

“Columbia Underground”

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Up Coming Events

May 10 Annual Members Garden Tour starts at 8:30 am

May 12- Central District Spring Zoom Meeting. All members invited. Invite below

June 14- CGC Monthly meeting- Field Trip to Battlefield Lavender Farm south of Centralia.

July 12- CGC Flower Show at member, Karen Backmore's home. Show is open 1 to 4 to CGC members only.



“Black Haw”
Viburnum prunifolium

Color- White flat-top cluster bloom.
Burgundy foliage in the fall.

Light Preference: Full sun/partial shade

Height/Spread: 12'to15'

Bloom Period: Spring

* This area info for 2021 is taken from “*Tried and True Missouri Native Plants for Your Yard*”

CGC 2021 Plant & White Elephant Sale

Our annual plant sale was on April 24- 9 to 2 pm. Thanks to all the members that brought wonderful plants and white elephant goodies. It was the biggest sale we have had for a few years. Special thanks for the 109 tomato plants that Evette Nissen grew and brought. All but about 9 of them sold. Elaine Keely brought lots of strawberries that many took home to enjoy. Profit from the plant sale after bills were paid was \$2,561.75. Betty Connelly gets special recognition for her dedication, hard work and leadership in getting us through another successful sale.

CGC May 10th Member Garden Tour

Starting at 8:30 am members will tour gardens of CGC members. Betty will send out the details on order of gardens in a future mailing.

If you have not contacted Betty about going on the tour, PLEASE do that today, so that she can get the groups organized.





Clean Up Columbia 2021

Clean-up Columbia was held on Saturday 17, 2021. Columbia Garden Club participated in this event for the 24th year, cleaning up McKee Park. The event had been canceled in 2020 due to Covid 19. Eleven enthusiastic hard workers showed up representing the Garden Club and collected 12 bags of trash plus a basketball, broken table, 6 foot iron stake, car parts, children’s boots, and a cat perch. These faithful workers were Betty Connelly, her husband Mike, her granddaughter Erin, Sue Jessee, Linda Antal and her granddaughters Lucy and Emma, Cindy Deegan, Connie Blackmore, Bill Clark and Janet Lasley. The weather for trash pickup was cloudy and cool and fortunately no rain. We remain proud to be part of such a grand community effort. This year people and groups set their own dates and there was no lunch afterwards due to Covid restrictions.

Central District Spring Meeting

**INVITATION
TO
CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING MEETING**

Conducted Via Zoom

You are cordially invited to join

Arrowhead Garden Club

as we explore

“Native Plants in the Urban Environment”

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

***To participate, click on the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661028221?pwd=VXpkSzIEd3BYMmx5OU1KTlJlRjEYQT09>***

New to Zoom? A “practice meeting” will be held:

Date: May 7, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Practice Meeting Link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81397506888?pwd=VENmYmRURVB5QU5pV1dkVGhSTHN4QT09>

Agenda and Zoom etiquette to follow. For additional information, call Maureen Green at 573-808-0599 or Barbara Harrison at 660-366-4519

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Thank You Thank You

Thanks to Columbia Garden Club for the wonderful reception, flowers, and certificate recognizing my being given the “FGCM 2021 Award of Honor”. It was great to have so many of you present when I received this recognition. Wow!! I was so surprised and flabbergasted to receive this honor, it means so much to me. It is such a special gift to be recognized by one’s fellow gardeners. I appreciate Karen Blackmore and Linda Houston submitting an application in my name, so very considerate. This recognition is one of the highlights of my gardening years, Thank You. Marie

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CGC April Meeting Minutes

Columbia Garden Club met by Zoom on April 12, 2021. President, Betty Connelly called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with 18 members present.

Program: Carol Gravens, AAS, BS, MA presented the program “Plants That Changed The Course of History” based on the book by Bill Laws “50 Plants That Changed The Course of History.” Carol is a master gardener and master naturalist with the St. Louis Master Gardeners Speaker’s Bureau. These plants made life possible by providing us with fuel, food, shelter, clothing, and medicine. There are 400,000 types of plants and 100,000 are endangered. Earth is 4.5 billion years old; ferns are 335 million years old (growing up to 30 feet in height). Coal mines are causing a lot of water and air pollution. Wyoming has the largest coal mines in the world.

