

“Columbia Underground”

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

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Up Coming Events

**February 8- Zoom mtg. at 1 pm Program: -
“Pruning Trees” with Hank Stelzer of University of
Missouri Extension.**

**March 9 Zoom mtg. at 1pm Program: “ New &
Easy Proven Winner Container Plants” presented
by Jesse Keith, Horticulture & Communication
Specialist with Proven Winners.**

**April 12 Zoom mtg. at 1 pm Program “Preserving
our Plants” with Barb Rothenberger, PhD in
horticulture.**

**April 24 Annual Plant Sale- 8 to 1 at Trinity
Presbyterian Church- all Covid protocol observed**



CGC February 8th Zoom Meeting at 1pm.

The program will be presented by Hank Selzer, MU Extension Specialist about “Pruning Trees.” It’s time to be doing winter pruning so this should be an informative, well timed program See everyone on Zoom.



Notes from our President

1. Committee chairs-if you need to have a committee meeting you can have it on Zoom. I will be happy to set one up for you (correctly!)
2. Our member garden tour is May 10. Please think about letting us come to your garden. It is such a wonderful way to get to know members better and support our club.

3. If you know Nan McCabe, please send her a Christmas card. An album of cards is being prepared for her as a keepsake. It isn't a surprise so send them to her at Nan McCabe, 5 Ridge Oak Ct., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367 (Don't send her one if you did in December.)

4. Environmental School 2 is being offered March 15-18 via Zoom. It is only \$35.00. You can register online at if you go to the East Central District website. I will attach a copy of the form if you want to mail in your registration.

5. Linda Antal sent me the link where you can sign up for information about when and where the vaccination will be available:

<https://www.como.gov/covidvaccine/>

6. Marie Pasley wanted to remind you to save the lids from liquid detergent for making small flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels in June.

7. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Bank. We sent a donation of \$305 plus 2 members sent donations individually.

CGC 2021 Plant Sale

We have gotten approval from the church to hold our annual plant sale inside the church on April 24. We will set up the afternoon of April 23. Not all plans have been finalized but will be soon. We are very excited about being able to hold our annual sale. Gather your plants and white elephant garden items.



“Virginia Bluebells”
Mertensia virginica

Color- Sky blue to pink

Light Preference: Shade

Height/Spread: 12- 24" tall 12-18" spread

Bloom Period: March to April

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

Watering Trees in Winter

The need to water your trees in the winter, even in years when drought is not a concern is necessary.

-winter watering is crucial, especially with evergreen trees

- Well timed fall and winter watering may allow a tree to survive on less water than a regime of plentiful water applications during the growing season.

-Tree roots continue to grow throughout the winter and need moisture to survive.

-Generally, water one to two times per month October through March on a warm day when the ground is not frozen. Use the same amount of water as during the summer months.

Columbia Garden Club January Mtg. Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met by Zoom on January 11, 2021. President Betty Connelly called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. with 11 members attending. Our program was presented by Maggie McCoy, the EarthWays Education Coordinator at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. The title of her program was *Sustainability in Action*, and we got a virtual tour and presentation on practices that lead to sustainability. The Jack C. Taylor new visitors center will be under construction soon and will be completed in late 2022 or early 2023. The visitor's center will follow the LEED system— leadership in energy and environmental design. By virtual tour, we saw many areas of the gardens. The Linnean House was built in the mid 1800's and is the oldest continuously operating public greenhouse west of the Mississippi. All windows are on the south side of this building, housing tropical plants. The Spink Pavilion used to be the main access to the garden and is now an event space. Stephen & Peter Sachs Museum built in 1859 held an early collection of 60,000 dried plant specimens. It closed in 1982 and reopened in 2018, and is now a meeting space, exhibit area, and restaurant. The original paintings on the ceiling were restored. Tower Grove House is the country estate home of the garden's founder, Henry Shaw. The English Woodland Garden established in 1976 consists of three acres with three vegetation layers—upper canopy of large trees, middle layer of smaller trees, and a lower layer of perennials and ferns. The Kemper Center for Home Gardening has 23 gardening displays. Maggie said our plant hardiness zone is 6a; zones have shifted a half zone since 1990 due to global warming. The Climatron is a geodesic dome conservatory being one of the top 100 most significant architectural achievements in the U.S. There are 2,800 plants and 1,400 different species. The insect population is controlled by having lizards and geckos, instead of using pesticides. The Commerce Bank Center is for

science education. Maggie presented a wealth of information for an interesting program.

Betty called the business meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Mary Nesladek gave the inspiration: "The wise gardener anticipates June in January" by House and Garden.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Evette Nissen, treasurer, was not in attendance but reported our balance is the same as last month \$8,794.73. A check for \$305 was sent to the food bank in December from member's contributions; two additional donations were sent individually. Karen Blackmore was thanked for stepping in to get the 2021 yearbook compiled and published as Rita Gerke's computer had crashed. This yearbook was dedicated to Ken and Jane Sadler.



Committee reports: Betty can set up Zoom meetings for any committee that needs to meet.

The plant sale committee should meet soon.

Clean up Columbia will not be an organized event this Spring due to Covid 19. However, any group can schedule their own event if desired.

The member's garden tour for May 10 needs four more gardens.

Meals & Boquets project- Members were reminded to save the lids from liquid detergent bottles for making small flower arrangements for Meals on Wheels in June.

Blooming Bus Tour has been canceled for this year.

If you know **Nan McCabe**, please send her a Christmas card to 5 Ridge Oak Ct., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367. She has been the FGCM President for 2019-2021. These cards are a good-bye gift.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Nesladek