the class or classes you want to enter. We will have time to work together and to consider what the judges look for and at when they evaluate a flower show design. This is a good time to decide what you would like to try and get some help and or advice. It should be a fun meeting.

Barbara

(You will also enjoy this program presented by our new member recently transferred from the Ashland Garden Club, Barbara Schuette. She is a Flower Show Judge and an avid gardener! We will learn a lot from her in the years to come! Her transfer was our lucky day! Let's all attend to support her program and welcome her to CGC. Karen)

Updates for your Handbook

We have several new members since the handbook was printed. Following is update information for you:

Janet Lindstrom- 2708 Chappell Wood Terrace, 65203 446-8678	janetinia@mchsi.com
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Connie Blackmore thegeebees@gmail.com

Leslie Graves sevarg23@yahoo.com

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

President Linda Lowenberg called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. April 14, 2008 following a program on "Mini Gardens Near and Beyond" presented by Mary Jane Wheeling and Karen Blackmore. Thirty-eight members were present including our newest member, Janet Lindstrom. Roll Call was taken with each member naming two of their favorite plant combinations. Marie Crenshaw gave us inspiration to grow a potato-tomato plant. She found this in the Spring Edition of the GARDEN FORUM "Tips for Tillers". Liz Kucera shared azalea and spirea cuttings she had forced.

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

Treasurer Karen Blackmore reported a checking account balance of \$805.89 and a CD Balance of \$2,866.33 for total assets of \$3,672.22. The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clean-up Columbia - Chair Carol Notbohm reported that club members collected the usual cans and bottles despite cold, wet and snowy weather! Carol said the total number of bags of trash collected was lower than last year, but this may be due to some groups postponing the pickup until nicer weather. The volunteers were treated with rib dinners as a way of thanking them for their help.

Wyatt House and Columbia Public Library Floral Arrangements – Chair Lynn Birkby thanked those members who delivered arrangements in March – Betty Gladney/Wyatt House and Dorothy Anderson, Barb Rothenberger/ Columbia Public Library. In May, Leona Litteral will take to Wyatt House. Mary Jane Wheeling will do a Mother's Day arrangement for the Library and Margaret Sullivan will do a Memorial Day arrangement.

Flower Show – Co-Chair Carolyn Doyle passed out information on "Exhibiting Horticulture in a Standard Flower Show". She said that it is very important that the specimen entered has to have been grown by you. She asked that the name of the entry be looked up before you bring it to the show. Pick the specimen the night before and display it in a clear glass bottle. Wedging may be used if it is unobtrusive.

Flower School – Five members attended Flower School in St. Louis this month. Alice Havard told us about the jonquil and the daffodil which are both part of the narcissus family. The next Flower School will be held August 22-24. Members were urged to attend even if not interested in becoming a judge.

Publicity – Chair Julie Fisher asked us to watch for ads advertising the Plant Sale and the Mother's Day Blooming Basket Sale. Fliers were passed around to give to friends. She urged us to visit the Columbia Garden Club web site.

Ways and Means – Co- Chairs Mary Jane Wheeling and Marie Pasley: The set up time for the Plant Sale is from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Bring garden items to put in the White Elephant Sale; Bake Sale items should be priced the same as you would pay in a store. Dorothy Anderson and Virginia Itschner volunteered to come at 7:30 to help with the bake sale. **The Mother's Day Blooming Basket Sale will be held at the Boone County Farmers Market at Worley and West Blvd. on May 10th.**

Old Business: Central Missouri District Meeting is April 17th in Laurie. One hundred fourteen people will be attending with nine from the Columbia Garden Club. Garden Club shirts were distributed to those members who purchased them at the March meeting. We will need a minimum of six to reorder.

Announcements: Janet Lasley had hyacinth bean seeds with her if anyone was interested. Betty Gladney had tansy plants for those interested.

Barb Schuette suggested that we bring plant material and a container to the May meeting so we can practice for the June flower show.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Virginia Itschner, Secretary



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