

The Columbia Underground

Newsletter from the Columbia Garden Club
A century club, established in 1919
Member of National Garden Club
Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri
Central District

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Calendar

Year-long native garden calendar:

<https://grownative.org/learn/native-landscape-care-calendar/>

May 2- Oct 15: Chihuly in the Garden (Missouri Botanical Garden)

June 19-25: National Pollinator Week

June 24: Water Festival at Rockbridge Memorial State Park, Columbia

June 25: Agriculture Park Field Day, Sunday, June 25th, 10am-3pm! CoMo

July: Blooming Bus Tour has been cancelled

July 4: 9-noon annual *Daylily Open Garden* 9-noon. Glory Be Gardens, 12151 N. Nicole Dr., Hallsville, MO. Just 15 min north of Home Depot on paved roads. Questions 573-881-5390. from member Nancy Rold

July 10: CGC member meeting at 1 pm, Speaker Mike Szydowski, 7th grade Science/JMS Zoo facilitator, speaking about a new resource in our community: the Nature Zoo at Jefferson Middle School.

August 14: CGC member meeting: making mini-bouquets for Meals on Wheels program

Membership form

If you are interested in joining Columbia Garden Club, complete the information below and mail it to:

Carolyn Oates, 6302 S. Old Village Road, Columbia, MO, 65203. Include a \$25 check payable to "Columbia Garden Club."

Name: _____

Preferred phone: (circle) cell or home _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

___ I approve of the above information being printed in the annual club yearbook.

For questions about membership, feel free to contact Linda Antal at 573-819-4502 or lga4588@yahoo.com

A note from President Betty:

Hello everyone,
I think our good weather luck has run out. Our wonderful weather on the 12th for the garden tour might have used up our good Karma! I want to thank Julie Deering, Patty O'Neal, Donna Russell, and Ann O'Dell for sharing their gardens with us. Ann was a welcoming hostess and had set up an area for us to eat our lunch under a very large Cypress tree goup. It was a very good day! Thank you, Donna, for again doing our booklet. It is so appreciated. Also, a big thanks goes to Leigh Speichinger for collecting the tour signs and taking them to her house to store.



At our meeting we voted to have our election of officers at the August meeting to give the planning committee a head start on programing which would help get the 2024 Yearbook information to Donna a bit earlier. The nominating committee is Mary Nesladek, chair, Marie Pasley, and Patty O'Neal. You may be getting a call asking you to be a candidate. If you do, please consider it carefully. Our club needs you!

If you aren't sure about what the positions consist of, your 2023 Yearbook pages 20-22 spell out the duties. Also, feel free to call the present officers and ask questions. I also want to say welcome to our new member Jane Jacobs, and welcome back to Annette Simpson. See you in July!

June CGC meeting

The Columbia Garden Club held its annual member's garden tours on June 12, 2023 starting at 8:30 a.m. Small groups toured the gardens of Betty Connelly, Julie Deering, and Patty O'Neal. Then everyone toured the garden of Donna Russell together. We all then went to the garden of Ann O'Dell for our picnic lunches and club meeting.

Betty Connelly called the **business meeting** to order at 1 p.m. with 24 members and one guest, Jane Jacobs who joined CGC. Betty thanked all the home owners for showing their gardens, and thanked Donna Russell for preparing the Garden Tours booklet.

Mary Nesladek gave the **inspiration**: "Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas" by Elizabeth Murray.

June **birthdays** were recognized: Gayle Fry and Elaine Keely.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

CGC received an award of \$50 for our programming from Mae J. Nothstine.

We received a thank you note from Sheri Menscher who was a judge at the May flower show.

Who commented that everyone was very welcoming and the show was great.

The **treasurer's report** shows a balance of \$14,637.51.

Lynn Birkby (who was not at the meeting) made a suggestion to Betty to consider a donation to the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Linda Antal moved to donate \$600 to CCUA; Rebecca Smith seconded. The motion passed. A check will be sent to them. Of note, we will be holding our October meeting at their facility.

Committee Reports:

-Ann O'Dell reported that the June Yard of the Month goes to Cale Mitchell at 1900 Parkade Blvd (corner of Parkade and Leslie).

-Rita Gerke reported that the recipient of the \$1,000 CGC scholarship is Khader Saleh who will be a junior at MU this fall and plans to graduate in the Fall of 2025 with a Bachelor's Degree in Plant Science and a Bachelors in Environmental Science.

-Marie Pasley said we will resume volunteering at the Food Bank on Vandiver every fourth Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting in June.

-Marie also reported that we will make mini flower bouquets for Meals on Wheels recipients at our regular August meeting. She reminded members to try and grow small flowers suitable for these bouquets.

New Business: Betty appointed Mary Nesladek to chair the nominating committee for officers for 2024-2025. Marie Pasley and Patty O'Neal volunteered to also be on the committee. Marie Pasley moved that the nominations be submitted for voting at the August meeting instead of the September meeting as stated in the CGC By-Laws; Leigh Speichinger seconded. Motion passed. Elaine Keely and Melissa Kouba brought up ideas of a "Greener" Flower Show, especially in not using oasis (which is a petroleum product and not good for the environment). We should use more sustainable products. We hope to form a committee in July to look into this further. CoMo Wild Yards Program with the City of Columbia has someone who will come to see your yard to give ideas for your garden. Elaine Keely talked about various web sites to help identify wildflowers and seedlings.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

June garden tours...



June garden tours...



Julie's



June garden tours...



*Patty's
canvas*



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Yard of the Month -June



The Columbia Garden Club June Yard of the Month is located at 1900 Parkade Blvd, where Cale Mitchell, his partner and two sons have lived for twenty years. When they bought it, the yard was in terrible condition, so after cutting down five trees and completely re-landscaping the yard, they have created a beautiful space for rest and relaxation.

Although the resting and relaxing comes after weeding, mulching, planting 150 bulbs and adding to the hosta collection. They grow several plants from seed, and find new plants to grow every year.

Cale says that they have learned to plant so that they don't have to fight wildlife and pests. They are cutting down on spraying by using scent boxes to discourage animals, and they try to keep plants healthy because that helps keep animals from eating them.

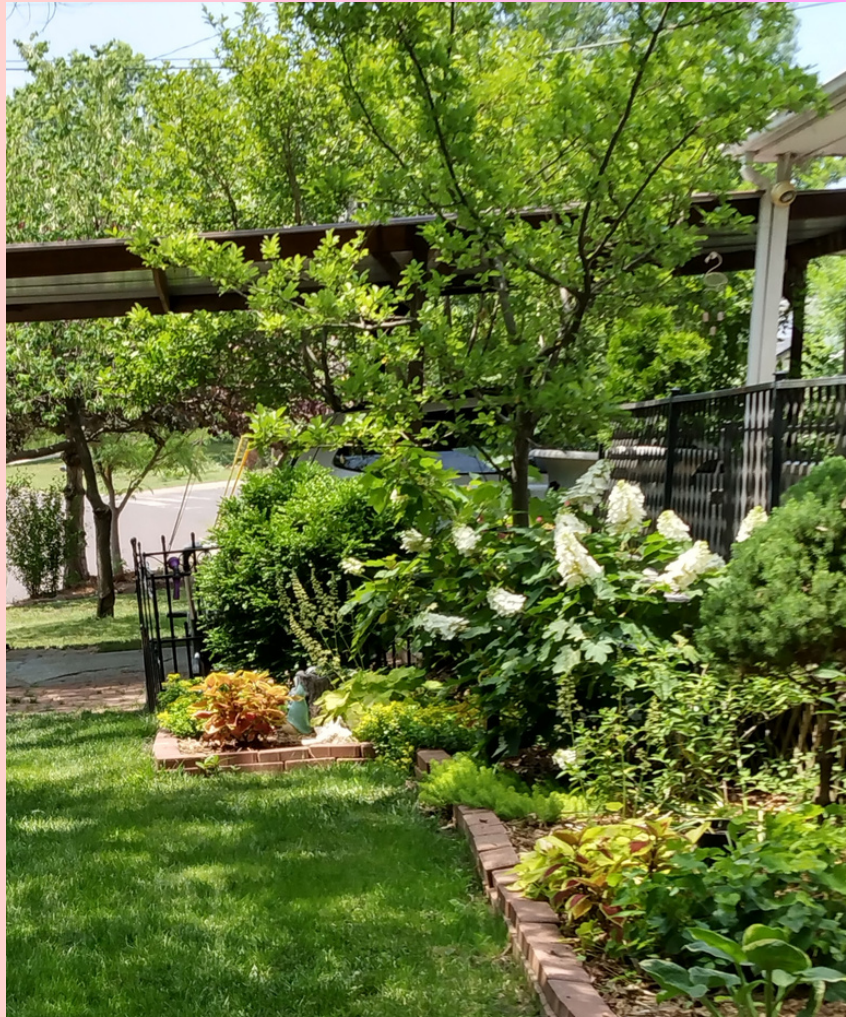
Cale is the grandson and son of avid gardeners. He himself won a blue ribbon at the St. Louis Garden Club flower show when he entered a flowering cactus at age four. His mother is an expert hosta gardener and shares her extensive collection hostas with him. His grandmother was involved in the project of planting the Climatron at Shaw's Garden in St. Louis.

Cale was a Columbia Garden Club member several years ago and enjoyed doing flower arrangements at the flower shows. He would like to rejoin the group, so we'll be looking forward to enjoying his creativity.

Be sure to drive by his yard and note the designs and planning that have made this a special place.

by: Ann O'Dell

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From Columbia Office of Sustainability:

Free Native Landscaping Learning Series

Looking to learn more about native landscaping and how you can create beautiful, sustainable outdoor spaces that support local biodiversity?

Look no further than our Native Landscaping Learning Series!

Join us beginning on Saturday, July 8th, for a free series of informative and interactive sessions that will teach you everything you need to know about native plants, landscaping for nature, native edibles, and more!

Participate and receive **ten free native plants** to start your own native garden at home! Read on to learn more about the learning series, our speakers, our sponsors, and registration.

Schedule:

Lecture

10 - 11 AM, Saturday, July 8, 2023 Introduction to Native Missouri Plants

Lecture

10 - 11 AM, Saturday, July 15, 2023 Benefits of Native Plants in the City

Lecture

10 - 11 AM, Saturday, July 22, 2023 Principles of Native Plant Garden Design

Workshop

Time and Date: TBD (August)

Hands-on Training: Preparing The Garden Site

Following the indoor learning seminars, get your hands dirty installing a new native plant garden at the Friendship Community Garden. Our expert instructors will teach you practical skills such as planting techniques, mulching, watering, and pruning.

Workshop

Time and Date: TBD (September)

Hands-on Training: Native Plant Installation

Garden Party

Time and Date: TBD (October)

In October, we will celebrate the end of the Learning Series and enjoy the new native plant garden!

We will be meeting inside the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1707 Smiley Ln. Columbia, MO 65202,