

Columbia Underground

News of the Columbia Garden Club

President Karen Blackmore 442-1873



CALENDER OF EVENTS

Jan 11, 1 pm

"Enjoy the Quiet Beauty of Winter, Paint Gourds"
Dorothy Colette,

Feb 8, 1 pm

"Seeds and Cuttings, the two best methods of propagation"
Jeff Oberhaus,
Vintage Hill Farms

March 8, 1 pm

"Planting Trees for Lasting Beauty"
Ann Koenig, Forester, Mo. Dept. of Conservation

March ?

Art In Bloom

April 12, 1 pm

"The Beauty of Insects-from Beneficial to Harmful"
Anastasia Becker,
State Integrated Pest Management coordinator

April 16

Central District Spring Meeting,
Tipton, Mo.

April 24

FGCM State Convention,
Chesterfield, Mo.

May 10, 1 pm

"Beauty in the Seedlings"
Bart Piotter takes us on a tour of his nursery.

May 14-16

NGC National Conv.

May 22

CGC Flower show

June 14, 8:30 am

"Let Beauty surround You"
CGC Tour of five members gardens.

July 12, 9 am

"Enjoy the Beauty of Day-lilies and Hostas" Optional meeting/tour of Julia Semon's Gardens

Sept 10

Central Dist Fall Mtg.

Sept 13, 12 pm

"Sharing the Bounty and Beauty of our Labor"

Carry in Luncheon

Oct 11, 1pm

"The Beauty of Bats" Dr. Sybil Amelon, Research Biologist, Mo Dept of Agri.

Nov 7-9, 1 pm

FGCM Fall Board Mtg.

Nov 15, 1 pm

"Bringing the Beauty of Nature inside for Thanksgiving"

Janet Lindstrom, CGC Member and , certified florist

Dec 13, noon

Holiday Tea

Presidents Message:

I am not sure how you feel about winter but I am ready for a nice rest; time to reflect on last years gardens and to plan for 2010 in the garden! I have the blinds up and feeders filled. I look out at birds happily feeding, and more often than not, a big Red Headed or Red Bellied Woodpecker is at our feeders, as well as Red Birds, Tufted Titmouse, Black-capped Chickadees, Blue Jays, Cedar Waxwings, and Dark-eyed Juncos plus American and House finches. Today I have a Northern Flicker but he is not here every day. How can this not be one of the best times of the year? I notice the heater has quit in the bird bath so am off to get a new one. I hope you are feeding and watering our feathered friends during this cold spell and enjoying them as much as I am!

Karen B.



Meet Dorothy Colette!

We are in for a treat at the January meeting as Dorothy Colette shows us how she paints gourds. She will have some of her beautiful gourds for sale as well. We have purchased (and cleaned) several gourds and will have them available in the event you can volunteer to take a few home and paint them for the plant sale on May 1st! Most will have been prepared to be birdhouses. This will be a fun "class" and should add color and something new and colorful to our sale. Melissa Witherington has written a nice and informative article about gourds. See page 2! See you at the meeting on the 11th!

According to the Food Pantry receipt dated 12/15/09 the Columbia Garden Club donated 187 pounds of canned goods! Wow! Way to go Gardeners!!
Linda Jones Lowenberg

Columbia Garden Club Minutes

Dec. 14, 2009

Thirty-one members and one guest met at noon for the annual holiday luncheon. Donations of canned or boxed food were collected for the food pantry. Jim Wilson was present and sold copies of his newest book, *HOME GROWN Vegetables, Fruits, and Herbs, A BOUNTIFUL, HEALTHFUL GARDEN FOR LEAN TIMES*. Let Barbara Rothenberger know if you would like a book and she will bring them to the January meeting. Following the luncheon, First Vice President Emily Bonwich called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

Carolyn Doyle reported that the Flower Show received a score of 95 and she thanked all for helping make the event a success. Charley Blackmore presented a slide show of the entries which gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy them one more time.

Marie Pasley installed the 2010-2011 Officers. They are President, Karen Blackmore; First Vice-President, Gayle Fry; Second Vice-President, Art Schneider; Secretary, Evette Nissen; and Treasurer, Virginia Itschner. Marie read remarks from Linda Lowenberg who was unable to attend because of illness.

