

“Columbia Underground”

Member National Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, and Central District

Upcoming Events

April 9- CGC monthly mtg. 1 pm - Program
“Gardening over 50”

Apr14- Native Plant sale 10 am at Bradford
Research Farm

May 7- 10- FGCM 85th State Convention-
Adams Point Conference Center, Blue Springs

June 4-8 FGCM “Bloomin Bus Tour” to
Cincinnati- Always Fun contact Carolyn Oates
for further info

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Columbia Garden Club April 9 Meeting

The April 9th CGC monthly meeting will be at 1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The program “Gardening over 50” will be presented by Todd Lorenz, Extension Specialist w/Cooper County. Todd will discuss ways of making gardening easier for those of us over 50.

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Remember to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to join CGC. We want to raise our membership by 10% in 2018.



Canada Geese Goslings Start Hatching

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FGCM 85th State Convention

The 2018 FGCM State Convention will be held at Adams Point Conference Center in Blue Springs, MO. May 7 to 10th. A couple of interesting tours will be offered along with informative workshops. The Tuesday evening design program is always especially fun to observe. Several CGC members are attending so carpooling may be available.

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“Bloomin Bus Tour” June 4 to 8

The “Bloomin Bus Tour” is a state wide tour for garden club members. It is always a great tour and fun trip to become acquainted with fellow gardeners of Missouri. The tour will be going to several locations on and around Cincinnati. Check your *Garden Forum* for information or contact Carolyn Oates.

10 Things That Take No Talent

But Will Get You 100% Respect

1. Being on time
2. Work ethic
3. Effort
4. Body language
5. Energy
6. Attitude
7. Passion
8. Being coachable
9. Doing extra
10. Being prepared

April Gardening Calendar

Ornamentals

- Weeks 1-4: **Study your landscape for gaps that could be nicely filled with bulbs. Mark these spots carefully** and make a note to order bulbs next August.
- **Weeks 1-4:** When buying bedding plants, choose compact, bushy plants that have not begun to flower.
- **Weeks 1-3:** When crabapples are in bloom, hardy annuals may be transplanted outdoors.
- **Weeks 1-3:** Fertilize established roses once new growth is 2 inches long. Use a balanced formulation. Begin spraying to control black spot disease.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Examine shrubs for winter injury. Prune all dead and weakened wood.
- **Week 1:** Groundcovers can be mowed to remove winter burn and tidy plants up. Raise mowers to their highest settings. Fertilize and water to encourage rapid regrowth.
- **Week 1** Shrubs and trees best planted or transplanted in spring, rather than fall, include butterfly bush, dogwood, rose of Sharon, black gum (*Nyssa*), vitex, red bud, magnolia, tulip poplar, birch, ginkgo, hawthorn and most oaks.
- **Week 1** Winter mulches should be removed from roses. Complete pruning promptly. Remove only dead wood from climbers at this time. Cultivate lightly, working in some compost or other organic matter.

- **Weeks 2-4:** Break off rims from peat pots when transplanting seedlings, otherwise they can act as a wick to draw moisture away from the roots.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Do not prune boxwoods before April 15.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Evergreen and deciduous hedges may be sheared. Prune the top narrower than the base so sunlight will reach the lower limbs.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Easter lilies past blooming can be planted outdoors. Set the bulbs 2 to 3 inches deeper than they grew in the pot. Mulch well if frost occurs.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Apply controls for holly leaf miner when the new leaves are just beginning to grow.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Balloon flower (*Platycodon*), hardy hibiscus, gasplant (*Dictamnus albus*) and some lilies are slow starters in the spring garden. Cultivate carefully to avoid injury to these tardy growers.
- **Week 4:** Prune spring flowering ornamentals after they finish blooming.
- **Week 4:** Begin planting out summer bulbs such as caladiums, gladioli and acidanthera at 2 week intervals.

Lawns

- **Weeks 1-2:** Topdress low spots and finish overseeding thin or bare patches.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Aerate turf if thatch is heavy or if soil is compacted.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Apply crabgrass preventers before April 15. Do not apply to areas that will be seeded.

Vegetables

- **Weeks 1-3:** Finish transplanting broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower plants into the garden. High phosphorous fertilizers help get transplants off to a quick start.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Plants started indoors should be hardened off outdoors in cold frames before being transplanted into the garden.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Finish sowing seeds of all cool-season vegetables not yet planted.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Asparagus and rhubarb harvests begin.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Handpick and destroy asparagus beetles.

- **Weeks 2-4:** Keep your hoe sharp! Don't allow weeds to get an early start in your garden.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Flower stalks should be removed from rhubarb plants, if they develop.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Try an early sowing of warm-season crops such as green beans, summer squash, sweet corn, New Zealand spinach and cucumbers.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Thin out crowded seedlings from early plantings of cool season crops such as beets, carrots, lettuce, onions and radish.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Make succession sowings of cool-season crops.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Begin planting lima beans, cucumbers, melons, okra and watermelons.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Begin setting out transplants of tomatoes, eggplants, peppers and sweet potatoes.

Gardening Calendar supplied by the staff of the William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening located at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Missouri.

Columbia Garden Club March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met March 12, 2018 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church with ___ members and 2 guest,; Joyce Campbell and Donna Puleo.

The program on Terrariums and Kokodama Moss Balls was given by Rebecca Smith and Carolyn Oates.

Horticulture Tip was on “Rosette” an untreatable and lethal virus that is attaching roses. Members were cautioned to not buy rose stock at the big box outlets; destroy plants showing signs of the disease. Diseased plants should not be added to the compost pile.

Carolyn Doyle moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written, seconded by Rita Gerke, Motion approved.

The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$6,438.32, there were three disbursements in the past month.

New Business

Karen Blackmore reported that the screen that we donated to the church has been removed and replaced by the Church. The Church wants to know what we want

done with the old equipment. The consensus after discussion was that the equipment was a gift to the church and it was theirs do with as they pleased.

Committee Reports

Plant Sale- April 20 & 21. Bake goods should be wrapped and priced. Plants should be labeled and priced.

Clean Up Columbia- is at McKee Park on April 14.

Scholarship- One applicant Will Crawford was awarded the CGC scholarship. Karen Blackmore urged that he be informed about the FGCM scholarships and plan to apply next year. There were only 3 applicants on the state level which left much of the appropriated funds for scholarships unused.

Blooming Bus Tour- June 4-8. Currently, 34 are signed up, room for 40 on the bus. Register soon to go.

Art in Bloom- April 16 thru 18.

Kay Kern thanked the group for their help with the holiday home tour.

State Convention is May 7 thru 10. In Blue Springs at the Marriott. Rita Gerke was selected as a delegate.

April meeting will be at the church, the program will be on “Gardening over 50” and the hostesses are Rita Gerkey, Donna Russell, and Karen Wolfe.

There being no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by secretary,

Lynda Blades