



COLUMBIA UNDERGROUND

NEWS OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

January 2008

"Touch the Earth Beyond the Garden Gate"

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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I joined the garden club for interesting and educational programs and to learn from other members. I discovered friendly people who share an appreciation for the Earth and living things. Now it is my honor to serve as president of the second oldest chapter in Missouri. "Touch the Earth Beyond the Garden Gate", our theme this year, reminds us of our goals as part of the National Garden Clubs; to conserve natural resources, preserve our heritage, improve horticultural and conservation practices, and develop appreciation of natural beauty. These goals are as timely today as they were when our founders created them in 1919. Join us and see what we are doing in the Columbia community.

Linda Lowenberg, President

Programs for 2008

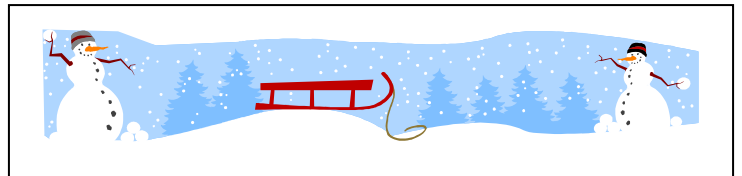
- Jan. 14- "Pollinators in Our Gardens"**
- Feb. 11- "Wow! I touched the Earth Too Much"**
- Mar. 10 -"Beyond the Ordinary Plant"**
- Apr. 14 -"Mini Gardens Near and Beyond"**
- May 12- "A Touch of the Earth's Beauty"**
- June 10, 8:30 a.m. -"Beyond Our Garden Gates"**

Tours of 5 members' gardens/ lunch

- July/Aug – no meeting**
- Sept. 15 noon-"Natural World Beyond the Gate"
Annual covered dish luncheon**
- Oct.13-"Tread Lightly on the Earth"**
- Nov.10-"Beyond the Bird Feeder"**
- Dec.8, noon-Holiday Tea**

The yearbook is ready and will be passed out at the January meeting on the 14th. It includes information we will need for 2008. Make sure you attend and pick one up. Also, we will have roll call and be asked to name a "pollinator" in our garden so be prepared!

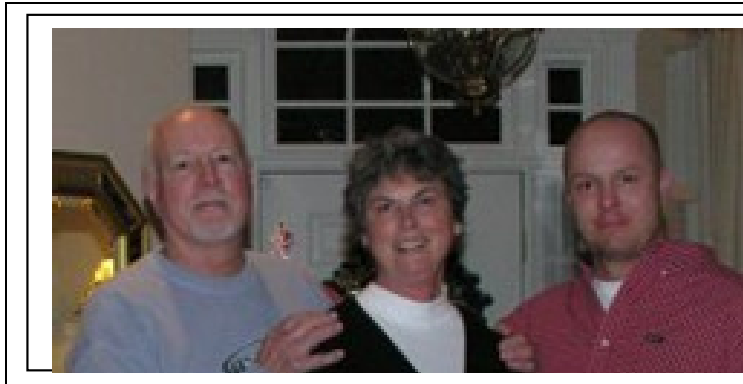
Meetings are held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, Columbia, Mo. 65203, unless otherwise stated.



We will not have a luncheon at the January meeting. We will begin at 1:00. Please bring snacks if you signed up

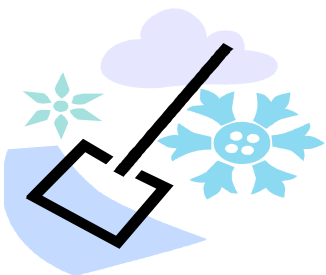
Meet a new Member:

I am a little partial to this new member as she is my sister-in-law, Connie Blackmore. Married to Gary, my husband's brother, they live very near Trinity Presbyterian Church on Valley Court. Connie and Gary have one son, Kelly, a Columbia mailman. They are both retired and enjoy 2 wonderful cabins on Sugar Creek Lake near Moberly. Connie is our new "hospitality" chairperson and I know is nervous about taking on this position with so little experience with the CGC. Please feel free to give her suggestions and most of all bring her great goodies to serve! Welcome Connie! We are so lucky to have you as a member! Thank you for taking on a position so quickly!



Winter Garden Survival

- *Water outdoor plants when little moisture is falling
- *Do not prune back butterfly or other tender shrubs until green growth starts in the spring
- *Crape Myrtle trunks can be sprayed with Wilt Pruf to help with winter cold survival
- *Annual poppy seeds can be planted in late January or February
- *Don't cut ornamental grasses until late March; tops can help protect plant during winter cold



Be very careful! Spring thaw is just around the corner!

Just a thought- If you have seed catalogs to spare, you might bring them to the meeting for those of us who do not get them so we can sign up and get on some of the mailing lists. This is harder than you think as we are not all familiar with the various companies. We would certainly appreciate having them!

Since we did not have a meeting in December, we will install officers at the January meeting. Here is a list of officers for 2008 as well as advisory board members, who serve 2 year terms.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

President: Linda Lowenberg
First Vice- President Emily Bonwich
Second Vice- President Arthur Schneider
Secretary Virginia Itschner
Treasurer Karen Blackmore

Advisory Board Members

Marie Pasley	2007-2008	Janet Lasley	2007-2008
Mary Jane Wheeling	2008-2009	Barb Devine	2008-2009

We received a letter from Maisie regarding money making project from Gro-Well Brands, Inc. Please review and we will probably have time to talk about this at the January meeting.

Subject: NGC/Gro-Well "Seeds for Tomorrow" Project

Dear NGC Regional Directors and State Presidents,

You have been hearing about the exciting NGC Civic Development Partnership with Gro-Well Brands, Inc. for several months. The kick-off date of January 1, 2008 is rapidly approaching!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our individual garden clubs to earn funds for community projects simply by purchasing the organic products that we should all be using these days to protect our fragile earth! Gro-Well is refunding **\$3.00** per item for the first 25,000 item receipts turned in and \$1 per item for the next 25,000 items during each of the two years that the project will run.

I am sending you as attachments information directly from Gro-Well, the coupon to be used for rebates and a special informational page from me. If you have additional questions, please email me at dwdefeo1@aol.com.

Please note that the receipts and coupons are to be mailed to Joan Wipperman, 7808 Wold Creek Ct., Louisville, KY 40241-1080. Joan will record and forward them to Gro-Well. Payment will be made directly to clubs on a semi-annual basis, but coupons can be turned in as often and with as many receipts as you like.

As for getting the product carried by your local independent retailer, see my attachment. A Product Locator is being prepared by Gro-Well and will be on the web shortly.

STATE PRESIDENTS, You are asked to please forward this message and information to your District Directors and Club Presidents! Additional information will be available on our website, **Keeping in Touch**, **and The National Gardener**, but we want to reach as many clubs as possible. We want to collect the whole \$200,000!



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