

# “Columbia Underground”

## Upcoming Events

\*April 1- Plant Patriot Place landscape planting at 9am.

\*April 8- Clean Up Columbia, McKee Park on McKee Drive in NE Columbia Start at 9 am.

\*April 10th- CGC monthly meeting 1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. **Program Change:** Dorothy Canote, herbalist will present a powerpoint and demonstrate making medicinal herbal teas.

\*April 11<sup>th</sup> - 5 to 7 pm *Growing Knowledge at the Farm- Gardening series* at Jefferson Farms and Gardens

\*April 28 & 29 CGC Plant Sale, White Elephant Sale and Bake Sale, Sat. 8 am.

\*May 1-4 FGCM Convention in Hannibal

\*May 11 Central District Flower Show and Spring meeting in Fulton.

\*August 16- FGCM Day at the State Fair, along with FGCM Flower Show

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## CGC Plant Sale, White Elephant Sale and Bake Sale on April 28 & 29

Set up for the sale will start at 2 pm on April 28 at the Presbyterian Church. Members will be needed to place tables & coverings and to organize the plants into categories. This is the time to **bring any plants** that you can contribute

for this fundraiser. Please **price your plants** in increments of \$.50. White Elephant items should be **quality, garden related** items for purchasing, please price these items in increments of \$.50. Bake Sale items should **not be priced**. Small quantities of “eat on the go” items sell well, along with whole loaves of bread, cakes, or pies. Members are allowed to purchase on Friday afternoon. If you would like to work at the bake sale table or have questions, please contact Karen Brooke or Betty Connelly, plant sale co-chairs. The public plant sale will start on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 am to 1pm.



“Flower of the Month for April is Sweet Peas”

### Clean Up Columbia

Clean up Columbia is on April 8, 10 am at McKee Park on McKee Street. It is east off Clark Lane. McKee is last street to left before the round about. Wear old clothes, boots and gloves. Contact Janet Lasley for further info.

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### Join in the Fun

Karen Blackmore will become our next FGCM State president on May 3 at the evening banquet. It is a wonderful honor to have one of our own CGC members to hold this office. CGC and Central District will be sponsoring a fun reception after her induction so join us in helping Karen celebrate this momentous occasion.

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### Patriot Place Landscape

The Patriot Place landscape will be planted on April 1, 2017. We will start at 1 pm. Wear old clothes and gloves. Bring shovels and/or trowels for planting, along with buckets for dispersing mulch once plants are in place. US Bank employees are partnering with us to do this planting. Contact Connie Blackmore or Marie Pasley for further info.

### Friends of Columbia Garden Club

Helmi's, Strawberry Hill, Superior and Lowe's Garden Centers have all donated plant material and hardscape materials to our Patriot Place project. Let's show our appreciation by giving our business to these "friends of Columbia Garden Club".

### Central District Flower Show and Spring Meeting

Central District is having a District wide FS in Fulton on May 11, along with the spring meeting. Each club is selling tickets to win a garden wagon full of gardening items worth approximately \$250. If you wish to purchase tickets; one for \$1 or six for \$5 contact Rita Gerke. This show will be a great time to show favorite plants from your garden for horticulture exhibits. Help show CD what Columbia Garden Club members can do. We need 51% of our members to participate (attending the event counts) so that our club can count this as having a 2017 flower show. Registration money will be collected at the April meeting.

### Straw Bale Gardening

Members were treated to a wonderful presentation on "Straw Bale Gardening" by Charles Paxton at our March CGC meeting. The bale preparation fertilizer amounts are as follows for those that might want to try this type of gardening. It is important to use the exact amount listed below.

Day 1: 4 oz. Nitrogen and water in

Day 2: water thoroughly

Day 3: 4 oz. Nitrogen and water in

Day 4. Water thoroughly

Day 5. 4 oz Nitrogen and water in

Day 6. Water thoroughly

Day 7, 8, 9 - 2 oz. Nitrogen and water in each of these days

Day 10 & 11 apply 1 cup 10-10-10 balanced fertilizer and water thoroughly

Day 12 Plant

## FGCM DAY at Missouri State Fair

All FGCM clubs in Missouri need your help in gaining new members. What better showcase is there than to come to the State Fair on August 17. Bring some horticulture plants or a floral design to exhibit. Show Missourians what wonderful things FGCM members can do. August 17<sup>th</sup> is FGCM Day at the Fair. Let's show off and get new members in the process. It's our day to "blossom".



