

August 2026

Columbia Underground



COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

The sound of dog-day cicadas fills the late afternoon/early evening air in August. I love that sound. It signals the last hot days of summer are closing in, the nights are getting shorter and school will start in a few short weeks. It is also time for the Missouri State Fair and entries are needed for horticulture but most importantly, design, botanical arts and artistic crafts sections and classes. Even though our club just completed a successful national garden club standard flower show last month, there is another NCG standard flower show that needs our support. Please contact me or Chair Joan Eads from Eldon, MO for entries. You can email Joan with questions at joaneads@sbcglobal.net or by calling her at 573-280-0670. When I spoke with her, she still had open slots that needed to be filled. Give it some thought, and plan a trip to the Missouri State Fair on Wednesday, August 19th for the flower show. I bet they have funnel cakes there!

Our August 10th club meeting begins at 9 am at the home of Charles Paxton, 4803 Rainbow Trout Drive, Columbia, MO 65203. Charles will provide a tour of his gardens and describe how he converted his home's turf into a naturalized, holistic, pollinator, butterfly, and wildlife habitat in an urban setting. We will meet at Moser's Foods, 4420 Faurot Drive, at 8:45 am and carpool to Charles' home and then to the church. Consider wearing sunscreen, insect repellent, and a hat. Our business meeting will be at the church afterwards. Refreshments will not be provided so please bring a snack and beverage.

As a friendly reminder, Tuesday, August 25th is our monthly volunteer opportunity at the Food Bank from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Volunteers are always needed for this civic project. Thanks to those that participate on a regular basis and new volunteers are welcome.

Soak in these last hazy, lazy days of summer. Cut the zinnias from the garden and create a bright arrangement just for you. Enjoy the sounds of those dog-day cicadas, too.

Donna

July Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on Monday, July 13, 2026 with 30 members and no visitors present. Donna Puleo called the meeting to order. Barbara Rothenberger was recognized as having our only July birthday.

Darlene Rasberry gave information about our upcoming August meeting. We will meet at Mosers between 8:30 and 9:00, carpool to Charles Paxton's where we will tour his "Naturalized Urban Garden". We will not have refreshments at this meeting so bring water and snacks as needed. You might also want to bring bug spray.

An email will be sent out covering the above information and instructions on parking and a room change at the church following the garden tour.

Our member, Nancy Rold who owns "Glory Be Gardens" in Hallsville presented a very informative program "Hybridizing - What's New in Daylilies".

Karen Blackmore checked to see if anyone wanted to order CGC t-shirts (\$16.50 for t-shirts with the CGC design on the front or \$18.50 for t-shirts with the CGC design on the front and back).

Committee Reports:

CGC scholarship - Rita Gerke read a thank you note from this years scholarship recipient.

Flower Show - Marie Pasley presented information and presentations for the upcoming Flower Show. She gave guidelines as far as times of delivery and pickup of designs, judging, public viewing and cleanup. Alice Havard presented an example and gave tips on reflective design.

Meeting was adjourned by Donna Puleo.

Respectfully submitted.

Diane Linneman

New Member

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Central District Fall Meeting

Please join us for the
FGCM Central District Fall Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2026
Hosted by the Ashland Garden Club



Registration is at 9:00 with Call to Order at promptly at 10:00.
Come hear district news, make new friends, and visit with old ones!
We'll hear the President's Reports, and find out what's going on with other clubs.
We'll have lunch and then our program "Children in the Garden."

Registration: Deadline is August 21, 2026. Please enclose a list of members attending from your club (include any positions they hold in District, State, Central Region and/or NGC) with a check to cover the cost for each member (\$20). Check should be made payable to The Ashland Garden Club. Please send the list and check, via snail mail, to
Mary Henley
5401 Giesing Hill Road
Hartsburg, MO 65039

Ways and Means

Don't forget to bring donations to the District Ways and Means – each club is required to provide item(s) worth a total value of \$20 or \$20 cash/check. Also, bring money to spend on Ways and Means!

Directions to Ashland Baptist Church, 203 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO

From Highway 63, take Ashland exit west into town; proceed west on Broadway/Route M through large roundabout at intersection with Henry Clay Boulevard (two banks and a Breaktime at the intersection). Ashland Baptist Church is on north side of Broadway about 3 blocks from roundabout, just before entering main business district.

If you plan to attend the District Meeting, you need to pay the \$20 registration fee by August 10th. You can pay Mary Nesladek at our August meeting. If you won't be attending our meeting but plan to attend the District Meeting, please mail your check for \$20.00 to Mary before August 10th. Your check should be made payable to Columbia Garden Club.

