

“Columbia Underground”

Happy New Year

Upcoming Events

January 9- CGC monthly meeting 1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Yearbooks will be distributed.

Program: Bluebirds Year-Round, Steve and Regina Garr of the Missouri Bluebird Society will present a program about the state bird of Missouri, the bluebird.

January 23- Planning Patriot Home landscape, 1:30

February 1- Deadline for club yearbooks

February 1- Deadline for President Reports

February 23-26 Art in Bloom, St. Louis Art Museum

May 1-4 FGCM Convention in Hannibal

May 11 Central District Flower Show and Spring meeting in Fulton.

August 16- FGCM Day at the State Fair, along with FGCM Flower Show

Happy New Year

It's time to start another garden club season. I have already started getting seed catalogs. It's fun to peruse them for checking out the latest and greatest plants

coming out. It's also a good time for committee chairs to evaluate what worked and didn't work with their committees. Members should have already signed up for committees but it is never too late to volunteer, contact the chair if you have an interest in helping on any committee.

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Patriot Home Landscape

Connie and Marie have a meeting on January 23 at 1:30 pm at Marie's house to plan the Patriot Home landscape. We have contacted members that signed up but please contact Connie Blackmore or Marie Pasley if you have an interest in working on this project, we'd love to have you. .



“Flower of the Month for January is Carnation”

Central District Flower Show and Spring Meeting

Central District is having a District wide FS in Fulton on May 11, along with the spring meeting. CD only does a district FS about every 10 years. A district FS is much bigger than most club shows, so everyone is needed. It is a great time to show favorite plants from your garden for horticulture exhibits, plus designs are also needed for the many different classes. Help show CD what Columbia Garden Club members can do, participate in this great event. Contact Marie Pasley for further info.



“Winter Chores”

Most pruning is a winter chore. We prune to remove broken or crossing branches, to remove water sprouts (shoots that grow straight up from the upper side of a main limb), to remove crowding branches, to remove sprouts growing near the base of the trunk, branches creating a narrow crotch, to remove multiple leaders and to cut low hanging branches that interfere with passage of foot or vehicle traffic. Sometimes we trim for reshaping, to cut back on the size of a tree or shrub and to rejuvenate a shrub.

January and February are usually when trees and shrubs are dormant, this is a good time to prune. Prune fruit trees now. If you have a shrub that blooms in early spring it should be pruned after the bloom so that you do not prune off the bloom for the season. As a general rule do not prune more than 25% of a shrub or tree at one time when pruning.

Tools you will need are hand shears, lopping shears, pruning saws, and hedge shears. Always make sure these tools are sharp for pruning. Clean your equipment between cuts so that you do not spread disease. I use Chlorox wipes to clean my equipment for convenience but you can use rubbing alcohol too. After cleaning apply a thin layer of oil to equipment to prevent rusting. Always clean and oil equipment after use to keep it in good condition for its next use.





COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
DECEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Columbia Garden Club met at Trinity Presbyterian Church for the annual Christmas Luncheon at noon. Members brought their favorite covered dish to share. Barbara Rothenberger said the prayer, and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal together. Carolyn Adams, Janet Lasley, and Karen Brooke did a beautiful job on the decorated tables. Carolyn Adams provided a card game for each table to see how many herbs we could identify from looking at the pictures on each card. Decorated gifts were judged and winners announced for 3 categories: Traditional-Karen Blackmore; Artistic-Carolyn Adams; Colorful- Carolyn Doyle. Each winner received an orchid plant. After the judging, gifts were chosen and opened by all who participated. Christmas carols were sang, thanks to Marie Pasley. Members again brought canned goods to be taken to Food Pantry by Karen Blackmore.

Meeting was called to order by Marsha Taylor.

November minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers report by Leigh Speichinger will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Alice Havard thanked all who participated in helping decorate the **Chancellors Home** for the home tours the

1st weekend in December. A lot of great compliments were received.

Barb Rothenberger thanked all who participated in helping with the decorated mugs for the residents at **the Bluffs**. The residents really enjoyed our visit and also enjoyed participating in arranging the greenery and flowers for the mugs. Next project for the Bluffs will be in February for Valentines.

Marie Pasley reported the **Patriot House** will be ready to plant in the Spring. US Bank employees had great volunteers to turn the soil and also apply compost. Please contact Marie or Connie Blackmore for any suggestions or ideas for this project. A committee will put their heads together to decide what we need to plant that would be maintenance free for this area, it will then need approval by Patriot House.

Carol Notbohm will send cards to Ken and Jane Sadler, Liz Kucera, Kathy Shreves and Kay Egbert to let them know we are thinking of them.

Program in January will be presented by the Blue Bird Society.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary