

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

October 9-1 pm at Trinity Presbyterian- monthly meeting- Program: “Preserving Native Flowers and Using Them in Arrangements” by Mary Fritz, owner Windy Hill Cut Flower Farm of Hermann.

October 31- State FGCM dues due. Membership and contributions.

Columbia Garden Club October 9 Meeting

The October 9 club meeting will be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1 pm. Mary Fritz from Windy Hill Cut Flower Farm will present a program on how to preserve native flowers and use in arrangements.

This is a great time to invite friends to become new members. A goal for us this year is to increase membership by 10%.

2018-2019 CGC Officers

The CGC officers for 2018-2019 are:

President- Carolyn Oates

1st Vice Presidents- Betty Connelly, Gayle Fry , and Rebecca Smith

2nd Vice President- Rita Gerke

Secretary- Lynda Blades

Treasure- Evette Nissen



“Flower of the Month for October is Calendula”

Central District Fall Meeting on September 27

The Central District Fall meeting was held on September 27, hosted by Bittersweet Garden Club. 9 CGC members attended. Dan Bernskoetter presented an informative program on Beekeeping and Photography.

Following the general meeting the Central Missouri Judges Council presented a review of the New 2017 Flower Show Manual. Many of the changes to the FS Manual were discussed. All clubs should own a FS Manual.

DUES-Please pay CGC membership dues of \$20 by or before the October meeting. Checks to CGC.

October Gardening Calendar

Ornamentals

- **Weeks 1-4:** Continue watering, especially evergreens if soils are dry.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Nuts or seeds of woody plants usually require exposure to 3 months cold before sprouting. This may be provided by outdoor planting in fall or "stratifying" in an unsealed bag of damp peat moss placed in the refrigerator.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Container grown and B & B trees and shrubs can be planted. Loosen the soil in an area 2 times the diameter of the root ball before planting. Mulch well after watering.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Plant spring bulbs among hosta, ferns, daylilies or ground covers. As these plants grow in the spring they will hide the dying bulb foliage.
- **Weeks 1-2:** For best bloom later this winter, Christmas cactus, potted azaleas and kalanchoe may be left outdoors until night temperatures drop to about 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Weeks 2-4:** Spring bulbs for forcing can be potted up now and stored in a cool, frost-free place until it is time to bring indoors, usually 12 to 15 weeks.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Cannas and dahlias can be dug when frost nips their foliage. Allow the plants to dry under cover in an airy, frost-free place before storage.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Transplant deciduous trees once they have dropped their leaves.
- **Week 4:** Plant tulips now.
- **Week 4:** Trees may be fertilized now. This is best done following soil test guidelines.

Lawns

- **Weeks 1-2:** Seeding should be finished by October 15.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Broadleaf herbicides can be applied now to control cool-season weeds such as chickweed and dandelion.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Continue mowing lawns until growth stops.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Keep leaves raked off lawns to prevent smothering grass.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Now is a good time to apply lime if soil tests indicate the need.

- **Week 4:** Winterize lawn mowers before storage.

Vegetables

- **Weeks 1-4:** Sow cover crops such as winter rye after crops are harvested.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Gourds should be harvested when their shells become hard or when their color changes from green to brown.
- **Weeks 1-4:** A few degrees of frost protection may be gained by covering tender plants with sheets or light-weight fabric row covers.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Continue harvesting tender crops before frost.
- **Weeks 1-4:** The average first frost usually arrives about October 15-20.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Harvest winter squash and pumpkins before frost. For best storage quality, leave an inch or two of stem on each fruit.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Dig sweet potatoes before a bad freeze.

Fruits

- **Weeks 1-4:** Store apples in a cool basement in old plastic sacks that have been perforated for good air circulation.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Persimmons start to ripen, especially after frost.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Monitor fruit plantings for mouse activity and take steps for their control if present.
- **Week 4:** Place wire guards around trunks of young fruit trees for protection against mice and rabbits.
- **Week 1:** Fall color season begins.
- **Week 3:** Begin peak fall color in maples, hickories and oaks.
- **Week 4:** End of peak fall color.

Gardening Calendar supplied by the staff of the William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening located at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Missouri. (www.GardeningHelp.org)



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Several CGC members toured the garden of Karen Brooke's at the September meeting.

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 MINUTES

The Columbia Garden Club gathered at Warm Spring Ranch to take the tour to see the magnificent Clydesdales. It was a beautiful day to tour the stables and learn the history of the Clydesdales. We also enjoyed seeing the beautiful landscaped gardens near the entrance. Afterward, we drove to Karen Brooke's home to tour her lovely gardens and have a weiner roast and side dishes.

Marsha Taylor called the meeting to order.

18 members and 1 guest

Garden Tips: Monarch butterflies begin to migrate south in large numbers.

Hospitality: Thanks to Karen Brooke for providing her yard, the beautiful scenery, and fire pit for our wiener roast.

June minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Connie Blackmore reported Patriot Place landscape project was completed by our club. The

residents of the Patriot House will maintain and make improvements, as needed, for their enjoyment.

Committee Reports: Nomination committee: Marsha Taylor presented the officer slate for 2018-2019: Carolyn Oates-President; Betty Connelly, Gayle Fry, Rebecca Smith 1st Vice Presidents;

Rita Gerke-2nd Vice President; Evette Nissen-Treasurer; Lynda Blades-Secretary.

Carolyn Doyle made a motion to accept these officers and motion was seconded. The officers were approved by membership and they will be installed in December.

Leigh Speichinger provided envelopes for \$20 membership dues for 2018. Memberships are due next month, members were asked complete envelope with payment and give to Rita Gerke.

Announcements: Carolyn Doyle announced Heritage Festival is this coming weekend September 16th and 17th, and docents are needed for the Maplewood House and Houses in the village. Contact Carolyn if interested in helping.

Before adjourning the meeting we gathered in a circle to pray for our dear friend Kay Egbert who has been battling cancer. The next evening we learned that Kay lost her battle to this terrible disease. We will miss her dearly.

Connie Blackmore, Secretary