

“Columbia Underground”

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

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Up Coming Events – more details inside

October 11- CGC Monthly meeting TIME CHANGE-

**Meet at 11 AM at the Trinity Presbyterian Church
1600 W. Rollins-** Program: “Preserving Flowers
Creatively” by Barb Rothenberger.

October 31- Member dues to State

November 8- FGCM Fall Board Meeting at
Jefferson City

November 15- CGC Monthly meeting 1 pm- NOTE
date change- Program: Book Review

November 30- Books of Evidence due

December 13- CGC monthly meeting- Christmas
Tea

October 11 Monthly Meeting 11 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church

The October meeting will start at 11 am allowing members to work on the Christmas decorations for decorating the Troxell House for the Missouri Symphony Home Tour. The theme for the house will be “Nature’s Music”. Decorations will be made of natural plant materials. **Members should bring:** hot glue guns, seed pods, cones, pruners any materials for making natural decorations. Bring lunch & a drink. The list of members working in the different areas follow:

-Front Hall Door & Hall- Karen and Connie Blackmore

-4 Bedrooms & baths- Carol Tummons, Amanda Schoenfeld, Rebecca Smith (**one more needed in this area**)

-Front Parlor- Diane Cooksey, Ann Odell, Rita Gerke (**need one more in this area**)

-Dinning Table- Melissa Kouba, Rebecca Smith

-Kitchen- Kay Kern (**need one more in this area**)

-Great Room- Marie Pasley, Carolyn Doyle, Donna Puleo, Leigh Spiechinger

If you are not listed on one of these groups, no problem come to help, we need everyone.



*“American Beauty Berry”
Callicarp americana*

Color- purple berry color in fall

Light Preference- full sun/part shade

Height/Spread-: 3 to 5' ht. by 5-6' wide

Bloom Period- pale pink in spring

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

2022 CGC Member Dues

CGC Member Dues need to be paid any time before or at the October meeting. A check for \$25 made out to CGC should be mailed to: Evette Nissen, 10721 S. LaVista Dr. Columbia, MO 65202. Please include information about any e-mail, phone or address changes.

2022 & 2023 Officer Slate

Congratulations to the new CGC 2023-24 club officers.

President	Betty Connelly
1st VP	Diana Cooksey
2nd VP	Linda Antal
Secretary	Mary Nesladek
Treasurer	Carolyn Oates
Parliamentarian	Carolyn Dolye

We greatly appreciate them taking on these jobs. As club members, we will do our part to make this upcoming year a success.

October Gardening Tips

- Take time to enjoy the fall colors in the landscape!
- Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs.
- Spring bulbs can be planted among groundcovers and perennials. As these plants grow in the spring, they will hide the dying bulb foliage.
- Dig cannas, caladiums, elephant ears, gladiolus and dahlias after frost nips their foliage. Allow to dry before storage. Store in a dark, cool, dry place.
- Clean up around your perennial flowers, such as rose and peony. If left on the ground, leaves and stems can harbor diseases and provide convenient places for pests to spend the winter.
- As you clean out the flowerbeds, mark the spots where late emerging perennials will come up next spring to avoid damaging them while working in the beds.

- Prune dead and diseased branches from trees and shrubs while you can still identify them easily.
- If a tree or shrub had foliar disease problems, remove leaves and dispose of them because old fallen leaves can harbor disease pathogens.
- Fall needle shed of pines is normal. Don't panic if your pine is yellowing and needles start to fall. It will come out of it.
- Put tree guards on young trees to protect against rabbits and deer.
- Leaves can be beneficial to the garden and should not be burned or discarded. Consider using as a mulch or adding to your compost pile.
- If soils are dry, watering shrubs and trees.
- Transplant deciduous trees and shrubs after leaf drop.
- If fertilizer is required for trees, fertilizer can be applied now through April. Fertilizing is best done according to a soil test. For more information, see MU Guide G6865 <https://extension2.missouri.edu/g6865>.
- Delay fall mulching until the ground has cooled.

Vegetable Gardens

- Clean up and discard garden debris after frost especially tomato and pepper plants and squash vines that may have had diseased foliage.
- Plant radishes, lettuce and spinach for late harvest. Harvest can continue until spring if winter is mild enough or by season extension techniques such as a low tunnel, cold frame or hot bed.
- Harvest crops such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons, and sweet potatoes before frost or cover with blankets to protect them from light frost.
- Green tomatoes can be harvested before frost and ripened indoors. Individually wrap fruits in newspaper to keep them for several weeks.
- Finish cleaning up garden areas. Compost only non-diseased foliage and plants. Remove all tomato cages and stakes.

- Harvest winter squash and pumpkins with 2 to 3 inches of stem for better storage.

CGC September Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on September 13, 2021 at 9 a.m. at Kiwanis Park with Betty Connelly calling the meeting to order. We welcomed two new members: Amanda Schoenfeld and Carol Tummons. The inspiration was given by Mary Nesladek: “Working in the garden gives me something beyond the enjoyment of the senses. It gives me a profound feeling of inner peace” by Ruth Stout. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as distributed. Evette Nissen reported the treasury balance of \$10,892.63.

Old Business: Our club will be decorating the Troxell House at 2010 W. Broadway, Columbia for the Symphony League Holiday Home Tour December 3-5. This home at the corner of Broadway and Stadium is reported to be the oldest home in Columbia. Alice Havard and Barb Rothenberger are the chairs for this project. The overall theme is Nature’s Music. The decorations are to be of natural materials—seeds, pods, etc. Club members will work on making decorations at the October and November meetings. Other decorations can also be brought in to add to the display, but don’t bring valuables or breakable items. We will be decorating the house on December 1 and 2.

Future meetings: We hope to hold these at our usual place Trinity Presbyterian Church. Masks will be required. We will not have hospitality at the meetings at this time. For the October 11 meeting the business meeting will be at the usual time of 1 p.m. Members are encouraged to come any time after 11 a.m. to work on decorations. Bring your own lunch. The November 8 meeting will probably follow the same format.

Central District Fall Meeting: This was held on September 9 in Laurie, Mo with seven CGC members attending. Our members were elected to the following positions: Carolyn Oates is the 1st Assistant, Betty Connelly is the new 2nd Assistant, and Mary Nesladek is the new Treasurer.

New Business: Flower Show School 4 will be October 22-24. Registration is required; anyone can attend.

- Let Betty know if you plan to continue to be chair of a committee. Everyone should look at the Yearbook and pick several committees to help with.
- Sign-up sheets were available for signing up at the meeting and will be available at the October meeting also. You can also contact Betty to sign up.
- We had vacancies and members volunteered: Newsletter- Melissa Kouba,; Facebook -Evette Nissen ; Yearbook - Donna Russell.
- Officers for the next two years were elected: President-Betty Connelly, 1st VP-Diana Cooksey, 2nd VP-Linda Antal, Secretary-Mary Nesladek, and Treasurer-Carolyn Oates. Marie Pasley moved we accept the slate of officers, Elaine Keely seconded. Vote was unanimous. Two members volunteered for the Advisory Board—Barb Rothenberger and Leigh Speichinger.

Upcoming Events: The Winter Wonderland Holiday Flower Show will be Saturday, November 13 from 1-4 p.m. at the Eldon First Christian Church, 101 South Aurora, Eldon, MO. This is sponsored by the Eldon Garden Club and Lake Bloomers Garden Club. The FGCM Central District Spring Meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 2022 in Eldon, MO.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek