

## From the President



Earl Ellis

Spring time may well be the best time of the year to be a member of Columbia Green. All of our efforts are beginning to show this time each year. Columbia is a beautiful city in spring, and Columbia Green plays a large role in making that happen. If you are already a member, be proud and don't forget to renew your membership. Please consider going to a higher membership level. If you are reading this and you're not a member, please join us. It is a worthy organization and a rewarding experience to know we're actively making our city more beautiful.

Our signature event is the Festival of Gardening held each year in May. It's coming up soon. Don't miss it. In fact, we have a need for volunteers to help at the many gardens. If you've never done it before, give it a try this year. The annual

garden tour is our primary fund raiser. The money raised will be used to beautiful the parks, schools, medians, gateways, and rights-of-ways along city streets. We try to never stray from our mission, which is to promote and enhance the beautification of the Columbia area.



A mirrored hideaway provides a focal point in the Rogers' garden.

## What's Ahead?

The Columbia Choice Awards, previously made at the time of the Festival of Gardening, have been rescheduled. Nominations of exemplary landscaping at businesses, neighborhood parks, and public institution sites within the City will be sought sometime in August. The awards, jointly sponsored by the City of Columbia Tree & Appearance Commission and Columbia Green, will be presented at a special event in September. Additional information will be included in the August edition of this newsletter and through the City's Forestry & Beautification Division.

Proposals for small grants to beautify public spaces will be sought in later this year. Through its Neighborhood Grant program, Columbia Green has set aside \$3,000 to be awarded in grants of up to \$1,000 to neighborhood organizations and/or garden clubs for beautification projects. The RFP will be available on the Columbia Green website, [columbiagreen.org](http://columbiagreen.org), and will be mailed out as the October deadline nears.

## Gardens, gardens, gardens

**Q. Where can you find and how can you see the most beautiful gardens in Columbia?**

A. Through Columbia Green's Festival of Gardening tour on Thursday, May 17, and Saturday, May 19.

Ten of the most interesting and attractive residential gardens in Columbia's in-town neighborhoods will be open to the public through Columbia Green's annual garden tour. The gardens are in the Wheeler Hill, Wales Garden, Shandon, Hollywood-Rose Hill, and Heathwood neighborhoods stretching from the University area to Kilbourne Road off of Devine. Volunteers from Columbia Green and master gardeners will be at each location to help identify plants and answer horticulture questions.

As a special bonus, there will be a tea party in the Rogers' garden on Kilbourne Road from 2:30-5:00 p.m. on both days of the tour. The food, to be catered by Northern Exposure, will have to compete with the dramatic blue Larkspurs and other blooming perennials for attention.

Tickets can be purchased in advance (with the enclosed ticket order form) or, on the days of the tour, at 211 Saluda Avenue, the first garden listed on the tour schedule.

Have you been meaning to join Columbia Green? This would be a good time to do so to take advantage of the member discount on ticket prices. Advance sales ticket prices are \$30 for members; \$40 for non members. On the days of the garden tour the ticket prices are \$35 for members; \$45 for non members.

**Q. What will you get from attending the garden tour?**

A. Adoptable ideas on landscaping and horticulture suitable for this region; inspiration to make your own garden more beautiful; the serene pleasure of being in peaceful surroundings of lush and well tended trees, shrubs and flowers; and, the satisfaction of supporting Columbia Green and its many beautification projects.



Seating by the pond at the home of Hannah and Ron Rogers on Kilbourne where the Tea Party will take place, 2:30-5:00 p.m. only.

### Garden Tour Volunteers Needed

Volunteer greeters and master gardeners needed for garden tour on May 17 and 19. Work 3-hour shift in designated garden, 9:30-12:30, or 12:30 to 3:30. Chance to see wonderful gardens, meet people with similar interests. Free ticket to see all gardens on tour. Call 803.254.7595 and leave name, phone number, and preferred day.

# Summer Snapdragons for Assembly Street Medians

Angelonia will be planted in abundance on the Elmwood and Assembly Street medians thanks to a grant from Columbia Green to the City. Purple Angelonia, or Summer Snapdragons, will be planted there along with Alternanthera Summer Flame, a showy foliage plant with pink on green coloration. Vinca and Coleus will be planted on the Bull Street medians; Marigolds, Petunias, Pentas, and Impatiens in various combinations will be planted at the remaining sites.

Columbia Green makes a gift to the City twice a year to plant colorful annuals at sites on well traveled thoroughfares and intersections throughout the City, including the corner at Millwood & Gervais, the medians at Rosewood and Beltline, and the island at Cross Hill and Beltline. In all, twelve sites will be planted with Summer Snapdragons and other colorful annuals to brighten our travels in and around the City. We hope you will notice the familiar Columbia Green signs at our many sites and enjoy the flash of color as you drive by.



**Purple Angelonia**

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*Please note: These businesses offer a 10% discount to members of Columbia Green. We encourage you to patronize these friends of Columbia Green.*



## Become a member of Columbia Green!

Yes. My involvement in Columbia Green will help beautify our capital city and promote knowledge and appreciation of gardening, horticulture, landscape design, and conservation in the Columbia area.

Name(s) (business or individual(s)), as you want to be listed:

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category (check one):

- \$50 Individual       \$250 Supporter  
 \$500 Patron       \$1,000 Benefactor

### All membership categories receive the following benefits:

- Subscription to quarterly newsletter
- 10% discount on purchases from Columbia Green Associates (garden centers, nurseries, and other businesses)
- Invitation to the annual meeting and other special events
- Discount on Festival of Gardening tickets

### Supporters, Patrons and Benefactors will receive the following additional benefits:

- Recognition in newsletter, other publications and web site
- Complimentary tickets to the Festival of Gardening, including the kickoff party

Additional ways to support Columbia Green:

- I would like to be a Columbia Green volunteer  
 I would like to work on a committee.  
 I would like to make a gift in honor of someone special.

Name of person to be honored: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \_\_\_\_\_ Honorarium \_\_\_\_\_ or Memorial \_\_\_\_\_

To become a member or offer your support to Columbia Green, please copy or cut out this form and send it with your check to:  
Columbia Green, P. O. Box 50191, Columbia, SC 29250  
Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you!

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## Snowball Viburnum on garden tour



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