

The Columbia Underground

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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 2-4: Great Gardens Conference in Hannibal

June 3-4: Kimmswick Strawberry Festival

June 12: 8:30am!!! CGC Members Garden Tour, see page 8

June 17: Butterfly festival at Jefferson Farms, Columbia

June 18-22: International Master Gardener Conference in Overland Park

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

July: Blooming Bus Tour has been cancelled

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

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 to all,

I want to thank everyone who participated in our May 20 Flower Show. Everything you do helps. I hesitate to name individuals here because I'm bound to forget someone.

Now, it's crunch time for the members who are letting us see their gardens. Many of you have answered my email about whether you are going on the tour, but I haven't heard from everyone. Please let me know if you are going to join us or not so I can form groups. As soon as the groups are formed, I'll send you a list of your group, and you can work out the carpooling. Be sure to tell me if you are already planning to ride with someone so I can put you in the same group.

I hope to see you all on June 12. Start time is 8:30 at your first stop (I will let you know your 1st stop after the groups are formed.)



Photo above is from garden tour in St. Louis at state meeting

May CGC meeting

The Columbia Garden Club met at 1 p.m. on May 8, 2023. The guest speaker was Alice Longfellow who founded Longfellow's Garden Center in Centertown, MO (but has since sold that business). Her presentation was titled "**The Gardens and the Isle of Skye.**" The slideshow had beautiful pictures of a tour she hosted to Scotland a few years ago. We saw photos of: alpine plants, lavender, English gardens with living walls, explorer's garden—plants from various places around the world, purple roses, roof-top gardens, native plants, tree ferns, hydrangeas, prairie garden, hanging baskets, and many more beautiful plants and flowers. Alice also had pictures of castles and a memorial of WW I with a 100 year anniversary.

After refreshments, Betty Connelly called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with 27 members attending and four guests.

Mary Nesladek gave the **inspiration**: "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul" by Alfred Austin.

May birthdays were recognized: Karen Blackmore, Diana Cooksey, Linda O'Keefe, and Hugh Harrison.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Carolyn Oates reported that the April plant sale made a profit of \$2,557.25 which included \$125.25 from the bake sale. The balance in the checking account is \$12,043.83 as of 4/30/23. The proceeds from the plant sale had not been deposited at that time. Mary Nesladek reported that the tulip poplar tree in memory of Amanda Schoenfeld has been planted at Bethel Park on the north side of the J. W. Ficklin shelter. The plaque will be installed later.

Karen Blackmore reported on her attendance at the **National Garden Clubs Convention**; she said it was really fun.

CGC got some awards at the **State Convention**. CGC met all of the criteria for a Purple Ribbon Rating. We also won the Betty Hardin Standard Flower Show Award for Nature's Splendor which was sent on to NGC and won a Club Standard Flower Show Award. Central District got a third-place award for the Educational Exhibit and this will be on exhibit at the State Fair in August. At the State Convention CGC brought home the Mae Jean Nothstine Award for innovative programs.



May CGC meeting. cont.:

Committee Reports:

Connie Blackmore reported that the April 15 **Clean-Up Columbia** went well.

Ann O'Dell reported that the May **Yard-of-the-Month** award goes to Nancy West at 504 Thilly Ave. A discussion regarding the sign followed. The yard sign we have for this is very faded and rusted and Ann has found a company that will make a new one for \$82. Carolyn Doyle moved we purchase a new sign; Donna Russell seconded. Motion carried.

Barb Rothenberger reported that **Garden Therapy** will be at The Bluffs at 2 p.m. on May 18. We will be decorating hats for Mother's Day with the residents; members should bring artificial flowers for decorating the hats.

Karen Blackmore recruited more members to sign up for designs for the **flower show** on May 20. Everyone is encouraged to bring their horticulture specimens for the show. Set up time is Friday, May 19 starting at 3 p.m.

We will resume **volunteering at the Food Bank** soon. There was discussion of also donating money to this cause.

June 12 Meeting begins at 8:30 am.: This will be the annual Member's Garden tour at the gardens of Patty O'Neal, Julie Deering, Ann O'Dell, Donna Russell, and Betty Connelly. Donna Russell will prepare a booklet for the tour. Let Betty know if you are going, if you are bringing any guests, and if you want to ride with someone and she will make up groups to see the gardens. The last stop for everyone will be the garden at Ann's house for a picnic lunch and business meeting. Members need to bring a lawn chair, lunch, and their beverages for the day.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

-Mary Nesladek

photo from Flower show!



yard of the month - May:



One day about eight years ago Nancy West's husband, Craig, stood at the window with Nancy looking at the grass covered front lawn at 504 Thilly. He said, "I hate mowing the grass. Let's rip it up!" And they did. Ever since, they've been gardening enthusiastically in the front yard, around the side of the house and into the large back yard.

