

“Columbia Underground”

Upcoming Events

May 9, 1pm Monthly meeting: “African Violets, Care and How to Propagate Them” by longtime african violet enthusiast Dorothy Anderson.

May 12, 12:30 pm Triple B Tour to Piotter’s

May 16-19 FGCM 83rd Annual Convention-
Springfield, MO. Ramada Plaza Hotel

June 4 Columbia Garden Club Flower Show
“Destination Weddings” at the Library

June 19 Kick-off Dinner for National Pollinator
Week at Great Room in Reynolds Alumni Center-
Speaker Gary Nabhan (read article)

June 23 Native Pollinators Symposium 8 am to 3:30
pm. Monsanto Auditorium, Bond Life Sciences
Center. Part of “National Pollinator Week”. Free
and open to the public.

Triple B Tour

Thursday, May 12, 2016

We will meet at **La Siesta Mexican** restaurant at 12:30 for lunch and then go to Piotter’s Nursery to look at plants.

To get there go north on hwy 763 to the intersection at Brown School Road. The restaurant is on the northeast corner of the intersection.

From this intersection, to get to Piotters, go west (left) on Brown School Road and turn north (right) at Clearview.



“May Flower of the Month is Lily of the Valley.”

FGCM State Convention

The 2016 FGCM State convention is in Springfield on May 16-19. Check the winter Garden Forum page 8 for the schedule and registration. It isn’t too late to register for the conference. Springfield is a great community to visit and the conference always has interesting workshops and tours.

CGC Flower Show June 4th

“Destination Weddings” is the theme of the June 4 CGC Flower Show at the Columbia Public Library. Since June is “the wedding month” this should be a beautiful show. Members are asked to enter horticulture and/or design classes, contact Carolyn Doyle regarding questions, or if you can help.

Storybook Gardens at WCH

The hospital *Storybook Gardens* were cleaned, replanted and mulched thanks to six industrious CGC members: Alice Havard, Jessica Schwartz, Cindy Deegan, Connie and Karen Blackmore, and Marie Pasley. The gardens are enjoyed by patients, staff and their families. Stop by and check them out.



Columbia Garden Club Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone that brought and/or bought items for the CGC Plant Sale on April 29 & 30. Special thanks go to Karen Blackmore chair, Betty Connelly, and Karen Brooke for leading us to a successful sale. Thanks also to Jessica Schwartz for bringing plants from her mom's greenhouse. Plants looked great, garden art and items sparkled, food items were very tasty, a winning combination. The sale netted around \$1,800 some costs are not in yet so a full report will be given at the May 9th meeting.

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“Clean up Columbia” 2016 Report

CGC's help with *Cleanup Columbia* was successful for the 20th time. The club owes much appreciation for these workers who came to McKee Park armed with rakes, brooms, boots and strong backs: Carolyn Adams and sister Maxine, Randy Adams, Karen Brooks, Mike Brooks, Connie Blackmore, Kay Egbert, Ruthanne McCoy, Virginia Itschner, Mary Redders, Janet Lasley and Bill Clark. The weather was cool but clear as we collected 11 bags of trash including some unusual items: range bag containing a few shotgun shells and one 45 LC pistol round, screen door, baby bottle, dart board, Superman handcuffs and part of a BBQ grill.

This is the message I received from Leigh Kottwitz, Neighborhood Services Manager “Our initial reports show that we had 1,335 volunteers participate, picking up 1,653 bags of trash and sharing 2,488 hours of time. Thanks for being part of that success! I hope it was a rewarding activity for you and please know that your work adds to the pride of our community!”

Mizzou Botanic Garden invites you to kickoff National Pollinator Week with Native Pollinators Dinner!

National Pollinator Week is the week we highlight and share the importance of pollinators including bees, birds, butterflies and bats.

Sunday, June 19, 2016, 5 p.m. Tour.

6 p.m. Dinner & Guest Speaker *Gary Nabhan is an agricultural ecologist, ethno botanist and writer at the University of Arizona.*

Great Room, Reynolds Alumni Center
University of Missouri, 704 Conley Avenue
\$50 Per Person | Cash Bar | Auction Items

Please RSVP with dietary restrictions by June 1st to
University Events:
573-882-1989 or events@missouri.edu

June 23 Free Pollinator Symposium

Garage Sale- Sue McConnell will have a sale including hosta and daylilies on May 27 & 28; 1601 N. Earthland Road (McConnell's Plantland)



COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB
APRIL 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Program: Tanya Stanley, Central District Director showed our members and guests how to make glass yard art for our gardens. Members were encouraged to bring their own glass ware to make for themselves and for the Plant Sale. Everyone enjoyed creating various designs for their own or to donate to the Plant Sale. Members enjoyed participating in this hands on project for our club.

The meeting was called to order by Marsha Taylor.

Inspiration was read by Lynda Blades.

34 members and 1 guest, Laurie Mathews.

Garden Tip: The average last freeze for Missouri is April 15, last frost is May 10th.

Hospitality: Thanks to Evette Nissen, Emily Bonwich, Karen Blackmore.

March Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Karen Blackmore reported two designs were entered for *Art In Bloom*. Karen Blackmore, Carolyn Oates, Betty Connelly, and Connie Blackmore worked as a team to create the designs. We were pleasantly surprised to receive the award for "Best Creative Design to Represent the Art Work" for one of the entries.

Betty Connelly reported the committee is in the process of locating a tree in a special location to place a plaque to honor Ken and Jane Sadler for their dedication to our club for growing and providing tomato plants for our club to sell at the Plant Sale for many years, and for their continued support and knowledge for our club. Club members suggested a tree on the path for best viewing.

Carolyn Doyle reported on the Flower Show for June 4th. Programs for the show were provided for the members to make plans for entries. The theme is "Destination

Weddings" and members are encouraged to enter this fun show.

Marie Pasley and volunteer members met before our meeting to package Redbud seedling trees to be given to the Russell Boulevard Elementary School students.

Janet Lasley reported that *Clean Up Columbia* was again a success, with the help of 12 members and spouses who picked up trash at McKee Park on April 9th.

Carolyn Adams is planning another Brown Bag Lunch to visit Taylor's (previously known as Piotters). An email regarding details will follow.

Barb Rothenberger reported the project of "seed plantings" for the residents at the Bluffs was very enjoyable. Any new projects and ideas for the residents are welcome. Members are always needed to help the residents with these projects.

Marsha Taylor reported plans are still in the process of what our club can do to help with the

Landscape project at the "Patriot House". The walking path is an option we will consider. Planning and details will follow after decision is made by the committee.

Karen Blackmore reports the "Plant Sale" plans are progressing by the committee.

Members are encouraged to bring plants from their gardens, gently used garden items, cook books, and baked goods to sell. Plant Sale will be Saturday April 30, 8:00 to 2:00. All members are encouraged to help in any way beginning on Friday April 29 to 4 pm.

Connie Blackmore

Secretary