

# “Columbia Underground”

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

## Upcoming Event

December 6- Bluff's Activity- “Christmas Mugs” at 2 pm

December 10- CGC Holiday luncheon at NOON- see below for details

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## CGC Monthly Meeting December 10 at NOON

The CGC December 10 meeting will be the annual holiday luncheon at noon. Members bring a dish to share with the group. The club will provide table service and drinks. Alice Havard is cooking a ham for the group. Members may also bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift for an exchange. Members may also bring money to donate to the Columbia Food Pantry.

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## Four Things You Can Not Recover:

The stone after the throw

The word after it is said

The occasion after it is missed

The time after it is gone.



## *“Bald Eagles arrive in Southern Missouri”*

### Christmas Mugs at the Bluffs on December 6<sup>th</sup>

Barb Rothenberger will need assistance with making arrangements in Christmas mugs with the patients at the Bluffs on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Contact Barb for further information.

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### Flower Show School

Central Missouri Judges Council is sponsoring a 4 Course Flower Show School here at the Boone County Extension Office. The first course will be held on May 17 & 18, 2019. The first day iris and crabapples will be studied. The second day will be spent on studying color theory, basic design principles and elements. Anyone may attend this school for the educational value or for credit to become a credentialed judge. We will have flyers at the next several meetings or contact Barb Schuette or Marie Pasley for info.

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## Gardening by Month - December

Monthly Tips and Tasks from Missouri Botanical Garden

Category	Week				Activity
	1	2	3	4	
Houseplants	x	x	x	x	Water houseplants with tepid water. Cold tap water may shock plants.
	x	x	x	x	Be sure newly purchased indoor plants are well protected for the trip <a href="#">home</a> . Exposure to icy temperatures for even a few moments may cause injury.
	x	x	x	x	Overwintering geraniums like bright light and cool temperatures. Keep soils on the dry side.
	x	x	x	x	On cold nights, move houseplants back from icy <a href="#">windows</a> to prevent chilling injury.
		x	x	x	Holiday poinsettia plants do best with sun for at least half the day and night temperatures in the 50's or 60's. Keep plants away from drafts, registers and radiators and let the soil should dry only slightly between thorough waterings. Be sure to punch holes in decorative foil wraps to prevent soggy soil

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					conditions.
	x	x	x	x	Hairspray works well to keep seed heads and dried flowers intact on wreaths and arrangements.
					If you plan to have a live Christmas tree, dig the planting hole before the ground freezes. Mulch and cover the backfill soil and the planting hole to keep them dry and unfrozen. When you get the tree, store it outdoors in a cool, shady, windless area until the last minute and mulch the roots to prevent cold injury. Don't allow the tree's roots to become dry and spray the needles with an anti-transpirant to reduce moisture loss. Set the tree up in your coolest room. Don't keep the tree indoors for more than one week and plant outdoors promptly.
	x	x	x	x	Be sure the root zones of azaleas and rhododendrons are thoroughly mulched. Any organic material will do, but mulches made from oak leaves, shredded oak bark, or pine needles are

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					preferred.
	x	x	x		Christmas trees hold needles longer if you make a clean, fresh cut at the base and always keep the trunk standing in water.
	x	x	x		Only female holly trees bear the colorful <a href="#">berries</a> . There must be a male tree growing nearby for pollination, if fruits are desired.
	x	x	x		Hollies may be trimmed now and the prunings used in holiday decorations.
Miscellaneous	x				Apply mulches to bulbs, perennials and other small plants once the ground freezes.
	x				All power equipment should be winterized before storage. Change the oil and lubricate moving parts. Either drain fuel systems or mix a gas stabilizing additive into the tank.
	x				Clean and oil all garden hand tools before storing for winter.
	x				If you feed rabbits corn or alfalfa, they may leave

Category	Week				<a href="#">Activity</a>
					fruit tree bark unharmed.

