

"Columbia Underground"

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

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9 - CGC Monthly meeting 12 noon
Trinity Presbyterian Church Potluck luncheon
(more info below)

September 11 through November 20th 6 to 9pm Master Gardener Core Class, contact 573-445-9792 for information

September 27- CGC celebrates 100th Anniversary @ Olivette C- hurch

September 28 -Southfarm Showcase 10 to 4 at 3600 E. New Haven Road, butterfly house open, many children activities, vendors

October 12- CGC Fall Plant Sale 8-2 at Trinity Presbyterian Church

Nov. 1 & 2- Flower Show School Course 2, at the Boone County Extension Center.

Columbia Garden Club September 9 Meeting

We will meet at Trinity Presbyterian at **12 noon** for annual "potluck luncheon" and new member promotion. Bring a friend that might like to join CGC this upcoming year. Bring a food dish to share for our luncheon. Table service provided.

CGC Dues for 2020

CGC dues of \$20 may be paid in September but must be paid by the October 14 meeting.



"Pokeweed" Phytolacca americana

The name came from the Algonquin word for red dye, poughkone later changed to pokeweed. Fruit of plant loved by birds but toxic to most mammals. Sap is known to cause dermatitis if contacted. When leaves first emerge in spring was eaten and canned for greens. This practice was stopped in 2000. I ate these as a kid and I'm still here! I also used the berries in my mud pie making but I didn't eat those.

CGC Celebrates 100th Anniversary, September 28

CGC will host Central District fall meeting & celebrate our 100th anniversary at Olivete Church on Hwy.WW. Members are asked to assist with set-up on Thursday afternoon starting at 1pm. Members are also asked to bring breakfast treats (Marie has a signup list) to the celebration after 7:30 but before 8:15 or you can bring them

Thursday afternoon at set-up. Monica McMurry, with Stephens costume department will present a program on wearables of the last 100 years.

We are asking everyone attending this event to wear your favorite outfit over the past 100 years.

We hope that most CGC members can attend this wonderful event, 100 years what an accomplishment!

to call her back garden a Beatrix Potter garden which includes statuary of Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher, and other characters.

Because of her husband's allergies, she can't have flowers indoors, so she makes up for this by always having a fresh vase of flowers at the front entry. Bernideen certainly hasn't let the challenges of Missouri's heat and humidity keep her from expressing herself in her gardens!

CGC Fall Plant Sale, October 12, 8 to 2 at Trinity Presbyterian Church

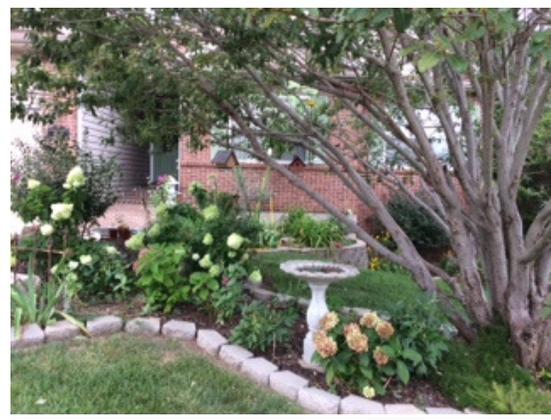
CGC is having its first fall plant sale on Oct. 12. Fall is a great time of year to divide and transplant plants. Share your divisions with the CGC plant sale. Put them in pots, name them, put a price on them bring them to the sale. Remember to price in even numbers. We will have the white elephant sale, as usual. Bring gardening items and holiday decorations that you no longer need. Leigh Speichinger will chair the baked goods market, so bring her lots of goodies to sell. Don't price baked goods, Leigh will do that for you. Questions contact Karen Blackmore.

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September 2019 Yard of the Month

Bernideen Canfield lives at 4505 Rainbow Trout Drive and is our recipient of our September Yard of the Month. Bernideen and Keith, her husband of 51-years have lived in Columbia for only 3 years, moving here from Colorado, but her garden looks very well established. In the front yard she turned the negative of a very old pussy willow into an asset by judiciously pruning and revitalizing it. She tucked her plants around it integrating the old and the new.

Inspired by her grandmother's love of flowers, she has learned from her mistakes and isn't afraid to take chances. Her enchantment with English gardens led her



September Yard of the Month

September Gardening Calendar

Ornamentals

- Cuttings of annuals can be taken now to provide vigorous plants for overwintering.
- Herbs such as parsley, rosemary, chives, thyme and marjoram can be dug from the garden and

placed in pots now for growing indoors this winter.

