

“Columbia Underground”

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

Upcoming Events

January 8 - CGC Monthly meeting 1pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Program: “Chair Yoga” with instructor Jackie Sneider. Dress comfortably

January 28 - 1:30 -3:30 Discovery Garden Club sponsors a “Winter Garden Forum” at the Columbia Public Library

February 24 Mid Mo Expo- 9-3 at Battle H.S.-Backyard & Small Farm Educational workshops

February 27 thru May 8- Master Gardener Course, Tuesday evening 6 to 9 at Boone Electric Coop Community Room.

March 16 & 17 HBA Home Show at Parkade Plaza- Friday 4 to 8 pm, Saturday 10 to 6 pm

May 7- 10- FGCM 85th State Convention- Adams Point Conference Center, Blue Springs

June 4-8 FGCM “Bloomin Bus Tour” to Cincinnati- Always Fun- contact Carolyn Oates for further info

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Columbia Garden Club January 8 Meeting

The January 8 CGC meeting starts at 1 pm. The program “Chair Yoga” presented by instructor Jackie Sneider. Wear comfortable clothing.



Bald eagles gather this month near lakes, rivers and wetlands.

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Remember to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to join CGC. We want to raise our membership by 10% in 2018.

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Garden Therapy at the Bluffs

On December 14th CGC members assisted Bluff residents in making floral designs using Christmas themed mugs and greenery. Residents enjoy using these as decorations for their rooms.

Mid-Mo Expo

Mid-Mo Expo- Small Farm to Backyard Garden will be on February 24 at Battle H.S. Full day of educational workshops range from Pest/Insect ID,

Fencing, Small Animals, Hops Production, Lawn & Garden Care, and Management. Cost \$7 in advance, \$10 day of event. Also vendors, food, demos, raffles, and silent auctions.

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Become a Master Gardener

Love gardening and want to broaden your garden knowledge, become a Master Gardener. A new Master Gardener Class is starting Tuesday evenings February 27 thru May 8 at Boone Electric Community room. Contact Boone County Extension 573-445-9792 for more information.

Gardening by Month – January

Category	Week				Activity
	1	2	3	4	
Houseplants	x	x	x	x	To clean heavily encrusted clay pots, scrub them with a steel wool pad after they have soaked overnight in a solution consisting of one gallon water to which one cup of white vinegar has been added. After the deposits are removed rinse the pots in clear water. A brief soak in a solution of one gallon of water to which one cup household bleach has been added will help sanitize the pots.
	x	x	x	x	Some plants are sensitive to the fluorine and chlorine in tap water. Water containers should stand overnight to allow these gases to dissipate before using on plants.
	x	x	x	x	Wash the dust off of houseplant leaves on a regular basis. This allows the leaves to gather light

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					more efficiently and will result in better growth.
	x	x	x	x	Set the pots of humidity-loving houseplants on trays filled with pebbles and water. Pots should sit on the pebbles, not in the water.
	x	x	x	x	Allow tap water to warm to room temperature before using on houseplants.
	x	x	x	x	Fluffy, white mealy bugs on houseplants are easily killed by touching them with a cotton swab soaked in rubbing alcohol.
	x	x	x	x	Insecticidal soap sprays can be safely applied to most houseplants for the control of many insect pests.
	x	x			Quarantine new gift plants to be sure they do not harbor any insect pests.
			x	x	Amaryllis aftercare: Remove spent flower after blooming. Set the plant in a bright sunny window to allow the leaves to fully develop. Keep the soil evenly moist, not soggy. Fertilize occasionally with a general purpose houseplant formulation.
Ornamentals	x	x	x	x	Gently brush off heavy snows from tree and shrub branches.
	x	x	x	x	Limbs damaged by ice or snow should be pruned off promptly to prevent bark from tearing.
	x	x	x	x	Check stored summer bulbs such as dahlias, cannas and gladioli to be sure they are not rotting or drying out.

