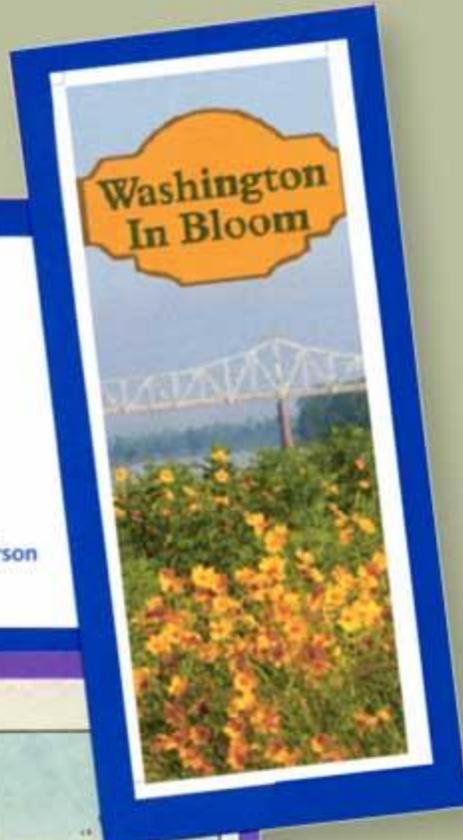


2012 was a "Banner Year"
for
Washington in Bloom

We sincerely thank the **Missourian Photo Editor,**
Jeanne Miller Wood for the beautiful
photo used on the banner!

Thank you to all the project sponsors named below.
Sponsors not pictured are Karen Ladd, Wanda Rogers-Larson
and Sandi Hillermann McDonald.



The Missourian Weekend, July 14-15, 2012



New Banners Installed

Ten brightly colored "Washington in Bloom" banners were placed along Jefferson street Thursday, July 12. Pictured above are banner sponsors, who also are members of the Washington Garden Club. From left are Marianne Schwane, Charlene Jackson, Marsha Riggs, Jan Eade, Sally Bocklage, Cecil Blankenship, Bill Huber and Sylvia Czeschin. Not shown are Karen Ladd and Wanda Rogers Larson who both also contributed to the cost of the banners. No city money was used. The city worker installing the banner, in back, is Joe Meador.

Missourian Photo.

City Symbols Chosen

Additional community spirit flourished as residents cast their votes to determine a **TREE, BIRD and FLOWER** as our official **CITY SYMBOLS**.

At several points early in tabulating the results there were "ties" in two categories:

Bird and Flower.....

however when all votes were in, winners emerged as follows:

Tree – DOGWOOD

Bird – CARDINAL

Flower – BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Thank you to ALL who voted!



Washington City Symbols

Please vote for ONE in each category. ~~~~

TREE

Dogwood _____

River Birch _____

Redbud _____

Red Maple _____

Bald Cypress _____

BIRD

Cardinal _____

Bluebird _____

Robin _____

Goldfinch _____

Hummingbird _____

FLOWER

Knockout Rose _____

Daylily _____

Black-eyed Susan _____

Red Hibiscus _____

Purple Coneflower _____

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!



Reflections From the America in Bloom Educational Symposium

Fayetteville, Arkansas --- September 20-22, 2012

A contingent of 15 people traveled from Washington, MO to attend the symposium. Our group included Dave Wehmeyer and Sally Bocklage (Washington in Bloom Co-Chairs), Jill Straatmann (representing City Hall), Paul Bocklage, Don Sherman, Peter Caron, Norma Wilson, Sylvia and Paul Czeschin, Marianne and Dick Schwane, Bev and Allen Whitworth, Clare and Bill Huber (Nominee for the John R. Holmes Community Champion Award.)

Our city was nominated for "**Historic Preservation**" and the "**Best Fair or Festival**" (i.e.) The Town and Country Fair. Of all the cities, there were only three or four nominees in these categories!!! And, yes, it is a BIG deal to have been recognized by the judges in this national competition!

Throughout each group session, other cities stood up and took note of Washington, MO. They actually asked for our advice regarding our Community Profile Book. (Because of its high quality content, photography, format and graphics.....our Washington In Bloom Book was on display at the Philadelphia International Flower Show this spring!) Members of our Washington contingent were also asked about volunteer recruitment due to our very strong community involvement. Some communities really struggle with this.

The Silent Auction was very popular. Mayor Lucy donated a beautifully matted and framed Gary Lucy print from his archival collection of wildflowers. Joette Reidy prepared a gift box of Happy Apples to donate for the event. Both items received a great deal of interest in the bidding process.

Bill Huber Honored

The 2012 America in Bloom Symposium in Fayetteville, Arkansas brought extra excitement to our city because Dr. Bill Huber was nominated for the John R. Holmes Community Champion Award! He was one of only 14 individuals from all across the United States considered for this honor.

Bill was nominated for this award because he has demonstrated vision and selfless commitment to moving our community forward. For many years, his leadership throughout the park system has been recognized and appreciated.

Thank you, Bill!



Dr. Bill Huber met the AIB judges at Lions Lake to recap a bit of history of the lake and to tell about improvements and maintenance such as the bank stabilization project of 2010. He also explained the Washington Garden Club's role in beautifying the bridge area with plantings.

Pictured with Bill are Evelyn Alemanni and Diana Weiner, the two national America in Bloom judges who toured our city on July 8, 2011.