



President's Potpourri

The calendar has promised us spring -nature seems to have other plans. I'm considering the cool weather a gift of time - a time to enjoy what each day brings, It might be a red-winged black bird at the feeder, the green moss in the woods, or the promise of daffodils. Plants use time to evolve, provoking insects to follow suit in a future time. Babies are born in their time (congratulations, Marie on a new granddaughter) and we celebrate our birthdays with the passage of time (congratulations, Carolyn Doyle on your 80th). Time now to consider garden club opportunities. See you soon.

Alice

Plant...Protect...Participate

April Meeting-April 14-1:00

Our April meeting is at Helmi's Gardens, which is located south on Route K/Providence, 7201 S. Nursery Rd, at the intersection of Scott Blvd and Rt K. Helmi will demonstrate how to create fairy gardens. The hospitality group will not be preparing coffee and tea, so remember to bring your own drink. If the weather is nice you are invited to come early and bring your brown bag lunch.

I think we will enjoy a visit to this nursery. The large green house has a variety of tropicals, succulents, annuals as well as rabbits, chickens and "junk".

Marsha Taylor

New Member

Please welcome Carolyn Oates as the newest member of Columbia Garden Club!
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March Meeting Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MINUTES MARCH 10,2014

PROGRAM: Planting and Participating in Organic Farming and community supported gardening-Liz Graznak <http://www.happyhollowfarm-mo.com>

Liz is an organic farmer operating Happy Hollow Farm, a community supported organic farm. She explained the combination of farming techniques used, such as highly managed cover cropping, crop rotations, compost, mulch, use of minerals and nutrients. Her goal is to give back more than she takes.

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Alice Havard.

Inspiration: Ages of Gardening read by Lynda Blades.

Hostesses: Thanks to Marsha Taylor, Barb Rothenberger, Carolyn Adams

Hostesses for next month: Annette Molitor, Barb Schuette, Carol Van Vranken

Minutes from February were approved as published.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Plant Sale: Marsha Taylor reported vendors were contacted and scheduled. Email will be sent as reminder. Dee Bauer will chair the bake sale.

Seeds of Change: Evette Nissen reported March volunteers are complete. Volunteers still needed to fill April. Volunteers will pass out seeds, explain how to plant, grow, harvest, and cook.

Convention 2015: Marie Pasley reported they are expecting 300 people to attend. We need volunteers to help with designs for tables. We will need 35 Designs for 30 tables, for each of the 4 meals being served. Use of fresh or dry flower material only, no artificial allowed. Design ideas are welcomed. A "Design Program" given by Jerry Estes from Kents on Tuesday evening.

Yearbook Report: Marie Pasley reported the district's evaluation of the yearbook looked good. It has gotten much better over the years.

Courtesy: Carol Notbohm sent Lucille Wayland a Get Well card.

Garden Tour Club: Carolyn Adams needs 2 more gardens for the June tour.

Clean Up Columbia: Janet Lasley an email reminder will be sent for clean up on April 12th. Volunteers are still needed.

Old Business:

Evette Nissen recognized the following members over 20 years or more: Betty Gladney, Carolyn Doyle, Jane Sadler, Lynn Birkby, Marti Buell, Kathy Shreves, Liz Kucera. Their names will be entered in the Honor/Memorial Book of Federated Garden Club of Missouri. In honor of these ladies, a nice contribution has been given to the scholarship fund.

Barb Rothenberger reported Blue Star Memorial was approved and dedication will be held at the University campus on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. The Blue Star will be placed next to War Mothers Memorial.

New Business:

A motion was made to have the Bake Sale at the Plant Sale this year, motion was seconded. Dee Bauer volunteered to chair the Bake Sale.

The magazine "Inside Columbia" April issue will have an article about Columbia Garden Club, per Karen Blackmore.

Tips:

Going Green: Barbara Rothenberger's idea to recycle the clear hard plastic that is used for packaging around items that you purchase, cut plastic down to size of labels and use for labeling your garden plants.

Minutes, cont.

Horticulture: Alice Havard purchased orchids which were dyed blue and looked bad, and marked down in price. To revive it, cut back to green part of the stem, count 4 nodes up and cut above the 4th node. Orchids need cool nights to make them bloom. Set outside in shade under tree in mid summer and early fall. Bring in before frost. Do not let orchids sit in water.

Announcements:

- 1.Next Meeting: April 14 at Helmi's Garden Center at 1:00pm. Bring your own drink.
- 2.Design Club: Organizational Meeting April 14 10:00am to noon. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, bring your lunch or eat before the regular meeting at Helmi's. Any questions call Alice Havard 445-4624 or Barb Schutte 447-2269. No need to be a member to attend.
- 3.Landscape Design School March 19, 20th at Fulton, Mo.
- 4.Orchid Show Missouri Botanic Garden February thru March.
- 5.District Meeting at Lake Ozark March 27, cost \$15.00 Due March 10 to treasurer.
- 6.Clean Up Columbia April 12th at McKee Park.
- 7.State Convention May 20,21,22 at St. Louis.
- 8.Flower Show July 12 at Columbia Public Library.
- 9.P.Allen Smith April 13, 14th at University of Missouri.

