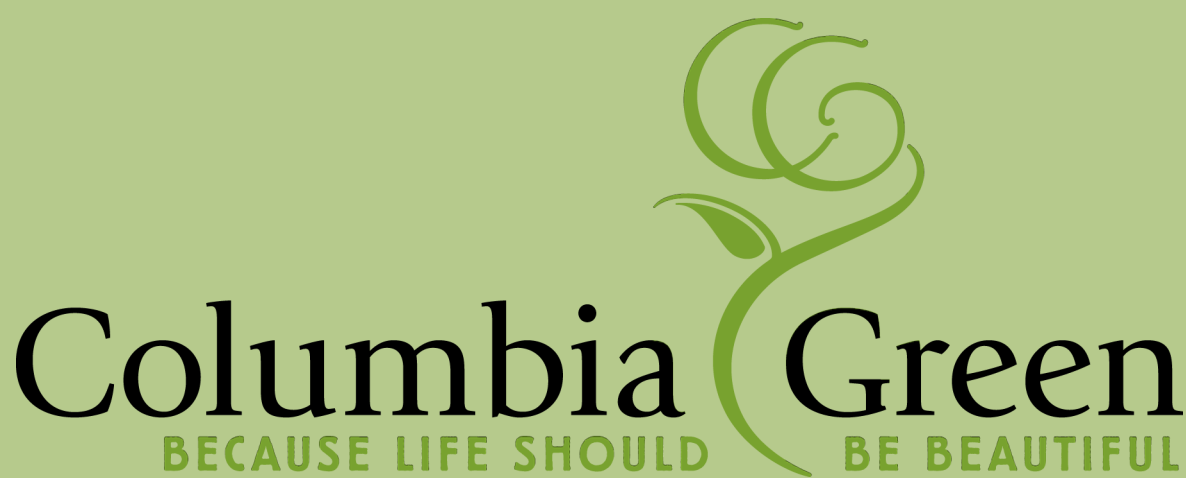


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The mission of Columbia Green is to promote beautification of the Columbia area through landscaping, gardening, horticulture, education and conservation. Making Columbia more beautiful will enhance the quality of life of its citizens and visitors and support economic development.

From the President

Come Dig with us



Susan Hamilton

For some of us, digging into our checking account isn't the only way we like to help an organization. While I don't want to discourage monetary donations – they are the most important way our members can support Columbia Green – there are also other ways to help us beautify Columbia!

Columbia Green is creating a directory of volunteers who can be contacted for projects that suit their interests and expertise. There are a variety of opportunities for members to facilitate improving the Columbia area through landscaping, gardening, horticulture, education and conservation.

Volunteers can be used to:

- work with our grant recipients who can use additional expertise or just more hands to complete their projects;
- help us harvest plant donations that we are sometimes offered;
- help with our educational events;
- act as hosts/hostesses at our annual Festival of Gardens; and
- offer expertise on our many subcommittees, including projects, fundraising, educational events and publishing our newsletter.

While many of our sponsored planting beds are along busy public streets where volunteers cannot safely work, we often have other projects where assistance would be welcomed. For instance, in past years we have represented Columbia Green at Fort Jackson Arbor Day plantings. Volunteers dug holes, fertilized and planted a variety of trees and shrubs to beautify the base along Interstate 77.

Volunteers this year also dug up Rose of Sharon plants that were donated to our organization. The flowering shrubs were distributed to schools, churches and other organizations that indicated an interest in further beautifying their grounds.

If you would like to become more involved in Columbia Green, we encourage you to go to our website, www.columbiagreen.org and, under the heading of "Support Us," fill out our volunteer form. We promise not to contact you for anything in which you have not indicated an interest, and we will not share your information with any other organizations.

Like any non-profit, the most important way to help us is to support us monetarily so that we can continue our work of funding grants and maintaining the public areas that we have planted for 25 years. But we would love to get to know you better and encourage you to mentally and physically join us in our efforts to beautify the Columbia area. We think you'll be proud you did!

Columbia Choice Awards Nominations Due October 1

Nominations for outstanding landscaping efforts at local businesses and organizations are now being accepted for the eighth annual Columbia Choice Awards, co-sponsored by Columbia Green and the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission.

The awards serve to recognize individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, developers and organizations whose work has significantly enhanced the appearance and quality of life in the city of Columbia. Last year the Columbia Choice Awards went to The Hilton Columbia Center Hotel, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Kings Grant Homeowners Association, The Lutheran Theological Seminary and Heathwood Hall Episcopal School.

The Columbia Choice Awards will be made in five different categories plus a Special Achievement Award. Entry forms may be downloaded from www.columbiagreen.org or from the City of Columbia Forestry and Beautification Department, 803-545-3060. Nominations are due on October 1st, and winners will be announced at the Columbia Green Annual Meeting, November 11, 2009.

Canalapalooza!!

The Columbia Canal...Introduce Yourself to the Fall Line

Fall Line: The point within South Carolina at which its rivers cease to be navigable from the Lowcountry

Before the shark moved into the SC State Museum, what was there?

How can fish climb a ladder when they have no feet?

Where does our drinking water come from?