Mary Nesladek
1365 S. Mesa Drive
Columbia, MO 65201

August Yard of the Month

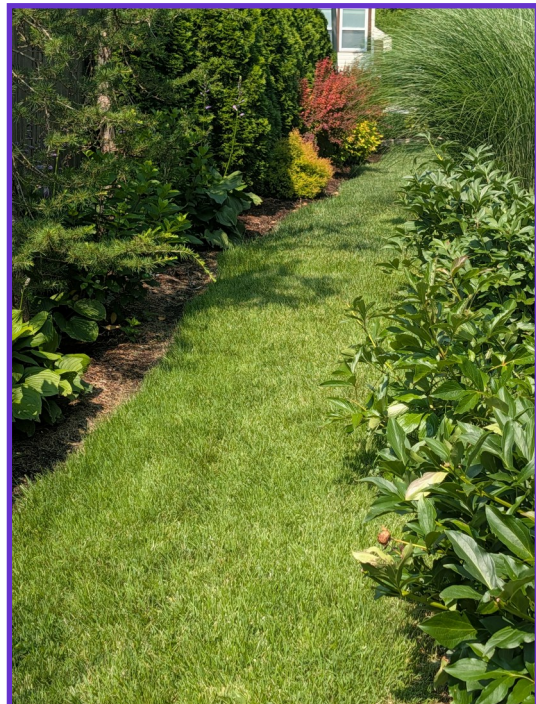
Angie Boyle moved into 111 Clinton Drive in 1996. The yard needed a lot of work, and the first thing she and her wife Laura ripped out were the bushes and large hedge of honeysuckle. They had five children between them and the giant oak tree provided plenty of shade for their trampoline. But that had to come down after it began to drop large branches, one barely missing Angie as she was gardening.

The yard has been resodded and a drainage system put in, all done by the owners. But all the work has been worth it. “It’s like she’s painting the yard”, said Laura. And Angie claims that gardening helps her heart, and she does it for her own peace of mind. She says that the “live art” placed around the yard which hold special meaning and importance to her all have crazy stories behind them.

Angie’s dad started her as a child using clippers and raking the leaves and branches from the evergreens and oaks in their yard. She also learned a lot from Laura’s mother who was a master gardener. The yard holds many reminders of Laura’s mother, from plants to live art which hangs on the fence or from trees. Angie enjoys creating memories of her that she can appreciate when she is in her yard.

Japanese gardening culture is an influence in Angie’s gardening creations. She is intrigued by the philosophy of gardening that includes the idea that the landscape created by the gardener mimics larger natural landscapes.

The yard at 111 Clinton Dr. has changed over the years, but there are a variety of dimensions to it, and a lot of meaningful history that makes it a personal creation for Angie to share with family and friends.



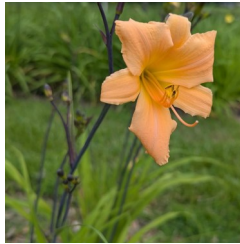
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July Meeting Speaker



Columbia Garden Club member Nancy Rold was our speaker for our July meeting. Her presentation was about her experience in hybridizing day lilies. Glory Be Gardens is the name of her hobby farm where she grows and hybridizes daylilies. Below are some of her creations.



Cleanup Columbia



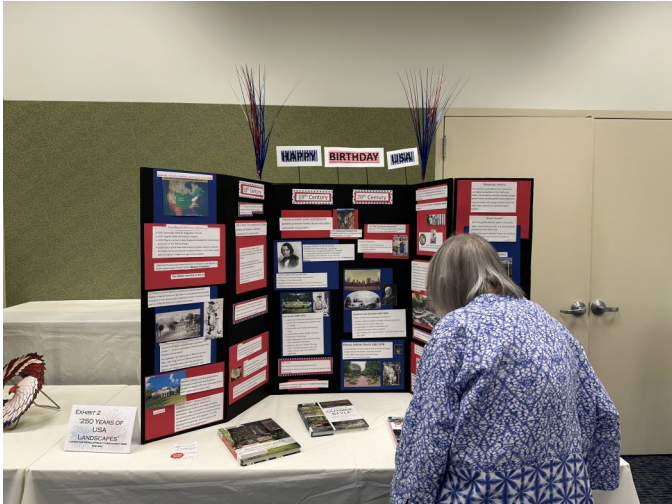
Flower Show 2026 Celebrate the United States of America



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August Meeting

We will meet on Monday, August 10th. We will be touring the garden of Charles Paxton at 4803 Rainbow Trout Drive. The tour will start at 9:00, but we will be meeting at Mosers on Scott Boulevard at 8:45 to carpool to Charles' home. Moser's address is 4420 Faurot Drive. Our business meeting will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church. There will not be any refreshments served but feel free to bring your own drink and snack.

Upcoming Events

August 12—4:00-5:00 pm—Grow Native Webinar—Propagating Native Ferns

August 13 and August 20—6:00 pm—Big and Beautiful Container Gardens—Walking Tour of Mizzou Botanic Garden's Container Plantings—register at garden.missouri.edu

August 25th—12:30-2:30—Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

August 27—4:00-7:00 pm—Tomato Festival Jefferson Farm

The Singer of the Dog Days

When summer heat begins to bake,
And leaves hang still above the lake,
The ancient chorus wakes and hums
The season's symphony becomes

A buzzing wire, a high-pitched drone,
That vibrates deep within the bone.
From leafy boughs of green and
brown,
They serenade the sleepy town.

For years they waited in the dark,
Beneath the rough and ancient bark,
But now they claim the golden sun,
Before their fleeting days are done.

So let the forest vibrate, ring,
With every breath the cicadas sing;
They are the heartbeat of the heat,
A brief and heavy, humming beat.



Columbia Garden Club

President: Donna Puleo

1st VP: Darlene Rasberry

2nd VP: Linda Antal

Secretary: Diane Linneman

Treasurer: Mary Nesladek

Parliamentarian: Alice Havard

Columbia Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month at 1:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church

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