

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

February 8- CGC meeting @1 pm- “Missouri Bird Identification” with Bill Mees, former president of the Columbia Audubon Society.

January 31- Winter Garden Forum 1:30 -3:30

“Ideas for a New Season” presenters Alice Longfellow and Ann Wakeman at the Columbia Public Library sponsored by Discovery Garden Club.

February 6- March 27 Orchid Show Missouri

Botanical Gardens.

February 6- Orchid Sale by St. Louis Orchid Society

May 16-19 FGCM 83rd Annual Convention-

Springfield, MO. Ramada Plaza Hotel

President’s Greeting:

“We need to get out more often.” This was our theme for an overnight trip to St Louis: dining, shopping, and a visit to the Missouri Botanical Garden.

The Missouri Botanical Garden in St Louis is a wonderful place to visit, even in January. The Climatron is like a brief trip to the tropics on a cold, cloudy day. Walking along outside the paths, I was surprised to see staff at work. Reminding me that on nice days ahead in February, I can enjoy being outside and work in the garden.

Missouri offers many opportunities for fun, short trips.

On a web site called I love Gardens (<http://www.ilovegardens.com/Missouri>) , there is a long list of gardens in Missouri. I hope to “get out more often” this year and include a visit to a garden on these mini vacations.

Marsha

“Caring for Our Beautiful Columbia”

2 Fun Activities CGC Members Can Do

1. CGC Members are asked to assist with a fun activity at *the Bluffs* making valetines on February 4 at 2 pm. If you have any materials that you feel can be used for this, please bring them with you. Questions contact Barb Rothenberger.

2. Grow Well Missouri project will repackage seeds for distribution on February 9th at 5:30 pm. Meet at the Food Bank 2101 Vandiver Drive. We will work until 7:30. You don’t have to work 2 hours if you aren’t able. If you have questions, contact Evette- enissen57@gmail.com



February to do list:

1. When the ground is workable, so seeds of sweet peas and larkspur for spring color.
2. Fertilize the soil around the base of lilacs, strawberries and primrose in late February.
3. Prune trees and shrubs. Remember prune spring blooming shrubs after they bloom, not now.
4. Prune grapes and fall raspberries now. Cut the canes within a few inches from the ground. Do not prune spring producing fruit or flowers and shrubs.
5. Repot root bound houseplants before vigorous spring growth starts.
6. Force early spring blooming shrubs now.



shutterstock · 247776466

“February Flower of the month is violet.”

+++++

Cattails

**Special Thanks to Alice Havard for agreeing to be the CGC Hospitality Chair for 2016-17. New member, Arlene Heins along with Leigh Speichinger have agreed to assist her.*

**Alice Havard, Barb Rothenberger, and Marie Pasley attended the “Future of Pollinators” winter symposium at UMC on January 28th.*

+++++

Want to put something in the CGC newsletter, send it to smpasley@aol.com by the 26th of the month.

**Bloomin’ Bus Tour Nashville
June 13-16, 2016**

Join with fellow garden club members and their guests to visit gardens in Nashville. **Day one** is travel and exploring extensive gardens at Patti’s 1880 Settlement before checking in to Embassy Suites *tour of Gaylord Opryland Hotel Gardens*. Later we will refresh and enjoy drinks and light snacks at Embassy Suites before an optional exploration of the bustling Midtown neighborhood. **Day three** it’s on to Cheekwood Botanical Gardens for a Garden Reflections Tour led by an expert garden guide who will help us explore the botanical collections and design elements in the Robertson Ellis Color Garden, the elegant Japanese Garden, charming Howe Garden, the Wills Perennial Garden and more. Then we continue on to explore the Country Music Hall of Fame capped by a live evening performance of the Grand Old Opry (TBD). On Day four we travel home with a short lunch stop and visit in New Harmony, IN.

For further information regarding price, meals and departure points, see inside back cover of Winter issue of the Forum; “Bloomin’ Bus Tour, Nashville” on the FGCM website or contact Sunrise tours: 573-442-1873 or Joan Martin: 573-374-1759

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB JANUARY 11, 2016 MEETING
MINUTES

PROGRAM: Evette Nissen, chair- Food Pantry Tour
and Grow Well Missouri

-Our Garden Club Members met with Sean Ross, supervisor of the Central Food Pantry, who spoke to us about how the Food Pantry operates, duties of the salaried employees, the volunteers, where the food comes from, the use of the money donations received, and the patrons who shop there. This is a very worthwhile cause in our community for people in need of food for themselves or for their families. Bill McKelvey with the *Grow Well Missouri* Program spoke to us about the re-packaging of seeds. The seeds will be given to patrons at the Food Pantry in order to encourage people to grow their own food. Volunteers are needed to help package the seeds into smaller packages at the Food Bank in February.

-President Marsha Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:15pm. 22 Members 2 Guests attended. 1 guest rejoined as a member, Wilma Rajcher-Levy; we welcome our newest member Arlene Heins.

-Lynda Blades read the inspiration.

-Minutes of December 2015 meeting were approved as written.

-Treasure report will be filed for audit.

-Hospitality: provided by Karen Blackmore, Mary Redders, and Carolyn Adams. Thank You ladies.

-2016 Yearbooks were published by Rita Gerke, and we thank her for all the work involved in this process.

-Gardening Tip: Look for signs of wildlife feeding on saplings: deer make a ragged cut; rabbits make a neat 45 degree slice.

New Business: Leslie Rosenkrans moved we give the treasure report verbally at the meeting and that it not be printed in the newsletter. Karen Blackmore, 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

A copy of the treasure report will be kept on file with the treasurer, and a copy will be kept on file with the secretary.

Committee Reports: -Barb Rothenberger reports they made 30 Christmas mug arrangements for the residents at The Bluffs in December. The next project will be Valentine cards for the residents in February. Watch for an email for the date and time, if you would like to help with this, or let Barb know.

-Carolyn Adams reports Garden Tours will be in September. She needs 5 volunteers to show their gardens.

-Carolyn Doyle reports Flower Show will be June 4. An email will be sent to those who have volunteered to help.

-Karen Blackmore reports Plant Sale co chairs will meet today to start planning the sale.

-Art in Bloom is in March.

-Marsha Taylor asks that members please sign up for a committee they would be interested in.

Old Business:

Since there are no volunteers to take the Hospitality position, a discussion resulted in that each member is to bring what they would like to drink to each meeting, and the volunteers who have signed up for their month bring goodies, will provide napkins, plates, utensils, if needed.

-We need 3 volunteers each month for hospitality, so please sign up to help, if you have not done so.

Announcements:

-January 28th Future of Pollinators symposium at the University 8:30 to 5:00.

-January 31st Winter Garden Forum- Discovery Garden Club is sponsoring Alice Longfellow and Ann Wakeman presentation at the Columbia Public Library at 1:30. It is open to anyone.

-Thank You note was read to those who donated, from the Monroe County Meat Judging Team.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary