

COLUMBIA UNDERGROUND

NEWS OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

"SOW HOE AND GROW"

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 12, 1:00

Artist Dorie Draper will present a slide show of botanical illustrations she has created.

Nov. 13-14

FCGM Fall Board meeting in Columbia

Dec. 10 noon

Holliday Tea

Jan. 7, 2008

Regular meeting -program to be announced

Meeting location, unless otherwise stated: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road, Columbia, Mo. 65203

Let's be Thankful!

It's almost Thanksgiving, a time to be thankful for the abundance of this gardening season and to take advantage of the restful winter ahead as a time to rest in preparation for a busy spring of 2008.

I know I am looking at the new growth in my garden and getting excited about what I know will be peeping out in the spring. I must stop buying bulbs or I will never get to rest!



The afternoon of October 8 was cool and drizzly so we enjoyed a slide presentation by David Massy, MU landscape Services, of trees on campus. The walking tour was canceled due to the weather but David's presentation was a great substitute.



PSST: it's a secret- Leona Litteral will be 80 Nov 23rd and her daughter is planning a card shower. Send cards to her at 117 Coventry Court, 65203



October Yard of the Month

Lucille and Johnnie Wayland have a lovely garden on the corner of Teakwood and Grant at 3701 Teakwood. Lucille says she does not pay attention to the names of the flowers for the most part but remembers the friends who gave them to her, contributing to the Friendship Garden she and others enjoy so much. Lucille fertilizes in February, spreads Osmocote in early summer and provides plenty of water all summer. She uses hardwood mulch from Columbia recycling center on Paris road. They sent a nice thank you note!

(Do you have an e-mail address? If so, please let me know and I will send the newsletter to you in color! You will enjoy the newsletter earlier, in color and we will save money! Also, call me with any news or to include an article in the newsletter. I appreciate all the help I can get!

Karen 442 1873

Here are a few gardening tasks and projects that you can do this month to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season, and prepare for the long cold winter and upcoming spring.

Perennials, annuals, and bulbs

- Make sure that the canes of your climbing roses and other vining plants are securely fastened to their supports. Winter winds can whip and severely damage unprotected plants. Don't tie them so tightly that the string or twist-tie cuts into the stem. I recommend using a length of an old nylon stocking because it will stretch as the plant grows, rather than cutting into the stem, as string will do.
 - Mound five to six inches of soil around the bases of your hardy fuchsias and roses. *Use soil from another part of the garden, rather than risking damage to the roots by digging around the base of the plant.*
 - Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they have begun to die back.
 - You can continue to transplant your perennials throughout the fall and winter, as long as they remain dormant.
 - Tulip bulbs may still be planted in the early part of the month.
 - Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.
 - Be sure that your tender plants are protected from frost. Mulching with bark, sawdust or straw will help create a blanket of protection over the root system. Should the weather get suddenly cold, place burlap, cloth or dark plastic over your *tender plants* to give them some added protection from the cold. Be sure to remove this covering when the weather has stabilized!
- <http://www.thegardenhelper.com/calendar/november.html>



- Meet a new member: Leslie Graves
- I invited a personal friend of mine, Leslie Graves to join us after realizing how much I enjoyed all of you! She will answer to Leslie, Les or Lester. She moved here when her husband came to the area as CEO of the Fulton Hospital. They have one son, Hunter. If you shop at Keeping Good Company, you will see her beautiful silk flower arrangements for sale. She also creates special arrangements by order and has recently completed floral arrangements for MU. Hailing originally from Paducah, Leslie and her family have lived in several great places; Atlanta to name one. You will enjoy visiting with Leslie!

Minutes-October 8, 2007

We welcomed Clare and Jeff Melick as visitors at today's meeting. Sue Williams became a new member.

Marty Buell recommended two good garden television shows that we might be interested in – they begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays on Channel 6 (PBS); the second half hour is The Victory Garden.

The minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer's Report:** Alice Havard supplied copies. Alice reminded those members who have not yet paid their dues that dues need to be in soon.

*The Twin City Garden Club invited us to their 50th Anniversary on Tuesday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in California, MO. For more information, call Mary Jane Wheeling.

*Mary Jane invited members to come up with ideas for our club for the upcoming yearbook.

*There was an article about Grace Edwards in the Fall Edition of the Garden Forum. Grace passed away on June 10, 2007; she had served two terms as president of our club.

*The VISON OF BEAUTY calendars are for sale currently.

OLD BUSINESS: Seven of our members attended the Lake of the Ozarks meeting. We are proud to announce that **Marie Pasley** was installed as Central District Director; **Alice Havard** as Central District Treasurer and **Carolyn Doyle** is serving as a 2009 Election Committee member and as Blue Star Chairman. **Linda Lowenburg** will be the Chairman of Invasive Plants and **Mary Jane Wheeling** will be Chairman of World Gardening.

Landscape Design School is coming up Oct. 17, 18, 19 in St. Louis. Four of our members will be attending. Mary Jane will attend the Flower Show School and recommended that all of us consider doing this as we are getting low on Flower Show judges.

Barb Devine volunteered to serve on the Advisory Board.

Mary Jane read a note from Judy Green regarding the NGC High School Essay Contest. Barb Devine volunteered to send the letter and rules to local high school English departments.

Marie Pasley reminded us that the State Convention will be centered around the "75th Anniversary". Each district will be assigned a "section of time" and will make a Memorabilia Table. The Central District has been assigned "Present Day" 2000 – 2008. The convention will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel (call early if you would like a room and mention that you are with the Federated Garden Clubs) May 6 – 8, 2008. We will be asked to be roving hostesses and Marie mentioned that we will be responsible to add one item in 400 gift bags. If anyone has any ideas, please let her know. There will be a Tea at the Governor's Mansion on the first evening, tours around Jefferson City and workshops.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Marie Pasley offered to pick up any items at the National Headquarters that we might need when she attends the Landscape Design School in St. Louis.

Susan Moore has served as our meeting hostess for the last eight years and is stepping down. We will be looking for a replacement. Please let Mary Jane know if you would be interested in filling Susan's BIG shoes!

Julie Fisher has helped Linda Durand with the Business Citation. Columbia College (who has only a crew of three) has been awarded the Columbia Garden Club's Business Citation and will be present at our next meeting to receive it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Fisher mentioned that next month's program is Carolyn Doyle's sister-in-law and will bring in her botanic artwork.

Mary Jane reminded us that written committee reports will be due next month.

Meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Barb Devine

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