

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

January 11 Meeting- 1 pm at Central Food Pantry 1107 Big Bear Blvd. We will tour the food pantry then Bill McKelvey will discuss the *Grow Well Missouri* program. Leave parking open next to the building for pantry patrons. Dress warmly because we will meet in the warehouse and it is cool in this section.

January 28 at “The Future of Pollinators: Why Agroforestry Matters” Symposium 8:30 to 5:30 pm. At the Bond Life Science Building UMC. Check www.centerforagroforestry.org for complete schedule.



January to do list:

1. Start planning for the upcoming season.
2. Cover pots that are left outside. Pots may become brittle or crack from thawing and freezing.
3. Feed the birds. Black oil sunflower seed is one of their favorites.
4. Begin forcing amaryllis, paper whites, and calla lilies now for quick cure of the winter blues.
5. Check stored bulbs to be sure they are not rotting or drying out.
6. Clean and sharpen gardening tools to prepare for the upcoming gardening season.

President’s Greeting:

Welcome to the new year! 2016 will be a great year for the Columbia Garden Club. Evette has some wonderful programs planned. We always look forward to the plant sale, tour of member’s gardens and our luncheons. Boy, do we have some good cooks. And, working with each other on projects is fun. If you haven’t participated in Therapy at the Bluffs, Art in Bloom or Clean Up Columbia, you might want to add them to your schedule this year.

Marsha

*“Caring for Our Beautiful
Columbia”*

Committee Sign up: Members that haven’t signed up for a 2016 committee can still sign up at the January 11 meeting.

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



Thanks: CGC takes this opportunity to thank these three lovely ladies Dee Bauers, Carolyn Swope, and Virginia Itchner for being hospitality chairs the past four years.

Thanks to the the past 2014-2015 Columbia Garden Club officers.

Christmas Tea 2016



CGC members enjoyed eating and visiting at the annual December Christmas Tea.

January Flower of the month is carnation.



Members had some fun acting out the "12 Days of Christmas"



Tanya Stanley, Central District Director installed the officers for 2016-2017: Marsha Taylor president; Evette Nissen 1st VP; Rita Gerke 2nd VP; Connie Blackmore Secretary; Leigh Speichinger treasure.

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Cattails:

*Alice Havard has had a heart problem but she is doing better now. She thanks everyone for the cards and well wishes sent to her.

*Kathy Shreves CGC member since 1957 has dropped out of the club. She has had some nerve damage in her back and is unable to get out to our meetings. We want to thank Kathy for all her years of dedication to CGC. We will miss you.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

PROGRAM: Members and guests enjoyed our annual Holiday Luncheon, our members provided their favorite dishes for all to share. For the gift exchange each member created a "Festive Wrapped Holiday Package" valued at \$5.00. The gifts were judged by two of our special guests, Tonya Stanley and Mary Bullock. Prizes were awarded for the most creative, most attractive and most colorful. We sang Christmas carols to add to the festivities provided by Marie Pasley.

Hospitality: Provided by CGC members.

Inspiration: Lynda Blades.

Meeting was called to order by Marie Pasley. 3 Guests and 33 Members in attendance

Happy Birthday was sang to Betty Gladney.

Horticulture Tip: Water houseplants with tepid water. Cold tap water may shock plants.

Minutes for November 2015 meeting approved as written.

Treasure's Report filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Barb Rothenberger and volunteers will meet at the Bluffs on December 17th to make Christmas mug arrangements for the residents.

Old Business:

Marie Pasley has Vision of Beauty Calendars for sale at \$5.00 each.

Karen Blackmore has Federated Garden Club calendars for sale at \$10.00 each.

New Business:

Tonya Stanley, Central District Director installed CGC officers for 2016-2017. They are as follows:

Marsha Taylor, President; Evette Niessen 1st Vice President; Rita Gerke, 2nd Vice President; Connie Blackmore, Secretary; Leigh Speichinger, Treasurer.

*Marie Pasley suggested we purchase seedlings for the Adventure Club as an added project in 2016. Karen Blackmore made a motion we buy enough seedlings for each child in the club. Motion was second and passed.

*Marsha Taylor suggest we have 3 people to sign up for hospitality, instead of just 2. Sign up sheets available.

Poinsettias were given to several lucky members and guests.

Thank You to the Members who brought canned goods for the Food Pantry.

Announcements:

Next Meeting will be January 11, 2016 at the Food Pantry at 1:00PM.

*If schools are closed for the entire day due to weather conditions, we will not have a meeting on those days.

*Symposium on Pollinators will be January 28, 2016 at the Bond Life Science Building 8:30-5:30.

*Central Missouri Judges Council is offering a "Mechanics for Design" class April 2, 2016 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, registration is \$10.00.

Connie Blackmore ,Secretary