

September 2024

Columbia Garden Club



COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

Columbia Underground

President's Message

As I write this message on Labor Day weekend, I am reminded the last official days of summer are here. This morning is bright, and the air is crisp giving hints that autumn is around the corner. I will not be at the September meeting and Diana Cooksey, First Vice-President, and Program Chairperson, has agreed to oversee the meeting. Our September meeting is a potluck which will begin at 1 pm as printed in the yearbook. The church has another group in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 -11:30 am so we will be bumping heads if we start our potluck at noon. So please note our potluck starts at 1 pm.

The potluck is the perfect opportunity to recruit and acknowledge new members and enjoy each other's company. So, rummage through your recipes and if you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a Columbia Garden Club member, please invite them to join you.

It is time to consider which of the various club committees you would like to be on and/or chair. Information about the committees will be available at the meeting. We will need to gather this information as soon as possible so it can be included in our award-winning yearbook!

You are encouraged to consider paying your dues in September. If not, dues need to be paid at our October meeting so they can be sent to the state and district before October 31st.

I invite you to enjoy this season in nature as the leaves turn into jewel tones and flutter to the ground.

Donna



August Meeting Minutes

The Columbia Garden Club met on August 12, 2024 with Donna Puleo calling the meeting to order at 1 p.m. There were 24 members and 3 guests present. Our guests were Linda Antal's daughter Katie Bolton and her granddaughters Emma Bolton and Lucy Bolton. Our guests helped Linda with our amazing program "Garden Journaling 101". Linda presented a slide show with instructions on how to make Garden Journals. Linda, Katie, Emma and Lucy helped each of us put a journal together. Many thanks for all the preparation, work and thought Linda put into this wonderful program.

Diana Cooksey gave the inspiration and Mary Nesladek gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$13,658.54 as of July 31, 2024. Minutes from the CGC July meeting were accepted as distributed. Wendy Seaberg was recognized as having an August birthday.

Committee Reports:

Flower Show: All members taking part in the show were recognized. Betty Connelly read thank you notes sent from the judges. We had 71% participation.

Meals on Wheels: Marie Pasley reported we will not be doing our mini bouquets this year but will be making floral table designs for the thank you dinner Meals on Wheels hosts for their volunteers. The dinner will be on Thursday, September-12th. We will be making 15 centerpieces. Vanita Johnson suggested checking with the Food Bank to see if they might have flowers available which have been donated. Marie will send out an email with more information as she works out details.

Food Bank: Marie noted our next scheduled day to volunteer at the Food Bank is August 27th from 11-1p.m.

Fall Central District Meeting: Thursday, September 5th in Centralia. Cost is \$20 with money being due today.

Spring District Meeting: Scheduled on April 10, 2025 at Community Methodist Church.

Committee sign-up sheets: Betty Connelly does not plan to be chairman for the Plant Sale or the Garden Club Tours next year. Please consider volunteering, Betty will be a great mentor.

Charitable Gifts Committee: The committee consisting of Patty O'Neal, Linda Antal, Carolyn Oates and Melissa Kouba met on August 1st to put together a proposed plan. Patty O'Neal gave a PowerPoint presentation "Charitable Gifts Committee Proposal".

Karen Blackmore made a motion to agree to the proposal as follows; Rita Gerke 2nd the motion:

Proposal Details

- Annual donation amount = \$2,000
- Distribution – divided among charities selected by Club members ensuring the contributions support the causes we are passionate about.
- Review & Selection Process – Charities will be nominated and voted on by Club members annually, ensuring transparency and collective decision-making.

Discussion followed, motion voted on and denied.

Proposal Modified.

Linda Antal made a motion to accept the following proposal; Betty Connelly 2nd the motion.

Proposal Details

- Annual donation amount = \$2,000
- Distribution – divided among organizations which align with our objectives, selected by Club members ensuring the contributions support the causes we are passionate about.
- Review & Selection Process – Organizations will be nominated and the amount of the annual donation voted on by Club members annually, ensuring transparency and collective decision-making.

Motion voted on and passed.

Organizations will be voted on next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Linneman

Organizations for Voting

At our August meeting, we voted to designate \$2000 to “divide among organizations which align with our objectives and selected by Club members, ensuring the contributions support the causes we are passionate about.” At the September meeting, we will vote on the organizations to receive our donations and you will be permitted to vote on up to 5 of them, Below, is an alphabetical list of the organizations so you can give your votes some thought: (Note: A ballot will be emailed to those who are not able to attend the meeting 9/9/24.)

Boone County Nature School A partnership between Columbia Public Schools, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the community, which includes all six Boone County school districts. Over 3000 students visited the Nature School during the 2022-23 school year. The 111-acre campus, offers a large outdoor pavilion, restored prairies and polinator plots, a food forest of Mo native foods, an elderberry field, and an 8000 square-foot nature school building. The school building includes four classrooms, a wet lab for hands-on activities, a kitchen for the preparation of native foods and a lobby to honor Missouri’s conservation heroes. Every 5th grader in the Columbia school district will be spending 7 full days there this year.

Caring Hearts and Hands of Columbia provides loving care for those in their final days and weeks of life. Guests stay at the house free-of-charge where they receive 24-hour care in the last stage of their life. CHHC provides kind, compassionate and peaceful surroundings for guests and their families.

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) - Planting seeds. Putting down roots. CCUA envisions a community transformed by food for all - and people who have the skill to grow it. CCUA works to enhance our community's health by connecting people to agriculture and the land through hands-on learning opportunities, from seed to plate.

Community Garden Coalition (CGC) of Columbia and Boone County is a not-for-profit volunteer group that provides support, supplies, and garden plots to community gardeners, seeking especially to help lower-income individuals, the elderly, people with disabilities, children, and others who might not be able to have a garden on their own. The gardens help people stretch their food dollar, improve nutritional intake, improve the overall quality of life in neighborhoods by encouraging self-sufficiency and a sense of community among participants. Vacant lots are transformed into beautiful gardens that become centers of community activity.

Community Outreach: Provide educational opportunities and get our name out in the community at local events/venues such as Heritage Festival, Farmer’s Market, Earth Day, Chestnut Festival, etc.

Current CGC Projects – increase the amount of money we budget for some of our current projects

Mizzou Botanic Garden supports the University of Missouri in the areas of education, research, extension, and economic development. The Garden is to serve as a public resource providing educational opportunities through the collections, display, interpretation and conservation of plants suited to central Missouri in a manner which inspires, educates and delights visitors of all ages.

MU Scholarship for a scholarship awarded to a student majoring in the fels as set out by NGC and FGCM.

Library – donation to purchase a book for the Library annually

Powell Gardens – located in the Kansas City area, the gardens are a tranquil oasis far away from the bustle of the city, spread over an 915 acres, many of which are best explored on foot. The gardens are named Heartland, Island, Rock & Waterfall and Perennial. Each one holds many wonderful botanical treasures and the garden also organizes programs and cultural events to further spread an understanding of this particular region's botany.

Boone County History and Culture Center (currently \$50) in Columbia is a 501c3 organization funded by memberships, donations and grants. The center welcomes grade school students on field trips; hosts monthly family events, author's talks and tours; and is open four days a week free of charge to the public. There are several horticulture projects currently needing renovation, including the butterfly garden and the landscape around the gazebo.

Day Dreams Foundation eliminates financial barriers to participating in extracurricular activities, promoting healthy lifestyles, goal setting, teamwork and respect for others. Helping local youth GROW into happy, well-rounded future gardeners!

Voting (cont)

Missouri Prairie Foundation is a nonprofit foundation located in Columbia, dedicated to the stewardship of original and replanted [tallgrass prairie](#) lands in Missouri. In cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation, they manage their land with primary goal of maintaining and increasing biome diversity, particularly botanical diversity.

Missouri River Bird Observatory is a science-based organization with much of its energy devoted to monitoring bird populations. They conduct bird surveys, collecting data on primarily grassland and wetland birds. They combine this science with outreach & education, to help teach community scientists about Missouri's birds.

Pascale's Pals is a local volunteer organization that supports the children and families staying at the MU Health Care's Children's Hospital in Columbia. They strive to provide happiness to the children and ease the burden of the families during this time. The Wish Basket program is their largest and longest-standing program. They have also funded numerous projects such as an outdoor playground; the children's play-room and adolescent center; purchased special technology that minimizes harm and distress to the children; a music therapy program; equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; helped fund a rehabilitation center; 20 cars adapted for children with disabilities; and more.

Plastic Pollution Coalition is a non-profit communications and advocacy organization that collaborates with an expansive global alliance of organizations, businesses, and individuals to create a more just, equitable, regenerative world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impacts. Coalitions exist throughout the world and have been working for 15 years to stop plastic pollution. They are strongly involved in trying to change government policy – including policies in Missouri.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's mission is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. No child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. St. Jude is dedicated to treating kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases and focused upon cutting-edge research, working toward a cure, so every child can be given their best chance to grow up. Families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing or food.

Sponsor a Speakers Program – provide funds to support a speakers program such as the ones held at the Library Friends room. At the library, the public attends free to listen to programs related to fresh ideas for a new gardening season, Missouri native plants for the home garden, trees for home landscaping, backyard composting and more.

Native Plant Corner-Aromatic Aster

Bloom Time—September-November

Full Sun/Part Shade

Height—18-20 Inches

Spread—24-36 Inches

Grows into a tidy, compact, self-supporting mound.

Tolerates wide range of soil and moisture conditions; spreads easily by self sowing.

Provides nectar for butterflies, attracts beneficial insects.



September Yard of the Month

The yard we are celebrating this September is in the capable gardening hands of Paul Weise at 204 West Boulevard North. Paul's philosophy of gardening is that nothing in gardening is consistent but is ever changing. Paul says that he loves plants and loves designing and likes to think of himself a landscape artist. Before he was a teenager he landscaped his yard, even using drifts as a technique. He remembers the beautiful garden owned by his art teacher, with whom he studied several years and feels that he has been inspired by that garden. He also considers Jeff at Vintage Hill to be an artistic inspiration for his current gardening experiences. Generally, his gardening expertise has been honed by books, curiosity, trial and error and intuitive artistry. In short gardening is his passion.

Paul gardens for pure pleasure and to spread that pleasure to other people. He does consider himself a plant collector and has gone through stages of collecting various plants, including tropicals and natives.

He has gardened at his current address for about 10 years. First he had to eradicate the bush honeysuckle and begin planting where there had been lawn and bushes. He does have to deal with the large trees in the yard and the shade they cast. He uses a combination of planting in the ground, planting in pots, and is in the process of creating a decorative pond in the back yard garden.

Paul is very interested in letting interested gardeners look at his yard. Be sure and watch for it as you drive north on West Boulevard.



September Yard of the Month (cont)



National Garden Clubs

The first garden club meeting in the United States took place in Athens, Georgia in 1891. It occurred during a time when women were seeking knowledge about a variety of subjects in study clubs of those with like interests. They felt they needed more knowledge, as they had not had the benefit of a formal higher education.

The topic of gardening was a logical choice for women in Athens, as it was the site of the University of Georgia with its botanical garden. This garden had a collection of thousands of rare plants. With the failure of the botanical garden, many residents had an interest in exchanging plants among themselves.

The idea to have a garden club came from Dr. Edwin Dorset Newton, an Athens physician who had a keen interest in horticulture. Twelve women met in the home of Mrs. Edwin King Lumpkin on a January day in 1891 to form the Ladies' Garden Club of Athens. The primary purpose was to study plants with each member studying a particular variety. These members dedicated themselves to the study of horticulture and the exchange of plants and ideas for the betterment of their community. Members were encouraged "to carry out experiments with different vegetables, flowers, seeds and so forth to find out which varieties were best." The first flower show grew from the exhibitions of their flowers and vegetables.

From the NGC website

September Meeting

The September meeting of Columbia Garden Club is Monday, September 9 at 1:00. This is our annual potluck and Membership meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Remember we will be eating at 1:00!

Upcoming Events

September 5—Central District Fall Meeting

September 7— Native Plant Sale—Bass Pro Shops

September 28th and 29th-Mid-Mo Home and Garden Expo

September Days

By Helen L. Smith

O month of fairer, rarer days
Than Summer's best have been;
When skies at noon are burnished blue,
And winds at evening keen;
When tangled, tardy-blooming things
From wild waste places peer,
And drooping golden grain-heads tell
That harvest-time is near.

Though Autumn tints amid the green
Are gleaming, here and there,
And spicy Autumn odors float
Like incense on the air,
And sounds we mark as Autumn's own
Her nearing steps betray,
In gracious mood she seems to stand
And bid the Summer stay.

Though 'neath the trees, with fallen leaves
The sward be lightly strown,
And nests deserted tell the tale
Of summer bird-folk flown;
Though white with frost the lowlands lie
When lifts the morning haze,
Still there's a charm in every hour
Of sweet September days.



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1st VP: Diana Cooksey

2nd VP: Linda Antal

Secretary: Diane Linneman

Treasurer: Mary Nesladek

Parliamentarian: Carolyn Doyle

Columbia Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month at 1:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church

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