

“Columbia Underground”

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

Upcoming Events

May 14- 9 AM- CGC monthly mtg. Garden Tour of Clarice Brown and Jesse Emmons home gardens -(check below for details)

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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May CGC Monthly Meeting Home Tour

NOTE: Change of location and time

The monthly May CGC meeting will be a tour of Clarice Brown & Jesse Emmons personal country gardens. Jesse is an award winning hybridizer of iris, daylilies, and orchids. They have a large country garden.

Members will meet at 8:30 am for carpooling from Cosmo Park, front east parking lot. Betty Connelly will offer maps to those that need them.

Members should **bring a chair & brown bag lunch**, water will be provided.

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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.



“Endangered Brown Bats form Nursery Colonies”

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FGCM 85th State Convention

The 2018 FGCM State Convention will be held at Adams Point Conference Center in Blue Springs, MO. May 7 to 10th. Several CGC members are attending so carpooling may be available.

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“Bloomin Bus Tour” June 4 to 8

The “Bloomin Bus Tour” is a state wide tour for garden club members. It is always a great tour and fun trip to become acquainted with fellow gardeners of Missouri. The tour will be going to several locations on and around Cincinnati. Check your *Garden Forum* for information or contact Carolyn Oates.

Jefferson Farm & Gardens Lettuce Bed

If you have a chance, go visit JFG to check out the CGC sponsored lettuce bed. It was planted last week and is growing well. "The Quilt of Many Colors" makes a good showing. Next week corn and tomatoes will be growing, along with some lettuce. Other demonstration gardens are just getting started.

Clean up Columbia 2018 Report

Columbia Garden Club's help with Cleanup Columbia was successful for the 22nd time. The club owes much appreciation for these workers who came to McKee Park armed with rakes, brooms, boots and strong backs: Connie Blackmore, Karen Brooks, Sue Jessee, Ruthanne McCoy, Mary Redders, Marsha Taylor, Janet Lasley, Bill Clark and Nancy, Leigh Speichinger's daughter. The weather was cool but dry as we collected 11 bags of trash including some unusual items: 2 truck tires, a remote car, tennis racket, Hawaiian lei, 2 basketballs, squirt gun, 1/2 pint brandy, pink bicycle wheel and a dog collar with tags but no dog. This is the message I received from Leigh Kottwitz, Neighborhood Services Manager.

Hello and thank you for helping Cleanup Columbia! Based on reports from 36 groups, we estimate that 1,458 volunteers participated, picking up 1,895 bags of litter and sharing 2,726 hours of service. Even with a chilly morning, you did amazing work taking care of our community! Thank you!
Janet Lasley, chair



"Clean up Columbia Work Crew"

2018 CGC Plant Sale

The 2018 CGC plant sale, bake sale & white elephant sale was a great success thanks to the many members that brought and bought plants, baked goods, special items for the basket, and white elephant items. Special thanks goes to Betty Connelly, chair of the committee for her tireless effort to make this a successful sale. Melissa Counts won the "opportunity basket".

The sale brought in approximately \$2,000 with some outstanding bills remaining. A full report will be given at the May meeting.

Garden Tips for May

Ornamentals

- Fertilize azaleas after bloom. Use a formulation that has an acid reaction.
- Apples, crabapples and hawthorns susceptible to rust disease should have protective fungicidal

sprays applied beginning when these trees bloom.

- Continue monitoring pines, especially scotch and mugo, for sawfly activity on new shoots.
- Do not remove spring bulb foliage until it turns yellow and dies down, or next year's flower production will be reduced.
- Begin planting warm-season annuals.
- Plant summer bulbs such as gladiolus, caladiums, dahlias, cannas, and elephant ears.
- Scale crawlers are active now. Infested pines and euonymus should be treated with an insecticide at this time.
- Pinch back mums to promote bushy growth.

Vegetables

- Set out vegetable transplants, herbs and plant sweet potatoes.
- Stake or cage tomato plants at planting time.
- Direct seed crops like cucumber, melons and pumpkins.
- Growing lettuce under screening materials will slow bolting and extend harvests into hot weather.
- Place cutworm collars around young transplants. Collars can be made from cardboard strips.
- Isolate sweet, super sweet and popcorn varieties to prevent cross-pollination.
- Harvest asparagus for continued spear production. Control asparagus beetles as needed.
- Thin plantings of carrots and beets to avoid overcrowding.
- Control caterpillars on broccoli and cabbage plants by handpicking or use biological sprays such as B.T.
- Remove rhubarb seed stalks as they appear.
- Watch for striped and spotted cucumber beetles. Both may spread wilt and mosaic diseases to squash and cucumber plants.

Fruits

- Mulch blueberries with pine needles or sawdust.
- Do not spray fruit trees while in bloom. Refer to local Extension publications for a fruit spray schedule.

Turfgrass

Mow lawns at 2 to 3.5 inch height.

Apply post-emergence broadleaf weed controls if needed.

Watch for the emergence of sod webworms.

Source: *Jennifer Schutter, horticulture specialist*

Columbia Garden Club April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on April 9, 2018 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church with 29 members and 3 guests: Linda O'Keefe, Elaine Porter, and Debbie Anderson. All became members.

The program by Todd Lorenz was on "Gardening Over 50" (using ergonomic tools and proper working positions and exercise to overcome physical limitations).

Refreshments were provided by Rita Gerke, Donna Russell and Karen Wolfe.

President Carolyn Oates called the meeting to order. Minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved on a motion by Karen Blackmore and a second by Rita Gerke.

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$6281.02 after 4 disbursements. The church rental for April, in addition to the usual \$25 will include \$50 for the two day use of the church for the plant sale. The Treasurer asked about payments to official convention delegates for their expenses. Those expenses and to whom they may be paid is outlined in the By-Laws.

The **May meeting** will be a tour of the gardens of Jesse Emmons and Clarice Brown. Members will meet on May 14th at Cosmo Park front parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to car pool. Please bring your lunch and lawn chair.

The date for the July meeting has been rescheduled for the 16th due to a conflict with Bible school at the church.

A member announced that she had found a spot of moss near a business on Forum Drive. Club members were cautioned not to go on private property or to remove native plants. Kent's Florist had agreed to

sell undyed sheet moss to club members at costs.
The moss is needed to create the Kokidama planting balls.

April 14th...clean up Columbia...meet at 9:30 a.m. at McKee Park; wear boots and gloves.

Plant sale: April 20th and 21st. Friday is set up day, bring plants and bake goods after 2:00 p.m. The sale is from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members who donate plants are responsible for any of their plants that do not get sold and help will be needed in clearing and cleaning the church after the sale.

Carol Nothbaum has donated ferns,, members who can help should be at Carol's home on Thursday, April 19th to dig and bag the ferns.

April 12th, at the Bluffs Nursing Home we will be helping residents plant seeds. Marsha asked about taking pictures to put on our web site. Pictures may be taken but must not show any of the residents' faces.

May 7th thru 10th: State Garden annual convention in Blue Springs, Mo.

May 6th President, Karen Blackmore asked for assistance in making corsages for the convention.

President Oates asked for a volunteer to create signs for the flower show.

Other dates of interest:

May 5th: Central District plant sale at the Jaycees Building on the Fairgrounds in Jefferson City.

May 5th: Fulton Garden Club plant sale.

May 6th: Kitchens in Bloom a fund raiser for Services for Independent Living. \$15 for advance tickets; \$20 at the door.

May 16th: Central District Spring Meeting. Members planning to attend should send their registration money to our treasurer before May 1st.

Members who have books to donate to the UnBound Book Festival may drop them off at McAdams Ltd.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Blades, Secretary