Submitted by Connie Blackmore, Secretary

March Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report March 12, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$3,555.92
Deposits		
Spring Meeting Fees	\$105.00	
Total Deposits	\$105.00	
Expenses		
Ck#1914 – Church Rental Fee	\$25.00	
Ck#1915 – Mileage for Speaker	\$35.00	
Ck#1916 – Fees for Spring Meeting Arrowhead Garden Club	\$105.00	
Total Expenses	(-\$165.00)	
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,495.92
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-4-2013		\$3,206.99
Total Assets		\$6,702.91

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 12—Clean Up Columbia-McKee Park
- Sunday, April 13—Monday, April 14—P. Allen Smith— see page 6
- Monday, April 14-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.— Design Club Organizational Meeting-Trinity Presbyterian Church-RSVP to Barb Schuette (447-2269) - Program on armature design. Everyone will make a simple design. Everything will be furnished. (Need not be a garden club member.)
- Monday, April 14-1:00 p.m.-Columbia Garden Club Meeting—Helmi's Greenhouse-Topic: Fairy Gardens
- Friday, April 25—Plant Sale Set-Up
- Saturday, April 26-Columbia Garden Club Plant Sale and Bake Sale-Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gardening Night at Busch Stadium

It's Baseball Time Ladies!!!

GOOD NEWS!!!!

The St. Louis Cardinals are again holding Gardening Night at Busch Stadium on May 22, 2014, vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks, at 6:30 p.m. To purchase these theme tickets, use the following link:

<http://www.cardinals.com/garden>

Your theme ticket will include a voucher for a St. Louis Cardinal Garden Gnome, appropriately named Gnome Run. He is really cute!

A portion of the ticket price will be donated to Missouri Botanical Gardens.

I'll see you there! Please pass the word!

Judy Sheets

Michigan Bus Trip

There are still 24 spots open for the Bloomin' Bus Tour "Grand" Vacation to Michigan. The trip is June 5-10, 2014. Stops include: Grand Traverse Bay, Sleeping Bear Dunes and Mackinac Island. Pricing is: Single-\$1,610; Double-\$1,224 and Triple-\$1,118. For more information, contact Karen Blackmore, 573-442-1873.

Hospitality Hostesses for April Meeting

Annette Molitor, Barb Schuette and Carol Van Vranken

2015 FGCM State Convention-April 14-16-Table Designs



This is one of the table designs we will be using for the 2015 FGCM State Convention. We will be using just 3 cobalt blue bottles , 2 smaller bottles and one wine bottle. The variation in size is important. A small battery tea light will be placed in the center to shine up on the bottles, it really looks pretty. These will be used for the dinner meal.

We will also be needing red twig dogwood for cutting for the plant material.

To keep costs down we would greatly appreciate members saving beer or wine bottles in cobalt blue or any other bottles in this color and contributing them for making 40 of these designs. (3 bottles each). Centerpieces are given away at the end of each meal. Bring the bottles at any CGC meeting to Marie Pasley, Alice Havard, or Karen Blackmore. If you have questions contact Marie at smpasley@aol.com or 573-474-5245.

Thanks for your help. Marie Pasley

Clean Up Columbia

Saturday, April 12 is Clean-Up Columbia Day. At the April meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for those Garden Club members who wish to participate in cleaning up McKee Park, which is east of town off of Clark Lane. We will meet there at 10:00 Saturday morning rain or shine – since it is scheduled for later in April this year we may experience more pleasant weather than in the past. If the weather is bad be sure to wear boots (as there is a little stream running through the park), a poncho helps keep the rain off and gloves to pick up glass, etc. Also bring a rake or something to reach under the trees to pull out trash. A post-cleanup BBQ will be held at noon at Twin Lakes Recreation Area with lunch provided by APAC-Missouri, Inc. and the city will provide special T-shirts for the participants. We have always had a fun time in the past as each tries to find the most interesting junk. I will provide more information at the April meeting.

Thanks, Janet Lasley, Chairman.

Want to know where the ruby throated hummingbirds are in their migration? Go to: www.hummingbirds.net, and in the section called Check It Out, click on the migration map. There you will see a map of the United States and where hummingbird sightings have been. You can also report your first sighting of a ruby throated hummingbird.

P. Allen Smith at the University of Missouri Campus

Join us April 13 and 14 as we celebrate Mizzou's 175th anniversary by hosting nationally-known TV host, author, gardening & lifestyle expert P. Allen Smith. Topics to be discussed include Mizzou's links with Thomas Jefferson, the gardens at Monticello, urban agriculture and using local food.

All events listed below are free and open to the public!

Sunday, April 13

4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

A Thomas Jefferson Birthday Celebration

The Francis Quadrangle at the Thomas Jefferson monument

Thomas Jefferson was born April 13, 1743, at the family home in Shadwell, Goochland County, Virginia. The Jefferson monument is the first tombstone placed at the Monticello grave of Thomas Jefferson.