Plants: Papyrus gives us paper. Olive—99% of the olive crop goes into oil. Wine Grapes—to make wine. White Willow—aspirin is extracted from the bark and is considered a “miracle” drug and has been around since 1899. Vanilla—comes from the tropical climbing orchid; only orchid grown for food, and 5.5 million tons are consumed yearly. White Mulberry—silk is made from the cocoon of the silkworm. Sweet Pea—Gregor Mendel, Father of Genetics, discovered the fundamental laws of inheritance through pea plants. Wheat—bread is the staff of life and is portable and storable. Coffee—beans are roasted; goes back to the 13th century. Tobacco—rivals cotton as world’s most important non-food crop, and is the biggest money crop in Virginia. Corn—native to America and is the third most important grain on the planet. Cotton--the catalyst for the Industrial Revolution and is one of the most important non-food crops in the world. Cotton seeds are used in margarine, soap, cooking oil, cosmetics, dynamite, plastics, and ice cream. Sugarcane--considered “white death” due to damaging the health of consumers. Rice—rivals wheat as one of the world’s most important crops; half of the plants are harvested by hand. Asian farmers grow 90% of the world’s rice. Tea—tea leaves are hand picked from trees that are about 5 ft tall. Cocoa—native of South

American rainforests on trees that can grow to 80 feet high; chocolate is considered the food of Gods. Potato—high in starch; native to the Americas. A lot of information was given about these important plants.

Business Meeting: Betty called the business meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: “A gardener is the spirit of the garden, the organizing force, the heart and soul of it all” by Jeff Cox. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Evette Nissen, treasurer, reported our balance as \$8,577.66.

Pressing flowers: Barb Rothenberger will be doing a meeting on preserving plants when we can meet in person. However, Barb gave some tips so members can start preserving Spring flowers. It is best to use thin plants; pansies hold their color when pressed if lighter colors are used, instead of the darker colors. Plants can be dried in non-slick books, like a phone book. Absorbent blotter paper is good, and watercolor paper is also absorbent. Put extra books on top of the book for extra weight. A flower press can be purchased or easily made. When flowers are dry (about four weeks), store them in file folders. MU Extension has guide sheets on drying flowers; can obtain this on-line.

Old Business: April 17 is the Clean Up Columbia date for our club at 9:30 at McKee Park.

Plant Sale: April 23 is the date for set up from 1:30 – 3:30. April 24 is the plant sale from 9-2; set up will start at 8 a.m. Members need to bring plants, boxes, and sacks. Be sure to identify your plants. Miscellaneous items need to be priced; might use a “dot” system to identify prices.

Garden Tour: The members’s garden tour will be May 10 starting at 8:30 a.m. Booklets will be available at the first house for the tour; details will be sent out later. This will conclude with a picnic lunch at Diana Cooksey’s yard. Everyone brings their own lunch, beverage, and lawn chair.

Meals on Wheels: Our flower project will probably be in July. Marie Pasley is growing flowers at Jefferson Farms. We will have a workday to assembly the arrangements.

Christmas tree ornaments: Our club will be decorating a house for the first weekend in December. Start collecting natural items to make decorations.

Central District Spring Meeting: This will be a zoom meeting on May 12 from 9:30 – 12:30.

Flower Show: This will be a small standard flower show on July 12 at Karen Blackmore's home. It will be for members only. Designs will be "Family Dinner, a place setting for one, staged on a dining room table. "Fun and Games" a low profile design 20" x 20" x 5" tall, staged on a coffee table. "Farmer's Market" 18" x 24" a design in a basket (provided by the designer), and a "Petite Design" not to exceed 6" in height, width and depth. These will be staged on a 6" white ceramic tile, set on top of a wine goblet (not in the wine glass).

Scholarship: Rita Gerke reported that she has had no applications, but she will contact MU again.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek



[Black Haw Shrub](#)