



President's Potpourri

Thanks Alice for the new title.

Quick! Follow the advice of all the magazines in the mailbox and get organized! Spring is only 60 days away and after this frigid winter we won't want to waste a moment indoors looking for car keys and cat toys. What else to do until then? If you have been to Wal Mart or the grocery store, you've noticed the blooming Phalaenopsis orchid plants . They are easy to grow, easy to rebloom, and good company until spring. The flower spikes can last 4 months and the plant thrives at room temperature. They prefer east sun, or bright indirect light. Move them out of direct sun before the sun gets too intense in late spring. I'll bring some handouts to the February meeting from Bird's Botanicals. Don't forget the annual orchid show is coming up at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, and it is always worth the journey.

This meeting will feature a program on native plants. Nadia Navarette -Tindall will surely convince you to convert a corner or more of your garden to natives. (I remind myself all summer that most weeds are natives, too). We need to attract all the pollinators we can, and aim for biodiversity.

Yearbooks are ready and waiting for you. See you Monday, February 10 at 1 pm. Remember that if Columbia Schools are closed because of snow, we will not meet.

Alice

Plant...Protect...Participate



Hospitality February Meeting

Janet Lasley

Diane Poole

Kay Egbert



January Meeting Minutes

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 2014

PROGRAM: Water Gardening with Water Features presented by Larry and LaDonna Arrowood from Marshall, Mo. We learned how to get started planning a water garden, which included water features, plants, fish, supplies needed and what is involved in caring for it.

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Alice Havard.

INSPIRATION: Welcome to Sunshine and Warmer Weather.

29 Members attended. Our new member Jean Roselle was introduced.

The minutes were approved as published.

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2014 Year Books were distributed today...Thank You Karen Blackmore for all your hard work on these. If any corrections are needed please advise.

Audit: The Treasurer's books for 2013 were audited by Alice Havard and are complete and correct.

Courtesy: Contact Carol Notbohm to report any news or updates on our members.

2015 Convention at Lake of Ozarks reported by Marie Pasley. We have a planning committee to design center pieces for 45 tables for each of the 4 meals served at the convention. We encourage members to please consider going to the convention, not only to help, but to enjoy the time there.

Members are asked to sign up for any committees they are interested in to help for this year.

Plant Sale report will be discussed at the February Meeting.

HOSPITALITY: MANY THANKS TO OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM...
Carolyn Swope, Dee Bauer, Virginia Itschner you do a Great Job.

Thanks to Karen, Marie & Lynn for the wonderful treats today.

February Hostesses will be Janet Lasley, Diane Poole, and Kay Egbert.

***** Please help us by having your treats ready to serve prior to the meeting. We ask that our members serve themselves. This will give these ladies time to enjoy the program and the meeting along with the rest of us. *****

OLD BUSINESS: Karen Blackmore recognized Lynn Birkby for being a member 28 years. Karen Blackmore announced the screen that the Columbia Garden Club purchased is installed and ready for use by the club and the church. Thanks to Karen Blackmore a new projector was purchased for the club's use and Karen has been reimbursed for it.

NEW BUSINESS: Members are encouraged to "Show and Tell"...by Bringing your "TIPS" regarding: Going Green, Horticulture, or Design....Tell us what you are doing. Bring your materials and short presentation to spread the word to our members.

Minutes (cont.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free Invitation to attend: Columbia Public Library & Discovery Garden Club present "Winter Garden Forum". Alan Branhagen, Director of Horticulture for Powell Gardens will speak on "Favorite Plants for Winter Landscape". Kerry Meyer, Regional Representative for Proven Winners will speak on "Herbaceous Plants and what is new for Spring 2014".

Our Flower Show will be a joint show with Central Missouri Day Lily Club on June 28th, set up for the show will be June 27th.

Landscape Design School will be March 19th and 20th at Fulton, Mo.

Carolyn Adams still needs volunteers to show their garden for the "Garden Tour" June 16th, 2014.

Karen Blackmore announced there is still time to sign up for the Bloomin Bus Tour-Michigan June 5th through 10th.

Evette Nissen announced she needs reports for the "Newsletter" no later than the 25th of the month.

Next Meeting: Remember no meeting....If school is closed due to bad weather.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary

Seeds For Change

Seeds for Change is a new committee this year. The Columbia Garden Club is partnering with The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners and Grow Well Missouri to provide seeds, plants and information to the clients of the Central Food Pantry in Columbia. I am still working with Bill McKelvey (who is with Grow Well Missouri) to iron out all of the details. At this time, our committee's responsibility is to have someone available for a few hours once a week to hand out the seeds or plants and answer any questions the clients might have. We will also keep the table stocked with printed information and Sean, the supervisor at the pantry, would like for us to offer some printed healthy recipes for some of the vegetables that they have at the pantry. We will just staff the table from March 1st through May 31st. Depending on how that goes, we may staff it again for a period of time in the fall.

If you are interested in working with this committee, please e-mail me at enissen57@gmail.com or call me at 573-474-3055.

The following people have already signed up to help with this: Carolyn Doyle, Karen Blackmore, Alice Havard, Marie Pasley, and Barbara Rothenberger.