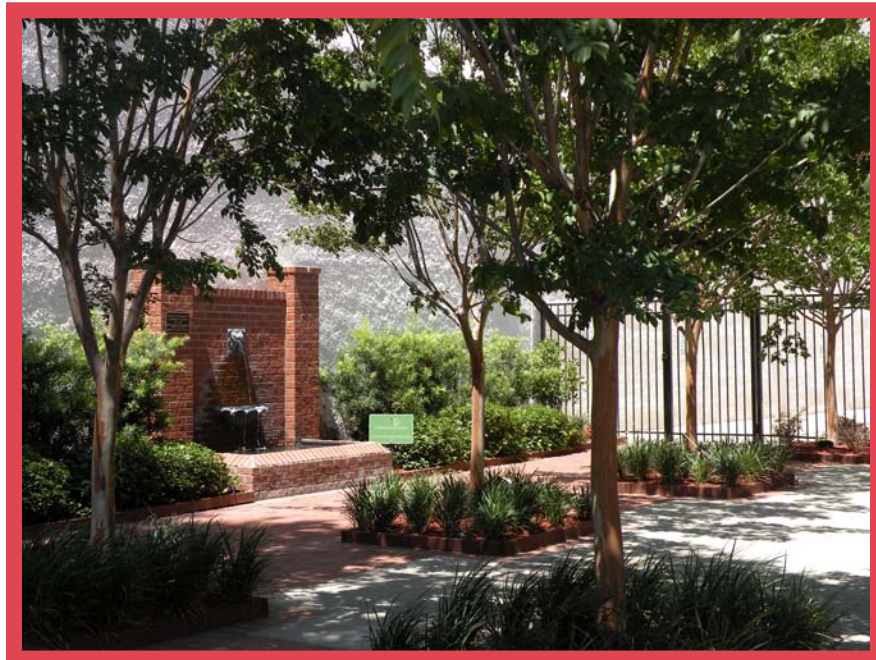
How did your great-grandmother ship that family heirloom from Charleston to the Upstate?

Is it possible to canoe or kayak the Riverfront without worrying about those big rocks?

The answers to these questions will be evident when Columbia Green hosts Canalapalooza on Sunday, October 25th. In collaboration with our friends at Historic Columbia Foundation, The SC State Museum, McKissick Museum at USC, the City of Columbia and local conservation and ecology groups, we'll gather at Riverfront Park from 1-5pm for an exploration of the Columbia Canal and the Fall Line and its past, present and future impact on our area.

Exhibits and speakers will present the history, ecology, engineering and geology of this city feature which many people have yet to discover. City Park Rangers will provide tours, and you can bike, walk, skate, or push a stroller along the Riverfront, learning as you go. Some transportation will be available as well for those who prefer to ride. Stop at the Fall Line exhibit at the State Museum that day with a discounted admission ticket available at the event. Admission to Canalapalooza is free.

City Center Partnership



Main Street is a little brighter with the addition of 30 hanging baskets and a new "pocket park" near the former Tapps Department Store, thanks in part to a \$3,000 community grant from Columbia Green.

Columbia Green awarded City Center Partnership grant money for plantings at the newly-created Tapps pocket park and for 30 colorful baskets hanging from light posts along Main Street. The park, paved with bricks and decorated with a wall fountain, has yews, liriopse grass, fig vines and yaupon hollies. The hanging baskets are brightened with begonias and sweet potato vines.

CCP was founded seven years ago to manage Columbia's downtown business improvement district bounded by Gervais, Elmwood, Assembly and Marion streets. The organization manages public space, promotes economic development, markets services and acts as a public advocate for downtown Columbia. It applied for a beautification grant through Columbia Green's community grants programs, and the grant money was used for plants and soil amendments on this project.

Columbia Green has awarded nearly \$17,000 in seven different community and neighborhood grants in the past year, with projects ranging from neighborhood, school and church landscaping ventures to a \$5,000 gateway beautification project at Fort Jackson. Grant applications for 2010 are now being accepted. For more information on Columbia Green's grants programs, visit our website at www.columbiagreen.org.

Palmetto Trees Greet Visitors to Fort Jackson

This summer, Columbia Green planted three large, historically-significant Palmetto palm trees to welcome visitors passing through the Boyden Arbor gate of Fort Jackson on their way to graduation ceremonies. The planting is reminiscent of multiple other landscaped city gateways Columbia Green has planted throughout the area.

Last year, the Richland County Appearance Commission asked Columbia Green to partner with it to create a welcome gateway for the estimated 3,000 weekly visitors from across our country who attend Fort Jackson graduation ceremonies. The county Appearance Commission is providing signage for the entrance off Percival Road while Columbia Green is doing the landscaping.

The first phase of the landscaping is complete with the addition of the mature Palmetto trees and the new signs. In the fall, additional flowers and shrubs will be planted to further enhance the beauty of this gateway.

This project features drought-resistant plants to showcase a new environmental trend in landscape design. In addition, the Palmettos were saved from destruction in a city street-widening project and were safely moved to their new home. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for October.

Special thanks to Columbia Green board members Susie Heyward and Ken Walden for monetary donations enabling Columbia Green to save and secure these special full-grown palms.



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YES! I'd like to become a member of Columbia Green and support the beautification of my city!

Name/Business: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership Category (check one):

\$50 Donor \$250 Patron
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Business Membership Category (check one):

\$250 Business Donor \$500 Business Patron
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All members receive the following:

- Newsletter
- 10% discount at participating garden centers, nurseries, and other businesses
- Free admission to special events and the annual meeting
- Discounts on Festival of Gardens tickets

Supporters, Patrons and Benefactors receive these additional benefits:

- Recognition in newsletter, other publications and website
- Complimentary tickets to the Festival of Gardens, including the kickoff party

To make a contribution in honor or memory of someone, to volunteer, or to inquire about other ways to support the organization, please contact Columbia Green at 803.254.7595 or through the website.

Please mail this form with your check to Columbia Green to:

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