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Columbia Green



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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

BRING SUNSCREEN FOR YOUR ANKLES.....

Because the Columbia Green 2010 Festival of Gardens will knock your socks off!!!!!!!!!!!!



Ann Holtschlag

Twelve homes in Spring Valley will be featured on the tour this year and do we have a variety of landscapes to show you: gardens on and above the golf course, on and above three different lakes, spectacular backyards usually hidden from the road, big gardens, small gardens, a garden train and the garden of a national rosarian celebrity- all in one of Columbia's first suburban neighborhoods.

For the first time in several years, all twelve gardens will be open from 9:30 until 3:30 Thursday May 20th and Saturday May 22nd. The Garden Party from 3-5 pm will be a perfect way to end your pleasant day. Have some refreshments and shop the display of roses from Roses Unlimited in Laurens, SC and garden art from One-Eared Cow Glass. Register to win door prizes as well. Your ticket allows you to visit each garden once and can be used on a combination of days. See the ticket order form in this Newsletter or order online at our website, www.columbiagreen.org. A ticket is a perfect Mother's Day gift.

A new feature this year will be our DEJA VIEW opportunity in autumn. We realize that Columbia gardens take on a whole new personality in the fall and the spring landscape is often a pastel preview to the real show. Planters will then sit amid lush surroundings and garden art will be draped with flowering vines. Plants that are just small dots of green now will be in full bloom then and patches of soil and empty spots will disappear in a whole new color scheme of offerings. So we will give you another opportunity to see some of these same beautiful spots in September or October when you can spend an afternoon taking another look at Spring Valley's best landscapes. Watch our website and our member Newsletter for further information.

Meanwhile, some things to note about the tour this year:

- Leave your heels and strappy sandals at home. Some of these gardens have several levels to explore and you'll be glad you brought sturdy shoes.
- If you rely on Mapquest, etc. to find your destination, please be aware that many of these GPS programs will bring you to the back gates of Spring Valley. We strongly suggest that you use the main entrance to Spring Valley at the 9400 block of Two Notch Road. Our driving directions will begin at that point and the Homeowners Association has assured us that this is the best access point to this gated community.
- If you would like to pre-order the Earth-Friendly Rosebushes from Roses Unlimited in Laurens, SC, please contact Beth Kibler at 771-0475 or Margot Newton at 765-0335. Roses will be available at the Garden Party as well.

We look forward to seeing you on May 20th and 22nd in Spring Valley. We guarantee that you won't be disappointed!



Thrillers, Fillers, Spillers!

Columbia Green, together with Historic Columbia Foundation, is having a planting party Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Carriage House on the grounds of the Robert Mills House, 1616 Blanding Street. We will supply both instruction and materials for you to create a 10" container garden, using plants, potting soil, and reusable pots from Woodley's Garden Center. Ticket prices for this hands-on event are only \$25, with a \$5 discount on advance registration for Columbia Green and/or Historic Columbia Foundation members. That's a bargain \$20 on a container garden for members! Advance registration for non-members and registration on the day of the event is \$25.



Knowledgeable staff from Woodley's will present step-by-step instructions and ideas for designing and making an exceptional container garden full of thrillers, fillers and spillers. Participants will have the opportunity to select their plants from a variety of Woodley's choices and create the container garden that works for them. Following the workshop free tours of the Robert Mills House historic and beautifully renovated gardens will be offered by David Simpson, HCF Director of Grounds.

Participants should plan to arrive to sign in around 9 a.m. The presentation will take place from 9:30 until 10:00, followed by the planting workshop and the garden tours.

To pre-register online, go to www.columbiagreen.org and to register by phone or mail, contact Ann Posner at HCF, 252-1770, ext. 24, or at aposner@historiccolumbia.org. Remember that the next day, May 9 is Mother's Day! A container garden or a ticket to create one would be a great gift. For more information check our websites at www.columbiagreen.org and www.historiccolumbia.org.

Parking is free and is available at the Henderson Street entrance to the Robert Mills House grounds.

Our Beautiful eARTH

Columbia Green will partner with the Columbia Museum of Art in an exhibition celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary and the Tree Initiative. We are committed to at least one educational project a year and when Columbia Museum of Art approached us, we were happy to say yes.

The show will run in the education gallery from May 19th until September 12th. Featured will be thirty-four contributions from students at three of the schools Columbia Green has supported with past grants: Hand Middle School, Heathwood Hall and Richland Two's Center for Inquiry. The gallery occupies several of the window spaces along Main Street so look for our logo and make plans to drop in and admire the work of these eco-aware students.

This collaboration between Columbia Green and The Museum of Art is a natural fit. We're both about promoting beauty. CMA has most of their contribution inside and ours is outside. This project helps us both meet in the middle!

Advance Ticket Order Form

Ticket Prices	Advance	Day of Tour		
Member	\$30	\$35		
Non-Member	\$40	\$45		
Tickets		Number		Total
Member		_____	@\$30	\$ _____
Non-Member		_____	@\$40	\$ _____
Total Tickets				\$ _____
Membership	_____ New	_____ Renewal	@\$50	\$ _____
			@\$250	\$ _____
			@\$500	\$ _____
			@\$1000	\$ _____

Memberships at \$250 and above receive complimentary tickets
 Make checks payable to Columbia Green

TOTAL TICKETS AND MEMBERSHIP \$ _____

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Please detach and mail this order form along with payment to: Columbia Green, PO Box 50191, Columbia, SC 29250
 OR
 online at www.columbiagreen.org

Mail Order Deadline is May 15, 2010

Volunteers Needed

Columbia Green is, of course, an organization whose success depends on the generosity of its volunteers. We always appreciate and seek financial contributions but every May we ask for your donation of time.

We need volunteers to host and hostess each of our twelve gardens on Thursday, May 20th and Saturday, May 22nd in the Spring Valley neighborhood. The commitment is for three hours.....either a morning shift from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM or from 12:30PM until 3:30PM in the afternoon. A volunteer must be willing to sit in beautiful surroundings, greet visitors, sip a cool drink, eat something yummy for sustenance and be the "face" of Columbia Green to a great many interesting people. There will be a Master Gardener at each location as well. Volunteers will be thanked with a free ticket to the tour which can be used either day. This includes a tea party from 3 until 5 pm and a chance to take home a wonderful door prize.

If spending some time in a beautiful garden that you don't have to tend appeals to you, please contact Elaine Camp at camp2011@bellsouth.net or dec29204@gmail.com or by phone at 782-7920. Please indicate which day and shift you would be willing to work. The spots fill quickly and we give our members the first opportunity to secure a free ticket. The Festival is a rain or shine event but the sun has already promised cooperation. Now we need YOU!



Become a member of Columbia Green!

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
 \$500 Supporter \$1000 Benefactor

Business Membership Category (check one):

- \$250 Business Donor \$500 Business Patron
 \$1000 Business Supporter \$2500 Business Benefactor

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:

Columbia Green
P. O. Box 50191
Columbia, SC 29250

Contributions are tax deductible. **Thank you!**

Columbia Green Society

Associates

The following businesses offer a 10% discount to Columbia Green members:

- Becky's Plants
- Case Plants
- Cooper's Nursery
- Exceed Landscape Solutions
- Mill Creek Greenhouses
- Rebekah's Garden, Inc.
- Reese's Plants
- Southern Vistas Landscaping & Garden Center
- Woodley's Garden Centers

Business Supporter

- Baker & Baker Foundation, Steven Anastasion
- Consolidated Systems, Brad Pemberton
- SC Memorial Park, Bud Ferillo

Business Patron

- Rebekah's Garden, Inc., Rebekah Cline

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- Abacus Planning Group, Inc., Cheryl Holland
- Accusweep, Davis McCaskill
- Becky's Plants, Becky Phillips
- Case Plants, Joshua D'Marque
- Cooper's Nursery, Glen Cooper
- Elliott's on Leesburg, Carol Elliott
- Exceed Landscapte Solutions, Holcombe Smith
- Fine Gardening, Jennifer Denslow Glass
- Grimball, Cotterill & Associates,
 Morgan D. Grimball & T. Mark Cotterill
- MB Kahn Construction Co., Inc., Bill Neely
- Millcreek Green Houses, Lori Watson
- Reese's Plants, Philip Reese
- Southern Vistas, Mark Schimmoeller
- Sox & Freeman Tree Experts Co., Chris Freeman
- Wildewood Dental Care, Dr. Justin Griffin
- Woodley's Garden Centers, Rick & Liz Woodley

In Memoriam

- Denice & Vincent Degenhart in memory of
 Clif Kinder & Jack E. Sullivan

New Members

February 2010 – April 2010

- Angela Bedell
- Grace Lovell
- Paula Matthews
- Dr. & Mrs. W.R. McWilliams
- Reese's Plants, Phillip Reese
- Wildewood Dental Care, Dr. Justin Griffin