Nancy's design goal is to create an opulent garden, a lavish but well-planned display of flowers, shrubs and trees. She often moves plants from one location to another and regularly adds plants, so her garden is constantly under development. She likes to mix and match colors and textures when building her original and personal garden design.

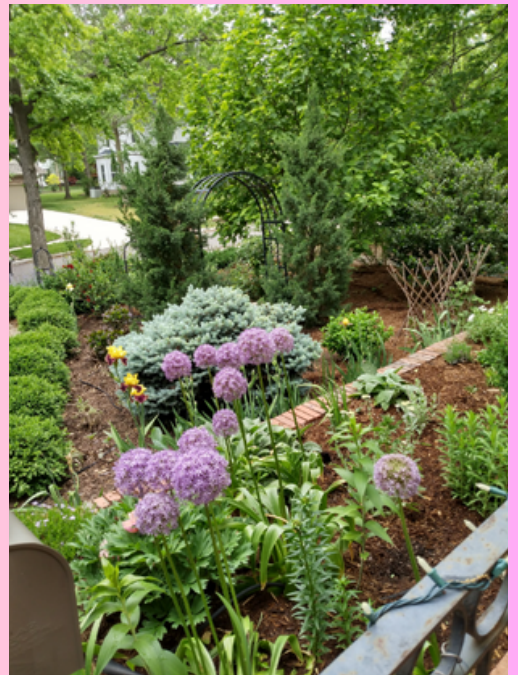
Nancy finds special pleasure in gardening, enjoying fresh air and working with soil and plants, because it contrasts with her job indoors at MU, working as an English professor. Because the yard is so big and grass still covers much of the back yard, she is looking forward to many years of enjoying her passion. Craig has become involved in the opulent garden project, building stone walls, mulching, and helping to find plants that they simply have to have.

Nancy attributes her gardening successes to being willing to make mistakes, willing to fix mistakes, reading gardening books, and paying increasingly more attention to the science involved in keeping a thriving garden. She said that her mother was an instinctive gardener and just seemed to know what to do at the right time, but Nancy feels that she puts a lot of research into her gardening efforts. She and her husband also watch the BBC program, "Gardener's World", which she finds inspiring and educational. She recommends that every gardener watch at least a few episodes of this program.

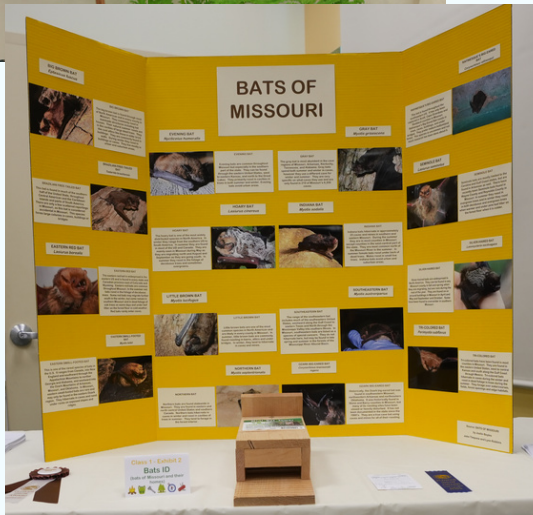
One important note: Nancy talks to her plants and names them. She admits to treating them like people, which could very well be one of her secrets to growing happy plants. But that is just one component of effective gardening, and Nancy and Craig's beautiful garden shows that planning, attention, and a passion for gardening can create beauty for everyone to enjoy.

by: Ann O'Dell

Yard of the Month - May:



May CGC Flower Show



June meeting preview:

Members Gardens Tour: Begins at 8:30 am!

Watch for your email with instructions!

There will be approximately four smaller groups touring 4 different gardens in rotation. Then all groups will join together for the 5th garden where all will meet. Bring a sack lunch and lawn chair!

Observe design features of each garden along with a wide variety of plants. Get ideas for your own gardens.

Our hosts are: Patty O'Neal, Julie Deering, Ann O'Dell, Donna Russell, and Betty Connelly.

Agenda for the meeting will include;

- discussion regarding a "green" garden show.
- discussion regarding a new project requiring a new committee
- committee reports



kids' crafts
face painting
food trucks
barn animals
pollinator info

6th Annual
Butterfly Festival at
Jefferson Farm & Garden
Extension & Education Center
University of Missouri Extension
Saturday, June 17, 2023
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Columbia, Missouri 65201
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