- Except tulips, spring bulbs may be planted as soon as they are available. Tulips should be kept in a cool, dark place and planted in late October.
- Begin readying houseplants for winter indoors. Prune back rampant growth and protruding roots. Check for pests and treat if necessary. Houseplants should be brought indoors at least one month before the heat is normally turned on.
- Perennials, especially spring bloomers, can be divided now. Enrich the soil with peat moss or compost before replanting.
- Divide peonies now. Replant in a sunny site and avoid planting deeply.
- Lift gladioli when their leaves yellow. Cure in an airy place until dry before husking.
- Poinsettias can be forced into bloom for Christmas if they are moved indoors now to a sunny windowsill. Each night, they must be kept in a cool, dark place where there is no light for 14 hours. This must continue until proper color is achieved in 6-10 weeks.

Lawns

- Cool-season lawns are best fertilized in fall. Make up to 3 applications between now and December. Do not exceed rates recommended by fertilizer manufacturer.
- If soils become dry, established lawns should be watered thoroughly to a depth of 4-6 inches.
- Begin fall seeding or sodding of cool-season grasses. Seedbeds should be raked, dethatched or core-aerified, fertilized and seeded. Keep newly planted lawn areas moist, but not wet.
- Lawns may be top dressed with compost or milorganite now. This is best done after airifying.
- It is not uncommon to see puffballs in lawn areas at this time.
- Newly seeded lawns should not be cut until they are at least 2 or 3 inches tall.

Vegetables

- Egyptian (top-setting) onions can be divided and replanted now.

- Sowing seeds of radish, lettuce, spinach and other greens in a cold frame will prolong fall harvests.
- Keep broccoli picked regularly to encourage additional production of side shoots.
- Pinch out the top of Brussels sprout plants to plump out the developing sprouts.
- Harvest herbs now to freeze or dry for winter use.
- Tie leaves around cauliflower heads when they are about the size of a golf ball.
- Pinch off any young tomatoes that are too small to ripen. This will channel energy into ripening the remaining full-size fruits.
- Sow spinach now to overwinter under mulch for spring harvest.

Fruits

- Pick pears before they are fully mature. Store in a cool, dark basement to ripen.
- Bury or discard any spoiled fallen fruits.
- Paw paws ripen in the woods now.
- Check all along peach tree trunks to just below soil line for gummy masses caused by borers. Probe holes with thin wire to puncture borers.

Miscellaneous

- Autumn is a good time to add manure, compost or leaf mold to garden soils for increasing organic matter content.
- Monitor plants for spider mite activity. Reduce their numbers by hosing off with a forceful spray of water.
- Seasonal loss of inner needles on conifers is normal at this time. It may be especially noticeable on pines.

Gardening Calendar supplied by the staff of the William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening located at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Missouri.
www.GardeningHelp.org

COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

The Columbia Garden Club met on August 12, 2019 at Trinity Church with 20 members and 3 guest: Diana Cooksey, Yanna Stoll and Melissa Kouba.

Myron Kern gave a program on raising and releasing Monarch butterflies. A very informative presentation that included their food requirements and the diseases to which they are susceptible.

President Carolyn Oates called the meeting to order after refreshments provided by hostesses Mary Nesladek, Evette Nissen and Carolyn Oates. Many thanks to the hostesses and to program coordinator Betty Connelly.

Dee Bauer gave the inspirational reading. Dee also announced that she had moved to 3700 South Lenoir; Columbia, 65201.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Gladney Memorial Bench has been purchased, it cost \$1483.00. It will be assembled and installed at McAddams Ltd; the dedication will be in November.

Everyone will be needed to set up and serve at the anniversary dinner and fall district meeting. Set up will be from 1 to 4 on Thursday and the breakfast preparations will start at 8 on Friday morning. Hoss's Market will provide the lunch food, but we will need to serve.

State Fair: August 14th in Sedalia.

Landscape School: September 10th and 11th in Springfield, Mo.

Fall plant sale: October 12th at the church; bring your plants, Christmas ornaments, yard ornaments, flower pots and baked goods on Friday (Oct 11th) and help set up the tables.

Nominating committee: Carolyn Oates, Carolyn Doyle and Mary Nesladek. If you would like to serve as an officer, please contact one of them. Election day is the Sept. meeting.

Marie Pasley announced that there would be an open house at Jefferson Farm on September 28th. Parking will be at South Farm and transportation will be provided to Jefferson Farm.

Garden of the Month: located at the corner of Meadow Lane and Ash.

The September meeting will be a carry in dinner; please note the time change: 12, noon. Dues are also due in September, and it is election of new officers month.

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

Respectfully submitted: Secretary Lynda Blades