

# "Columbia Underground"

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

## Upcoming Events

May 9 Spring CD Meeting in Centralia

May 13 – CGC Monthly meeting Member Garden Tour info below

May 17-19 Flower Show School- Course 1 at the Boone County Extension Center

May 28 to June 4 FGCM "Bloomin Bus Tour" to New York and the Hudson Valley- Always Fun-contact Carolyn Oates for further info

June 10 CGC Tours Powell Gardens- More info to come.

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## Columbia Garden Club May 13 Meeting Member Garden Tour

**When:** Monday, May 13, 2019 @ 8:15

**Where:** Boone County History and Cultural Center  
3801 Ponderosa St, Columbia, MO 65201  
*(With the wide area of gardens we have this year, it will be easier to begin carpooling where we plan to end.)*

**What to bring:** a sack lunch, a drink, and a chair

We will plan to leave the parking lot promptly at 8:30 in carpools driving north then east toward the first house. We will have detailed directions to pass out on the morning of the garden tours.

Thanks,  
Donna & Barb

Garden #1  
Evette Nissen  
10721 East South LaVista Drive

Garden #2  
Barb Schuette1

302 Parkwood Court

Garden #3  
Rebecca Smith  
1021 Crestland Drive

Garden #4  
Karen Blackmore  
2312 Deer Creek Court

Garden #5  
Carolyn Doyle & Alice Havard  
Boone County History and Culture Center  
3801 Ponderosa Street

Looking forward to seeing all of you there! It promises to be a great day!!!

Donna's Cell (573)881-2603  
Barb's Cell (573)268-6059



"Pincushion Flower"  
(Scabiosa)

Hold flower at eye level, look across the top of it and you will notice all the "pins" in the middle, are actually the stamens of the flower.

Spring Central District Meeting May 9th

"Hello Spring"

The Spring CD meeting will be held in Centralia at the Christian Fellowship Hall. Registration starts at 9am. Members who wish to go should send \$15 to CGC treasurer, Evette Nissen (checks to CGC) by Monday, April 29. Evette will send a check for all members attending.

CGC Courtesy Chair

Carol Notbahr has retired from the courtesy chair position. Thank you, Carol for all your years of sending sympathy and get well cards and notes to our club members. Leigh Speichenger will be the new courtesy chair, so drop her a note if you know of someone who is ill or has a loss in the family or needing some cheering.

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CGC Flower Show

CGC had a Small Standard Flower Show at the Columbia Public Library on April 6. Members brought plants for horticulture exhibits and designs for the design sections. The show was well received by the public. A big thank you to Carolyn Oates and Carolyn Doyle for chairing the show and to all that helped to make the show a success.

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CGC Annual Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make the plant sale a success. There were so many members who contributed, but I wanted to give a special thanks to Marie Pasley and Barb Schuette. Both were so willing to help with whatever needed doing and were willing to listen to my whining! Rebecca Smith did a great job with the Bake

Sale and Leigh Speichenger put together a lovely basket. Evette Nissen was our tireless (She didn't look tired, anyway) cashier Friday and Saturday. A big thank you to Karen Brooke who is my Friday morning, "get the tables ready," "calm Betty down," partner. We've done this together for several years, and I always look forward to Friday. (Really!)

We had some great annuals Saturday, but what made our sale so wonderful were the plants you brought to donate. When we opened the door, the floor under the four packed tables designated for perennials was also full. That table was the first one people shopped, and the plants on the floor had disappeared by 9 o'clock filling in the empty spaces on the tables. It was amazing. So thanks again to all of you for sharing your plants with us. On the practical side, all of that money is profit so it is invaluable.

Again, thanks to the members who brought plants, worked Friday and/or Saturday, baked sweets, and, of course, those who shopped. This was a pretty easy job because of all of you!

Betty Connelly  
(A net profit of \$2,013.16 was made.)

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86<sup>th</sup> FGCM State Convention April 14-17

"Get Your Bloom On" at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet, in Maryland Heights, Mo." State Convention was attended by 8 CGC members. New officers were installed. A BIG thank you to outgoing FGCM State President, Karen Blackmore for all she has done for CGC and FGCM these past two years. CGC was given special recognition for being a federated garden club for 85 years.

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Clean Up Columbia

Clean-up Columbia was held on Saturday 13, 2019. The City's Volunteer Programs staff reported that preliminary results showed 1,858 volunteers, 1.78 bags of litter picked up per person for a total of 3,308 bags and 1.84 hours per person for a total of 3,422 hours shared. Columbia Garden Club participated in this event for the 23rd year, cleaning up McKee

Park. Eight enthusiastic hard workers showed up representing the Garden Club and collected 8 bags of trash plus a shot put, basketball, TV dish, 2 tires and 8 feet of rebar. These faithful workers were Betty Connelly, her husband Mike, her granddaughter Erin, Ruthanne McCoy, Sue Jessee, Marsha Taylor, Bill Clark and Janet Lasley The weather for trash pickup was sunny and cool. We remain proud to be part of such a grand community effort. Janet Lasley, Chairman of CGC Clean up Columbia

In May of 1935 the first annual club garden tour was held. 19 gardens were on tour, today we have 5 member gardens on tour annually.