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	x	x	x	x	To reduce injury, allow ice to melt naturally from plants. Attempting to remove ice may damage plants further.
	x	x	x	x	Use sand, bird seed, sawdust or vermiculite to gain traction on icy paths. Avoid salt or ice melters as these may injure plants.
	x	x	x	x	Make an inventory of the plants in your home landscape. Note their location and past performance. Plan changes on paper now.
		x	x	x	Sow pansy seeds indoors now.
Miscellaneous	x	x	x	x	Avoid foot traffic on frozen lawns as this may injure turf grasses.
	x	x	x	x	Make a resolution to keep records of your garden this year.
	x	x	x	x	Store wood ashes in sealed, fireproof containers. Apply a dusting around lilacs, baby's breath, asters, lilies and roses in spring. Do not apply to acid-loving plants. Excess ashes may be composted.
	x	x	x	x	Check all fruit trees for evidence of rodent injury to bark. Use baits or traps where necessary.
	x	x	x	x	Cakes of suet hung in trees will attract insect-hunting woodpeckers to your garden.
	x	x	x	x	Brightly colored paints applied to the handles of tools will make them easier to locate in the garden.

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	x	x			Seed and nursery catalogs arrive. While reviewing garden catalogs, look for plants with improved insect, disease and drought-tolerance.
	x	x			Old Christmas trees can be recycled outdoors as a feeding station for birds. String garlands of peanuts, popcorn, cranberries, fruits and suet through their boughs.
	x				Christmas tree boughs can be used to mulch garden perennials.
	x				If you didn't get your bulbs planted before the ground froze, plant them immediately in individual peat pots and place the pots in flats. Set them outside where it is cold and bury the bulbs under thick blankets of leaves. Transplant them into the garden any time weather permits.
		x	x	x	Try sprouting a test sample of left over seeds before ordering new seeds for spring. (Roll up 10 seeds in a damp paper towel. Keep moist and warm. Check for germination in a week. If fewer than half sprout, order fresh seed.)
				x	Swap seeds and plant information with your gardening friends.

Taken from Missouri Botanical Garden site.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Columbia Garden Club Members met at 12 noon for the annual Christmas Luncheon. 31 Members attended. A Christmas traditional dinner was prepared by each of our members participation. The beautiful table decorations were handmade and designed thanks to Carolyn Adams, Karen Brooke, Linda Rubin, Mary Redders, Deb Corkery, and Marsha Taylor. Hospitality was provided by Alice Havard. Prayer was said by Ruth Ann McCoy.

Christmas Trivia was played by each table. Winners went first to select a Gift from the table. Cash donations were collected for the Food Bank. Evette Nissen presented Marsha Taylor with a gift and a Life Membership to The Federated Garden Club in appreciation for being the CGC president the past two years. Marsha Taylor thanked all the members for their kindness and support during her term.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

New Business:

Rita Gerke needs all information from members to complete year book and she will also need help proof reading the Year Book before printing. Karen Blackmore and Mary Nesladek volunteered to help her with proof reading.

Barbara Rothenberger reported on Garden Therapy at the Bluffs. Members who could help met in November to make the Christmas Placemats out of recycled Christmas Cards for the residents. Next project will be Christmas Mugs decorated with greenery and ornaments on December 14th at 2:00pm.

Karen Blackmore has the Vision of Beauty Calendars for sale at \$6.00 each.

Carolyn Oates announced Blooming Bus Tour will be June 4th this year.

Madelyn Hucker will present a Design Workshop March 20 and April 17. Contact Carolyn Oates for further info.

FGCM State Convention will be May 7 to 10 in Blue Springs.

Diane Neteter, CD Director install the 2018-2019 CGC Officers : Treasurer: Evette Nissen; Secretary: Lynda Blades; 2nd Vice President: Rita Gerkey; 1st Vice President: Betty Connelly; President : Carolyn Oates.

Submitted by,

Connie Blackmore, Secretary



Happy New Year