The 2010 Yearbooks were given to those members present.

A motion was made by Carolyn Doyle and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Virginia Itschner, Secretary



Alice Havard and Barbara Rothenberger will be touring gardens in Costa Rica by the time we have our meeting next week! I know I speak for all of us when I say "I am jealous!"

KB

Jan Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand Dec.		\$2883.30
Income:		
Dues		\$40.00
Vision of Beauty	(4@\$5.33)	\$21.32
CGC shirts	(3x18.35)	\$54.95
Design by Type	(2@ \$47.00)	\$94.00
Total		\$210.27
Expenses:		
Trinity Pres.- Jan. Rent		\$25.00
Digi print (yearbook)		\$68.44
Mo Cotton Exchange (shirts)		\$109.70
Betty Alloway (judges mileage-FS)		\$50.00
Country club of Mo. (judges lunch-FS)		\$96.70
Flower Show postage		\$12.79
Flower show photos		\$16.49
Program Gift		\$ 7.39
Historian Photo prints		\$ 1.87
Newsletter postage, printing		\$58.01
Plants for Bluffs		\$127.75
Gourds for Jan program/plant sale		\$50.00
Total expense		\$624.09
Balance on Hand Jan 1, 09		\$2469.48
CD-Premier Bk.		\$3080.01
Total Assets:		\$5549.49

We finished the year in good shape. We still have a few books and a couple of shirts outstanding so will have a little more income. The previous 3 years ended with total assets as follows:

2008- \$5491.02

2007- \$4411.38

2006- \$3832.70

Even with our Celebration, we gained assets. With a successful plant sale, we will be in a good position to complete all our projects! Please be prepared to vote on the proposed budget shown in the yearbook, at the January meeting.

Also, be thinking about what you will be able to donate to the sale!

ABOUT GOURDS



In January, we will paint gourds. What do you know about gourds? Did you know they are a member of the cucumber family? They are related to squash and melons and come in a myriad of shapes and sizes. Some resemble apples, others ducks in a row, still others swans. There is even a long curved gourd used as a sheath in Africa to entice a female partner! Gourds have long been used as a dipper; have you ever drunk from one? They make excellent bird houses. Some are smooth, others warty or bristly, large or small. They grow in many countries of the world. In California, they grow as wild perennials.

Ornamental gourds are easily grown from seeds. Have you ever grown them or taught a child how? You can buy the seeds wherever seeds are sold or full grown gourds locally at Moser's and Farmers Market and perhaps other places you know. I bought two in the fall, sprayed them with hair spray and used them on the patio to add color and interest to fall plants. They are still nice after sitting in dirt for two months.

You can also order them as seeds, dried, or painted. Check out this link: <http://waynesword.palomar.edu/ww0503.htm#sources>. It has brilliant photos, places to buy them and hundreds of facts and creative ideas. Then come to the January meeting ready to pitch in with ideas of your own!

Melissa Witherington

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(note: we have not seen Melissa recently as she had surgery the day of our December luncheon. I know you all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and telling her that we hope to see her at the January meeting. Thanks Melissa for your contribution to *Columbia Underground!* KB.)



Please welcome two new members:

Diane Poole, 313 Rockingham Dr, Col., Mo 65203, 445-5906

Lynda Blades, 18193 Monroe Rd. 124, Holliday, Mo. 65258 , 1-600-266-3373

(Remember to update in your yearbook!)

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings take place at:

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ATTENTION

Elaine Fix, webmaster, at the state level has been working on the FGCM website and uploaded the whole Garden Club Manual with 2007, 2008 & 2009 updates. The date of the updates since 2007 are highlighted in red for easier viewing. Now members can view the entire manual as it is written.



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Courtesy Committee: If you know of any of our members who are ill, please let Carol Notbohm, Courtesy Chairman, or Rose Mayfield, also serving on that committee, know so they can send a card from the Columbia Garden club! There may be other occasions when you feel we should send a "courtesy" to someone. Please let them know that as well!



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