In 1938 Mrs. Lloyd Stark, wife of Governor Stark of Missouri, was a guest of honor and speaker for the clubs' spring tea. It was a formal event with long dresses and gloves. Gloves and hats were appropriate attire at meetings into the 50's.

Professor James E. Smith. Jr., chairman of the Floriculture Department of the University in 1939 developed an interest in garden clubs. Professor Smith was schooled in the art of floral design. He developed short courses at the University and taught many garden club members the principles of floral design.

The silver tea set on display today was purchased, for club teas in 1939 for \$34.68. Also, this was the first year garden books were donated to the Columbia Public Library.

The Columbia Garden Club sponsored war gardens during WWII years. The club president had a weekly radio show telling listeners how to preserve surplus vegetables from the garden. After the war the garden club sent flower and vegetable seeds to England and France. In 1942 membership had grown to 100. Garden therapy was started with patients at Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital.

In 1952 with a membership of 132 a one acre cutting garden was developed on the grounds of Ellis Fischel Hospital. 8 to 15 members each week cut and arranged bouquets for every patient in the hospital along with designs for the lobby and clinic areas. Members also held floral arranging workshops with the patients. Patients loved the flowers.

In 1955 the major club project was the dedication of the Maude Hall Jones Roadside Park. Mrs. Jones was the 1953 "Missouri Mother of the Year" winner. Her daughter and son in law donated the ground for the park along Highway 63 South between Columbia and Ashland. The park exist today on the east side of highway 63 South with a large stone memorial to Mrs. Jones. (More in the next issue.)

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### Columbia Garden Club History "A Century of Beauty"

In 1919 Columbia had 1 University and 2 Colleges, but it remained a country town with unpaved streets, with backyards having ash or cinder heaps. Flowers were grown but with little thought to a design plan.

Mrs. James Gordon traveled the town making professional calls with her husband, a local physician. She realized a need for beautification of the community and started giving patients seeds and plant cuttings. She enlisted her friends to help and on July 21, 1919 at 7:30 pm the Columbia Garden Club was established. Mrs. Gordon was elected the club president and remained the president until 1930.

In September of 1919 the garden club held it's first flower show. In the early years there were 2 shows held a year. Mr. Horace Major, professor of Horticulture at the University was in charge of arranging the flowers for the show. Admission was charged to enter and see the show, with proceeds benefitting the Columbia Public Library.

By 1923 the garden club had 50 members. The University provided program materials and speakers with knowledge of every phase of gardening. The first Jr. Garden Club was established this year.

In the fall of 1933 discussion started at the State level about Federating garden clubs in Missouri. In 1934 members of Columbia Garden Club voted unanimously to become a Federated Garden Club.

## **COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB**

### **April 8 Meeting Minutes**

The Columbia Garden Club met on April 8, 2019 at Giving Gardens with 25 members and 4 guests: Donna Puleo, Maggie Williams, Isabelle Burggraaff and scholarship winner Matt Wilson. Thanks to a donation we are able to give two \$500.00 scholarships this year. The other winner is William Crawford.

Giving Gardens is a division of the Sheltered Workshop program in Columbia. Tammy Cundiff, greenhouse manager gave an overview of the sheltered workshop programs and the greenhouse divisions in particular. Bruce Young, Director of the Sheltered Workshop Programs in Boone County spoke on the funding and political problems faced by workshop programs across the nation. Ms Cundiff and Mr Young both stressed the importance of these programs to the disabled and answered questions about other aspects of the program.

Thank you to hostesses Carolyn Doyle and Karen Wolfe for the refreshments.

President Carolyn Oates called the meeting to order.

Dee Bauer gave the inspirational reading.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$8,718.19; this does not include any expenses or income realized from the flower show.

Barb Schutte thanked everyone for their participation in the flower show and encouraged everyone to attend the May 17-18 Flower Show School.

Marsha Taylor requested members for the Membership Committee. They will explore ways to expand the membership and retain current members. Marsha also handed out CGC business cards.

Donna Russell announced that only 4 gardens will be on the tour this year: Evette Nissen, Rebecca Smith, Karen Blackmore and the Historical Society Gardens will be shown by Alice Havard and Carolyn Doyle.

Karen Blackmore brought a certificate presented for our entry in ART IN BLOOM for "Best use of Color and Variety of Flowers."

Planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Fall District meeting are progressing.

Plans for a fall plant sale were briefly discussed.

Dates to Remember:

April 13.... Clean up Columbia

April 26-27....Plant Sale

May 9....Spring District Meeting, Centralia.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Lynda Blades