## **Growing Knowledge at the Farm Workshop Series**

Jefferson Farm and Garden and the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners are teaming up to offer a series of gardening workshops. The second Tuesday of each month April thru September 2017 5 to 7 pm. Workshops are ideal for both beginner and advanced gardeners, and include:

**April 11: Getting Ready to Garden.** Learn how to prepare your soil to create a flourishing and productive garden. Explore considerations for vegetable and ornamental gardens, how to plant, and what to do to properly maintain growing plants.

**May 9: Garden Techniques.** Learn the basics of planning and constructing raised beds, putting together productive container gardens, and the methods for establishing a no-till garden.

**June 13: Companion Planting.** Discover which plants can benefit from one another when grown in close proximity. This is a great way to encourage plant growth, deter pests, attract beneficial insects, and improve garden productivity.

**July 11: Butterfly Gardening.** If you plant it, they will come! Learn what native plants attract butterflies, which host plants are needed by caterpillars, and how to recreate a pollination garden habitat at home.

**Aug. 8: Insects in the Garden.** Not all bugs are pests! Learn how important it is to recognize beneficial insects in the garden and when to leave them alone to do their important work.

**Sept. 12: Putting the Garden to Bed.** Give your garden a head-start for next year's growing season. Learn techniques to prepare your garden for winter through composting, planting cover crops, and applying mulch covers to planting beds.

### Cost

\$10 per household

Discount: \$50 if you register for all six sessions

### Location

Jefferson Farm and Garden  
4800 New Haven Road  
Columbia, MO 65201

### Contact

Amy Dooley  
dooleyam@missouri.edu  
573-239-6134

### Registration

Register online at: [cafnr.alumni.com/grow17](http://cafnr.alumni.com/grow17)

### More information

[jefferson.cafnr.org/education](http://jefferson.cafnr.org/education)

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## CGC 2017 Yearbook Changes

Page 7- CGC Plant Sale April 28 & 29, Sept. mtg date Sept. 11

Page 13- May mtg. May 8<sup>th</sup>

Page 15- Dec. mtg. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

MARCH 13, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

PROGRAM: Straw Bale Gardening by Charles Paxton, Master Gardener gave a Power Point presentation about his experience with straw bale gardening. Everyone enjoyed hearing about Charles' first time experience with straw bale gardening.

Marsha Taylor called the meeting to order. 30 Members.

Lynda Blades read the inspiration.

Garden Tip: Time to put up bluebird nest boxes.

Hospitality Thanks to Alice Havard, Barb Rothenberger, and Jessica Schwartz.

February Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report approved and will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Janet Lasley, chair of "**Clean Up Columbia**" reports members will meet April 8<sup>th</sup> 10AM on Saturday morning at McGee Park . Bring rakes, gloves and wear appropriate clothing to work in the park. Lunch will be at Twin Lakes at noon and T shirts will be provided.

Rita Gerke reports for Barb Rothenberger, chair for **Garden Therapy at the Bluffs** . Members met in February to make valentines for the residents and all went well. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2PM is the next date to meet at the Bluffs, Barb will send an email as a reminder.

**Raffle Tickets** may be purchased from Rita for the Spring District Meeting. The tickets will be for a chance to win a garden cart full of garden supplies.

Marie Pasley reports that plans are being made with US Bank to plant on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the **Patriot Place**. The committee will be picking out shrubs and plants before that date, and mulch will be delivered as planned. We are thrilled US Bank has offered to help plant and spread the mulch with us.

**The District Flower Show** will be in Fulton this year. Please sign up to enter a design and also bring horticulture for the show.

Carolyn Adam's needs another member to volunteer for **the June Garden Tour**. Triple B Tour will be on March 23, we will meet at Mosers in Ashland, carpool to Jefferson City and tour the Birds Eye View Garden. Be sure to take a drive to Eagle Bluff to see the activity of the birds, Eagles were on the nest waiting for the eaglets to hatch.

Karen Blackmore reports to sign up for the **Blooming Bus Tour** to Chicago, as the bus is filling fast.

**Art in Bloom** will be the weekend of March 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>, be sure to attend to see the design that Karen, Connie Blackmore, Betty Connley, and Carolyn Oates will create for the show.

**FGCM Convention** is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, make your reservations at the hotel and plan to at least attend on the evening of May 3<sup>rd</sup> to welcome Karen as the new State President.

Karen Brooke reports **the Plant Sale** will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>, set up will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to bring plants from your garden for the sale. Volunteers are needed to chair the Bake Sale.

Secretary,

Connie Blackmore