Evette Nissen, Chair

January Treasurer's Report

Columbia Garden Club Treasurer's Report January 27, 2014

Beginning Balance Checking		\$4,389.23
Deposits		
Membership	\$40.00	
Total Deposits		\$40.00
Expenses		
Ck#1906 – Carolyn Adams-reissue check to replace Ck# 1884 (not included in sum) \$29.75		
Ck#1907 – FGCM-Membership Dues		\$60.00
Ck#1908 – Karen Blackmore-Projector		\$604.99
Ck#1909– USPS-Stamps for newsletters		\$46.00
Ck#1910-Carolyn Swope-Supplies, Cups, (etc.)		\$32.32
Ck#1911-Karen Blackmore-Printing for year books		\$100.00
Ck#1912-Trinity Presbyterian Church-rent for Jan.		\$25.00
Total Expenses		(-\$868.31)
Ending Balance Checking		\$3,560.92
Certificate of Deposit Balance-9-4-2013		\$3,206.99
Total Assets		\$6,767.91

Attract Bees To Your Yard

Borage is a cucumber flavored herb with bright blue flowers that will attract pollinating bees to your garden. It is an easy to grow annual that thrives in poor soil. It likes good light and regular watering. It grows to a height of around two feet. Borage blooms well into the fall. They will self seed very well once established. This plant is said to deter tomato hornworms and improve the flavor of tomatoes planted nearby.



Classes on MU Campus

The Mizzou Chapter of Student American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD) offers classes for both students and community members. Following are the classes they are offering this spring:

February 26-Warm Up With a Spring Wreath

March 19-Lettuce Help You (Lettuce Garden)

April 30-Spice Up Your Kitchen With a Salsa Garden

To receive information about these classes, go to <http://mizzousaifd.wordpress.com/> Click on Classes and Workshops, then scroll down to enter your email address.

Spring Gardening Seminar

Cole County Extension Center, Lincoln University and Central Missouri Master Gardeners will be hosting the 4th Annual Spring Gardening Seminar on Sat., Feb. 22, 2014 at Lincoln University's George Washington Carver Farm.

Attend a full day of classes; lunch will be included for \$25.00.

Courses that you can choose from and their instructors are:

Public Landscaping-Pete Millier

Garden Art from Pinterest Pins-Jane Davis

Tomatoes 101-James Quinn

Working with Professional Landscaper-Tim Maloney

Tool Time-D Whitener, J&J Schwieterman, J Long

Heirloom Tomatoes-Tammy Sellmeyer

Container Gardening-Cindy Creclius

Color in the Garden-Alice Longfellow

Be Your Own Lawn Expert-Brad Fresenburg

Cut Flowers-Marilyn Odneal

Landscape Design Part 1-Tim Moloney

Turf Questions-including Moles-Brad Fresenburg

Berries-Marilyn Odneal

Starting Seeds Veggies/Herbs-Scott Marion

Landscape Design Part 2-Tim Moloney

Native Plants-Merv Wallace

Extending the Season-Cool Season Plantings-Jenny Grabner

Fairy Gardens-Alice Longfellow

How and Why to Improve Soil-Todd Higgins

For more information go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/cole> or call 573-634-2824.

Online Master Gardener Training Class

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Master Gardener, an online version of the course will begin on February 2. Following is a description of the course.

Written at an introductory level, this course provides a foundation in plant structure and function; soils and plant nutrition; plant propagation; fruits; vegetables; herbaceous and woody plants; entomology; plant pathology; landscape design; lawns; and pesticides usage. It is the online version of the core training required for individuals wishing to become certified Missouri Master Gardeners. In addition to completing this course, individuals also must devote 30 hours of volunteer service to become certified.

If you are taking the course for Master Gardener certification, requiring 30 hours of Community Service, the fee is \$175.00

If you are taking the course for personal enrichment only, no Community Service hours are required and there is no certification. The fee for this is \$325.00

To register, go to <https://extweb.missouri.edu/courses/default.aspx?courseid=99>.



2014
Orchid Show
South America

Journey into a spectacular modernist garden inspired by the work of Brazilian landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx. Leave the Missouri Botanical Garden behind as you enter the tropical atmosphere of South America.

February 1–March 23
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Garden admission plus \$5; free for members

[Learn more](#)

Members Get More!
Enjoy a special free members-only preview of the show on Friday, January 31 from 5 to 8 p.m.
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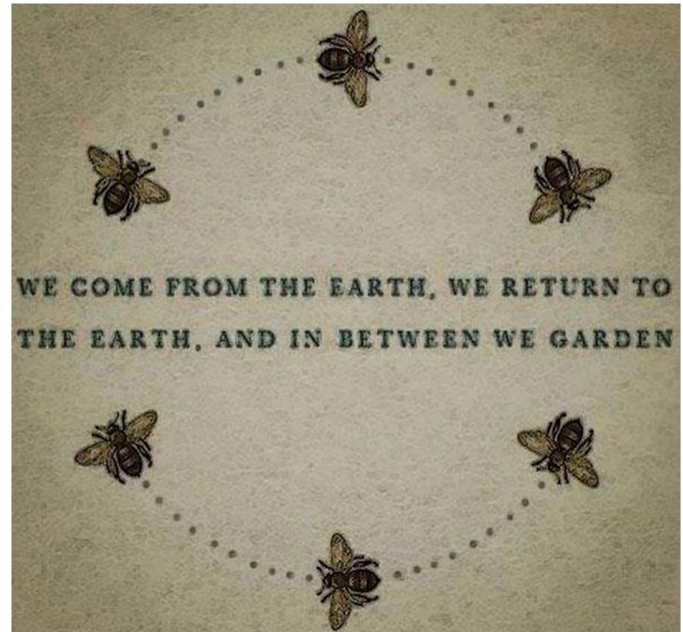
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