

“Columbia Underground”

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

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Up Coming Events

June 14- CGC Monthly meeting Read below for Time change- Field Trip to “Battlefield Lavender Farm” south of Centralia.

July 12- (our monthly mtg. date) CGC Flower Show at member, Karen Backmore’s home. Show is open 1 to 3 to CGC members only. Entries must be removed by 4pm

August 9- CGC Monthly meeting at 1 pm- Tour of Russell Blvd. School Garden lead by Mellssa Kouba, chair of Teaching Columbia’s Children to Plant America project by CGC.

September 13 Monthly meeting at Cosmo Park
11am- Picnic in the park

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CGC June 14th Tour “Battlefield Lavendar Farm”- 20601 N. Rangeline Rd. Centralia.

Starting at 3:10 pm members will meet at the northeast corner of the Connelly Rd. Walmart for carpooling to the “Battlefield” lavender farm. BattlefieldLavender.com Travel east on I-70 to the Centralia/Hwy Z exit. Go north on Hwy Z to the farm. The tour will start at 4 pm by Karie Lockwood, owner. Bring drink & chair.



“New Jersey Tea”
Ceanothus americanus

Color- White cluster bloom. Leaves were used to make tea during the American Revolution.

Light Preference: sun/light shade

Height/Spread: 3’-4’ tall w/2’-3’ spread

Bloom Period: May- June.

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

July 12 CGC Flower Show

The CGC flower show will be on July 12 at the home of Karen Blackmore, 2312 Deer Creek Court, Columbia. Entries will be taken 8 to 9:30 am. Judging will start at 10 am. Schedules to the show will be e-mailed to members. This will be a small show and open to members only, so it’s a great time to try your hand at design and/or horticulture entry. We need members to participate to make this a success, so come try it out. Show Chair, Carolyn Doyle.

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

Planting a Pollinator Garden

by National Gardening Association Editors

Pollinators and Their Favorite Flowers

Ants -- Although ants like pollen and nectar, they aren't good pollinators, so many flowers have sticky hairs or other mechanisms to keep them out.

Bats -- Large, light-colored, night-blooming flowers with strong fruity odor (e.g., many cactus flowers). Bats don't see well, but have a keen sense of smell.

Bees -- Yellow, blue, purple flowers. There are hundreds of types of bees, and they have a range of flower preferences.

Beetles -- White or dull-colored, fragrant flowers since they can't see colors (e.g., potatoes, roses)

Butterflies -- Red, orange, yellow, pink, blue. Because they need to land before feeding, they like flat-topped clusters (e.g., zinnias, calendulas, butterfly weeds) in a sunny location.

Carrion-eating flies -- Maroon, brown flowers with foul odors (e.g., wild ginger).

Flies -- Green, white, cream flowers. Many like simple bowl-shaped flowers or clusters

Hummingbirds -- Red, orange, purple/red tubular flowers with lots of nectar, since they live exclusively on flowers (e.g., sages, fuschias, honeysuckles, nasturtiums, columbines, bee balms). They need no landing areas since they hover while feeding.

Moths -- Light-colored flowers that open at dusk (e.g., evening primroses).

Planting a Pollinator Garden- By creating a garden that attracts a range of pollinators, you can provide vital oases amidst seas of buildings and concrete. Kids can play a role in digging shallow pools and mud puddles and providing piles of twigs and animal hair for nesting materials.

1. Include a variety of flowers that bloom throughout the season(s) so there's always some food for pollinators.
2. Use as many native plants as possible. Local plants and pollinators are more likely to be adapted to one another. Although hybrid flowers are bred to look and/or smell nice for humans, they often don't provide much or accessible nectar or pollen.
3. Grow host plants that are known to attract certain pollinators, such as milkweed for monarch butterfly larvae. (See the list above of pollinators' favorites.)
4. Provide shallow pools and mud puddles that nourish butterflies and offer home-building materials for bees and wasps.
5. Include tall plants and trellised vines -- especially those with yellow blossoms -- to attract passing pollinators to your gardens. Sunflowers, sweet peas, nasturtiums, morning glories, and scarlet runner beans are good choices.
6. Provide nesting sites and materials. Leave cut plant stems exposed, turn flowerpots with bottom holes upside down, leave twigs and brush in small piles, and leave out pieces of string or other light fibers.
7. Avoid using pesticides and herbicides. By tolerating some pest damage and weeds, you'll promote a healthier garden for pollinators and your family. There are many organic choices for pest control that work well for home gardeners.
8. Turn part of your lawn into a wildflower meadow, or at least leave some wild areas nearby to provide habitat and food for pollinators.

CGC May Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club held the annual member's garden tour on May 10, 2021 starting at 8:30 a.m. with 22 members touring gardens. People were divided into five groups to tour the gardens of Mary Nesladek, Betty Connelly, Carolyn Doyle, Melissa Kouba, and Diana Cooksey. Home owners showed off their yards and specialty plants. At the end of the tour, members met in the yard of Diana Cooksey bringing their own picnic lunch.

Business meeting followed the picnic. The inspiration was all the beautiful yards that were toured that morning. We welcomed two guests: Carol Tummons, sister of Linda O'Keefe, and Cathy Fulkerson, guest of Elaine Keely. Evette Nissen, treasurer, reported that we had a profit of almost \$2,600 from the plant sale on April 24. Our balance now is \$11,127.91. On April 17 five club members along with some family members participated in Clean-Up Columbia. A total of eleven people cleaned up at McKee Park. Marie Pasley was recognized for her FGCM 2021 Award of Honor. Marie was surprised on April 23 on the work day for the plant sale with her award and her tiara. We also celebrated with green and white cupcakes. Barbara Rothenberger reminded members to dry flowers for a project in a future meeting. She showed an example of a design of pressed flowers she made. We also need to collect and dry natural items to decorate for Christmas, such as pine cones, seed pods, etc. Our Club will be decorating a home in December.

Scholarship: It was voted to award the Columbia Garden Club \$500 scholarship to Brenna Heavin who has just finished her freshman year at MU. She is enrolled in the College of Agriculture in the Division of Plant Sciences.

June meeting: We will be going to the Battlefield Lavendar Farm in Centralia on June 14. **Note the change in time; we need to be there at 4 p.m.** Betty will send out information to carpool.

July meeting: A Placement Flower Show will be on July 12 at the home of Karen Blackmore from 1- 3 p.m. Details on the designs are in the April minutes. You can

also contact any of our flower show judges for details and more information. In July we are also planning to make our flower arrangements to give to recipients who get Meals on Wheels. Marie Pasley has planted flowers at the Jefferson Farm for our use; arrangements will be made there. Details to come later.

Meeting adjourned. The members who gardens were on tour then visited the five gardens for the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek

