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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



**Ann Holtschlag**

Columbia Green certainly has a variety of interests as one of our warmest (ok...hottest) summers winds down. We did put our collective feet up for a bit after one of our most successful Festival of Gardens ever. Over three hundred people visited the homes of twelve Spring Valley residents and generated \$9,000 in income for our grants projects. Our deepest thanks to the garden owners, volunteers, and Master Gardeners who helped make the event a success. We listened to our visitors' suggestions and we're responding with a new autumn event.

Many of you cancelled your gym workouts after a day covering twelve gardens. You liked the variety of landscapes but would welcome a more leisurely pace. Comments also indicated that some would like more interaction with the garden owners. See our DEJA VIEW GARDEN TOUR solution on September 19th and October 14th. In addition to a foot-friendly layout and conversation opportunities, there will be some valuable tips to take home and put to good use.

It has been a summer of finishing up some ongoing projects. First, the entrance to Earlewood Park on North Main Street has been finished. We are making our contribution to the City's ambitious streetscape project. This is a jewel of a park that everyone should enjoy. And thanks to help from a new corporate member, Springdale Outdoor, the Boyden Arbor entrance to Fort Jackson has additional plantings. The company donated the irrigation updating and did the installation of pyracantha, vitex trees, yucca and seasonal annuals which were funded by our grant.

In 2009, Columbia Green gave over \$14,000 in Neighborhood and Tree Initiative Grants. This was in addition to the dollars which were given to the City of Columbia for planting medians and streetscapes. We need you to help us find worthy projects and thanks to you, the number of applicants has increased along with our ability to respond. It's appropriate that you participate in the process. The money you give us through tax-deductible memberships and event support are given back to you in these grants which invigorate your neighborhoods, churches, schools and the scenery outside your car window. Talk about transparency!

We welcome our newest Board member, Kay Hampton Fogle, who brings energy and ideas with a "downtown" perspective to the group. Columbia Green has an all-volunteer Board: hard-working and dedicated people who make everything happen and have fun in the process.

Please communicate with us through our website. Some of our best ideas and projects come from our members, such as your feedback from the garden tour which led to the DEJA VIEW Sundays. Columbia Green is member-driven and we are fairly bursting with plans for new projects and synergies. If each member found us another kindred spirit, imagine what we could do! Just anticipating all of this requires a nap under a gorgeous canopy tree funded by our grant process!

### DATES TO NOTE

September 12th - eARTh exhibit partnership with Columbia Museum of Art and Palmetto Conservation Foundation closes with a free day of family activities  
September 19th - DEJA VIEW Garden Tour Part One 1-4:30 pm Spring Valley  
October 1st - Grant applications due  
October 14th - DEJA VIEW Garden Tour Part Two 1-4 pm Woodley's Garden Center on Brickyard and Spring Valley home of Vijaya and Satish Prabhu  
November 10th - Columbia Green's Annual Meeting with Amanda McNulty at the Columbia Museum of Art

Watch our website for details!

To become a Member of Columbia Green or inquire about other ways to support the organization, call 803-254-7595 or go to [columbiagreen.org](http://columbiagreen.org)

## Deja View Gardens

Sunday, September 19th 1 until 4:30 pm

One of the joys of gardening is watching landscapes change with every season. With this in mind, Columbia Green invites you to enjoy a DEJA VIEW. If you attended Columbia Green's Festival of Gardens tour in May when the Spring Valley landscape was awash in pastels, we invite you back to see its autumn wardrobe with a different color scheme. If you missed the tour, here is a chance to see the shorter version.

Three of the original twelve gardens which were on display in May will be open for viewing on Sunday, September 19th from 1 until 4:30 pm. The gardens are close together near Spring Valley's main entrance off Two Notch Road and easily visited in an afternoon. Many of the spring annuals that were on display earlier have been supplemented with the vivid hues of late summer perennials that were still dormant in May. The homeowners will be on site to greet and talk with visitors and each will host a presentation by staff members from Woodley's Garden Center on an aspect of fall gardening. Admission to the event is free for Columbia Green members and \$10 for non-members.

The patio home garden of Jane and Greg Evans at 120 Spring Valley Court remains a tour favorite. The Azalea Railroad still runs across the backyard terraces while the mini-landscape along the tracks has filled in and there are new additions. The summer months have only increased the charm and appeal of this garden since the colors of the flowers now match those of the fish in the pond. The front porch will showcase a number of cool season container designs and advice on how to plant them. (Those of you who enjoyed our spring container workshop will especially enjoy filling those pots with something new.)

Susan Hamilton and Tom Gross have feasted all summer from their garden at 116 Southlake Road. Autumn is Tom's favorite time of year as his densely-planted yard showcases its beautiful fall colors. You may remember the variety of trees in this landscape which have now leafed out and provide shade throughout much of this yard. Did you have a chance to take a leisurely stroll through all the levels of this garden that is terraced down to a lake? After admiring the many pathways, you will have an opportunity to learn how to plan your own garden and incorporate many professional design tips.

If you stop at Ann and Steve Holtschlag's garden at 236 Spring Valley Road you will see a color scheme that bears little resemblance to the palette you saw in May. The perennial gardens are full of offerings that were still sleeping under the mulch then. It is difficult to even spot a patch of soil these days. On the patio will be demonstrations and lessons on splitting perennials. Bring your own monster clump of daylily, iris, hosta, etc. if you like and we'll show you how to apply the multiplication tables to it! The garden is gorgeous...the named pathways survived the nine grandchildren and are ready for another look...if you can spot them through the blossoming perennials.

If you prefer a sharper focus, we offer

### DEJA VIEW PART TWO

Sunday, October 14th 1-4:00 pm

Satish and Vijaya Prabhu will just be returning from the National Rose Show in Atlanta...laden with even more trophies, we predict. Satish will give a presentation, ROSES 101 (how to choose, plant and grow roses in a climate that is reputed to be their worst enemy) at Woodley's Garden Center on Brickyard Road at 1 pm. Then we will drive to his nearby Spring Valley garden. It will be the rose equivalent of the Fourth of July fireworks, we promise. If you thought this garden was spectacular in May, you'll now get to see it when the Prabhus think it's spectacular and show-ready. Our newest corporate sponsor, The Perfect Rose, will have their experts on hand as well. If rose gardening has seemed daunting to you, this is the afternoon to overcome your fears and if you can't take that step yet, The Perfect Rose has a solution...they will do it for you.

Admission to each afternoon of Deja View is free to Columbia Green members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets and membership lists will be available at each garden location on September 19th and at the Woodley's on Brickyard on October 14th. See our website, [columbiagreen.org](http://columbiagreen.org) for details. Pre-registration is not necessary.

You may want to hold off on color-coordinating your fall wardrobe until you have a chance to look at ours!

## Putting Our Money Where Our Mouth Is: The Grants Program

Columbia Green's mission is to improve the quality of life in Columbia, most specifically through the widespread use of trees, shrubs, and flowers in neighborhoods and public spaces. That's a tall order for a city that is growing in ways that often require new seas of asphalt and concrete. It is a job that ideally has the support and participation of our citizens, businesses, and other organizations. To encourage that essential help in making Columbia a better and more environmentally beautiful city, Columbia Green offers funding to projects that can help realize our goal.

Currently, Columbia Green has two grant programs that make annual monetary awards. The Neighborhood Beautification Grant focuses on funding projects that are designed to improve the environmental quality of a neighborhood or the public space adjacent to a neighborhood. The Tree Initiative Grant, established in connection with the 2009 celebration of Columbia Green's 25th Anniversary, serves to foster the planting of canopy or shade trees throughout Columbia – a goal that touches many urban challenges, including air quality, water quality, and climate issues. Both of these grants are available to neighborhood associations, schools, religious organizations, and non-profit groups who have a desire, and a plan, to improve their environment.

In 2010 Columbia Green funded nine different projects with grants of over \$14,000. Applications for 2011 grants are now being accepted. Information has been sent to neighborhood associations in Columbia as well as other potential applicants.

The application deadline is October 1, 2010. The winners of the grants will be announced at Columbia Green's Annual Meeting on November 10, 2010. The competition is usually keen, and recipients in the past have accomplished remarkable things with the funding awarded to them.

Projects that are awarded grants must be completed by the end of 2011 and the funds are provided upon completion of the projects. The amount of funding for any individual grant depends on the specifics of that proposal. Comprehensive explanations of each grant can be accessed on the Columbia Green website, [columbiagreen.org](http://columbiagreen.org), as well as instructions on how to apply and a list of past recipients.

This year Columbia Green members are being asked to take the lead in identifying areas of our city that can benefit from the grants program and encourage appropriate groups to submit proposals. If there is an area of your neighborhood that needs improvement, submit a proposal! If there is an area of the city that you think cries out for trees, shrubs, and flowers, identify the area businesses or residents and encourage them to submit a proposal! In a discouraging economic climate, the addition of environmental beauty can be a powerful positive note. You can help invest in projects that make better things happen. As long as Columbia Green can continue to put our money where our mouth is, we are working toward our goal of making Columbia one of the most beautiful cities anywhere.

## THANKS TO OUR NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

SPRINGDALE OUTDOOR'S focus is providing beautiful, long-lasting design built on a solid foundation



of good landscape practices. The company provides expertise on hardscape, irrigation, lighting, site work and landscape management in both commercial and residential settings. See recent examples of their work at Quinine Hill Park, Abacus and Cobblestone Park in Blythewood as well as some of the prettiest residential gardens in Greater Columbia. Matt Warren of Springdale Outdoor coordinated completion of the grant project at the Boyden Arbor entrance to Fort Jackson for Columbia Green. Springdale Outdoor donated the updating of the irrigation system as well. Visit their website at [springdaleoutdoor.com](http://springdaleoutdoor.com)

THE PERFECT ROSE specializes in rose garden design, installation, and contract maintenance for residential and commercial rose gardens. In three short years, this company has garnered nearly 200 contract clients covering the area between Winston-Salem and Columbia. Robert Myers and Jack Page



have been growing roses for over 10 years and currently grow over 600 roses in their show gardens in Salisbury, NC. Pick a location in your yard and they will consult and provide instant gratification with a beautiful rose garden with appropriate varieties and maintain it for you. Your neighbors never have to know that you didn't do this yourself! Jack and Robert will be at Columbia Green's DEJA VIEW PART TWO on October 14th. Visit their website at [www.theperfectrose.com](http://www.theperfectrose.com)

## Columbia Green Society

January - December 2010

### Associates

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

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Case Plants  
Cooper's Nursery  
Elliott's on Leesburg  
Exceed Landscape Solutions  
Mill Creek Greenhouses  
Rebekah's Garden, Inc.  
Reese's Plants  
Woodley's Garden Centers

### Business Supporter

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Sox & Freeman Tree Expert Co., Chris Freeman  
Wildewood Dental Care, Dr. Justin Griffin

### In-Kind Donor

Diversified Development, Inc.

### In Memoriam

Robert & Virginia Carrier in memory of Suzanne Santos

### New Members

May - July 2010

Lorraine Conrad  
Jane Drake  
Melanie Glenn  
Carolyn Greenberg  
Dr. & Mrs. Truman Hopkins  
Mary Lou Huffman  
Russell & Gail Jeter  
Gwen Jordan  
Kathy Murray  
Mary Scully  
Harriett Sheppard  
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Springdale Outdoor  
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New entrance bed at Earlewood Park funded, in part, by a Columbia Green grant.



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