

# Columbia Underground

NEWS OF THE COLUMBIA GARDEN CLUB

## CALENDAR

July 13, 1 to 4 pm

“Celebrating our 90th Birthday Gala”

August 13-23

Missouri State Fair  
Sedalia

August 19

Federation Day at  
State Fair

Sept. 14, noon

“Growing our Membership” Carry in Luncheon/Seed and Plant Exchange

Sept. 24

Central Dist Fall Meeting, Ashland

Oct. 12, 1p.m.

“Going with Ikebana Style” Ruth LaHue

October 16-18

Flower Show School IV-Kirkwood, Mo.

Nov. 9, 1:00p.m.

“Growing with Holiday Design” Bonnie Culley and Carol Van Vranken

December 12

CGC Flower Show “Holiday Treats”

December 14, noon

Holiday Tea



## “It’s a Celebration!”

“Going and Growing for 90 Years”

90 Years of Gardening

On Monday, July 13 Columbia Garden Club will celebrate 90 years of gardening. Rarely do organizations continue for 90 years, so this is a huge accomplishment for our club. We hope all Columbia Garden Club members will be able to attend this momentous event. The program will consist of an introduction of special guests; Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri President, Jean Roseman is expected, as well as other State officers. A special introduction of past Columbia Garden Club Presidents will be given. Bob McConnell, our MC for the day will give a brief club history along with present day activities and what he sees in our future according to industry direction. A wonderful floral design program “90 Years of Floral Design” will be presented by Claudia Chopp. If you haven’t had the privilege of seeing Claudia before, you are in for a treat. She has unique and creative ideas in design. She routinely participates in *Art in Bloom* at the St. Louis Art Museum and has chaired that event.

There are currently two exhibits at the Museum; one includes a painting from every county in Missouri and the other is a fiber art exhibit. We are invited to enjoy all the exhibits.

We do need members to help the day of the event but we want everyone to enjoy the day. So the more help we have the more all members will be able to enjoy the day. If you want to help, contact Jane Sadler, Marie Pasley, Carolyn Doyle or Linda Lowenberg, Co-Chairs.





Alice Havard, show chairman of the Daylily show at the Library June 27, 2009, sponsored by the Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society, gets credit toward Flower show school requirements! It was a really nice show. Hopefully many of you were able to attend and see the pretty daylilies. Members will be selling daylilies at the Farmers Market on August 29th. Come early as they usually sell out before noon!

## **"Perennials in Design Seminar "**

presented by the Perennial Plant Association

### Speakers & Topics

*Designing with Color and Texture*, Tracy DiSabato Aust

*Perennial Plant Communities- The Know Maintenance Approach*, Roy Diblick

*Perennial Floral Design to a Music Beat*, Dianne Noland

*Bulbs in Gardens- Long Term Partners in Sustainable Designs*, Scott Odgen & Lauren Springer Odgen

*Four Seasons of Container Gardens*, Rita Randolph

*Tough Perennials for Tough Sites*, Dr. Art Cameron

This is a one day seminar held before the National Perennial Plant Association Convention that is being opened to gardeners. Most of these speakers have written books and articles for magazines. They are outstanding horticulturist in their fields.

Event Date- Monday July 20, 2009 ;Location- Union Station Marriot, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

web site [www.hortco-op.org](http://www.hortco-op.org) for registration form Cost- \$69 before July 13

*90th Celebration information: July 13, 2009 1 to 4 pm*

*The Boone County Historical Society Museum*

*3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO 65201*

*"Floral Design the Past 90 Years" will be presented by Claudia Chopp, Floral Designer & FGCM  
Vision of Beauty, Chair*

*Directions: From I-70 take Hwy. 63 South go approx. 2 miles to AC/Grindstone Pkwy. Exit -Turn onto Grindstone Pkwy. Going west .1 mi. - Turn left onto Ponderosa St. -go .6 mile Museum is on the right side of the road*