6p.m. - 7p.m.

A presentation by P. Allen Smith: The Horticultural Life and Gardens of Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States

The Columns Ballroom in Reynolds Alumni Center

P. Allen Smith, award-winning food, lifestyle and garden expert and host of two public television programs, enjoys the study of horticulture and landscape design history. Thomas Jefferson's association with horticulture and gardening is of particular interest with Mr. Smith. Learn more about P. Allen Smith at <http://www.pallensmith.com>.

7p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Book Signing by P. Allen Smith

The Columns Ballroom in Reynolds Alumni Center

Books will be available for purchase from the Mizzou Botanic Garden at the event.

Monday, April 14

9a.m. - 9:30a.m.

A Sensory Garden Installation and Planting

Child Development Lab's MU Children's Learning Garden, behind Curtis Hall

An honorary planting will take place with P. Allen Smith.

10a.m. - 11:30a.m.

A Local Harvest Roundtable discussion

Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union

A "Local Food Chat" with P. Allen Smith.

Plant Sale/Garden Boutique/Bake Sale

Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale is April 25 and 26.

Friday April 25 from 2 -4 pm is setup. Bring your plants from your garden, white elephant items, bake sale goodies, and help us set up for the sale.

Saturday the sale is from 8 to 3 pm. You can still bring your donations. We will need help through out the day and will definitely need help with cleanup.

Plants from members' gardens are the favorite. Hopefully, our gardens will provide us with many plants to share this year. There will be pots and markers available at the April meeting.

The Sadlers have started the tomato plants in their greenhouse, we will have Native plants from Prairie Hill Farm and annuals from the Centralia High School. Marie Pasley is bringing a variety of newer named Daylilies.

Marsha Taylor [573.657.4664](tel:573.657.4664) - home [573.819.0878](tel:573.819.0878) - cell

Garden Boutique

Please bring any gently used garden items to sell in our Garden Boutique. Have your items already tagged (securely) with a price when you bring them in as this is a very time consuming task the day of the set up if your item is not already tagged.

We will have a section for books and we usually sell them for 25 cents to 50 cents. If you have a hard back book that you think is worth more, then please have that tagged as well.

We appreciate all of you and the items you donate. If it weren't for you, we wouldn't have a very successful Garden Boutique.

Thanks for your help!
Linda and Deb

Bake Sale

I have volunteered to ruin the bake sale this year, whoops, I hope to RUN the bake sale this year . I have gathered suggestions from several members, but I am always open for your thoughts on this project. My goal is to have fun, make some money and no stressing out. This is the plan so far:

- A table and chairs with colorful tablecloth to sit and relax.
- Small bottled water for sale and coffee, free or minimal charge.
- Baked goods-Muffins, individually wrapped sell well early in the day.
 - Larger baked pies or cakes sell well also.
 - Individually wrapped brownies (1 or 2), cookies (2-6) and possibly candies, English toffees, etc.

Pricing will be determined and marked by bake sale workers for consistency. We will have our own cash box.

It was suggested that there be two volunteers ready to help, if needed, for morning, afternoon and cleanup.

Number of helpers will obviously be dependent on the response we get at the plant sale. And that depends on weather, other activities going on in Columbia and the economy!!!

At this next meeting, April 14, I will have available a sign up sheet for volunteering and committing to baking.

This is my first time doing this and I so appreciated your suggestions and involvement. So, a big thank you in advance.

Dee Bauer

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Protecting our Pollinators

At our February Meeting, Nadia Navarette-Tindall gave a program about native plants. One of the points she made was our pollinators are being threatened by neonicotinoid insecticides. Lynn Birkby did some research on this, and gave a few tips about this at our March meeting. Here is some of that information.

Neonicotinoids are a group of insecticides that are used widely on farms, as well as around our homes, schools, and city landscapes. They are systemic chemicals that are absorbed by the plant and dispersed through plant tissues, including pollen and nectar. Neonicotinoids are considered “safe” since harm to humans and other mammals is minimal. However, neonicotinoids are toxic to bees and many other beneficial insects. Bees are exposed to neonicotinoids by coming in direct contact with spray residue on plants or by eating contaminated pollen or nectar. If bees are not killed by their exposure, their health can be impacted in other ways. Colonies grow more slowly and produce fewer new queens, which impacts overall bumble bee populations. Exposure can also impair bees ability to fly, navigate, and forage for food.

When purchasing insecticides look for the following names of neonicotinoids: Imidacloprid, Clothianidin, Thiamethoxam, Acetamiprid, and Dinotefuran. If these are in the ingredients list, you should probably avoid using them.

Some examples of products that contain neonicotinoids are: Bayer Advanced 3-in-1 Insect, Disease & Mite Control, Bayer Advanced All-in-One Rose & Flower Care granules, Ortho Bug B Gon Garden Insect Killer and Hi-Yield Systemic Insect Spray.

For more information about neonicotinoids you can go to www.xerces.org which is the source for the above information.

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