June 8, 2009

-Columbia Garden Club-

### Minutes

Following the annual garden tour which approximately 30 people attended, members met at Kiwanis Park for lunch and a brief business meeting. Carolyn Doyle, Flower Show Chair, gave members a draft schedule for the Standard Flower Show which will be held at the Columbia Public Library on December 12. Carolyn also discussed plans for the club's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The celebration will be at the Boone County Historical Society from 1 to 4 PM on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Bob McConnell will be the Master of Ceremonies. Marie Pasley is working on compiling a brief history of activities of the Columbia Garden Club but she said that is difficult because the club has been involved in so many ways in the City of Columbia's history. Carolyn announced that Claudia Chopp will present a program on "Design Through the Decades" for this special occasion. Carolyn asked for two volunteers to design two arrangements. A small arrangement is needed for the front desk, and a taller arrangement is needed for a pedestal. Contact Carolyn if you are interested in doing one of these designs. Special invited guests include local plant societies, garden clubs located in the Central District and the Missouri Federated Garden Club Officers. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help the day of the celebration was passed around.

Carolyn recommended that some work be done in the beds around the gazebo before the celebration. This service project is being done in conjunction with the celebration and is not an on-going project. A work day is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at 8:30 AM at the gazebo. Bring a wheel barrow if you have one and tools. You can donate any shade plants that you have if you would like to do that. Alice Havard volunteered her truck for picking up the soil and Judy Franklin has a truck if it is needed.

Linda Lowenberg asked for volunteers who were interested in serving on the nominating committee. The committee formed has Barbara Devine, Chair and members Emily Bonwich and Cindy Deegan. Karen Blackmore moved that these members be elected. Marie Pasley seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer Karen Blackmore said she had received a thank you note from the Columbia Public Library for \$40 the club sent them to purchase a garden book. Also, Karen reported receiving a \$100 donation from Mary and Chris Starbuck. This donation is to be used for the Bluffs Courtyard Gardens. Karen said the checking balance is \$4,328.38 and the CD balance is \$3,012.61 for total assets of \$7,340.99.

Linda introduced her guest, Jessica Starr. Jessica has been helping Linda with her yard and she is interested in securing other yard work jobs this summer. Call Linda if you are interested in having Jessica help you.

Virginia Itschner, Secretary

**SHIRT:** Want a Garden Club shirt? I have 3 requested and can place the order once we have 6! Let me know if you want one. The cost is probably just under \$19.00. We have not priced them since our original order. They are good shirts that run a little large and wash well. Karen 442-1873

**Congratulations** to our show judging students as all of them passed flower show school !!! Only one more school to go!







## July Yard of the Month

Lorrie Craft of 1209 Weaver was so pleased to have her garden chosen as Yard of the Month for July! And no wonder! It makes a perfectly stunning curbside impression, with two enormous circles of pink impatiens set off by a small emerald green lawn and a backdrop of meticulously trimmed yew. There are a half dozen white concrete bird baths scattered about, several holding classic Greek statues. One bird bath, on the front porch, is a multi-levelled fountain featuring a lady with doves. Hanging containers hold very large and lush Boston ferns.

This homeowner is a lady of multiple talents. For example, she makes gorgeous living wreaths as a hobby and several are hanging in the garden. The wreaths are made of ordinary grapevine, to which she attaches plastic bags filled with soil. A lush combination of plants completely hide the soil and appear to be growing right out of each finished wreath.

Lorrie's special gift seems to be growing roses. She has the most beautiful, healthy looking Hybrid Tea roses to be seen anywhere in Columbia (where most people don't even try to raise these difficult varieties). She has 45 named varieties and can tell you the name of every one! Lorrie's secrets to success with Hybrid Teas: (1) Feeds Wal-Mart rose food every 6 weeks. (2) Sprays with Sevin insecticide and a separate rose fungicide at the same time. (3) hand waters each individual plant with a sprinkler hose early in the day whenever the ground looks dry. (4) Top dresses with top soil from Lowe's at the time of feeding. Does not use mulch. Note: Each rose plant or group of plants is in a raised bed about 6 to 8 inches high. When I asked if she planted them in raised beds, she said no, they are up high because of the gradual accumulation of added topsoil.

There are other shrubs and flowers in Lorrie's yard, all showing the results of loving care. It is amazing that she does all her own garden work except for occasional help with heavy lifting from her son. Congratulations, Lorrie!

