

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2022**

Call to order: 9:34

President: Jennifer Sundman

-Jennifer welcomed everyone and read an excerpt about the original “Bloomer Girl”, Julia Archibald Holmes, the first documented woman to summit Pikes Peak in the mid 1800s (after WALKING from Kansas)...scandalously wearing bloomers under her knee-length skirt. Member Ruth Weed coined this name for BGC field trips, and we suspect Julia was the inspiration.

-There were not any corrections, nor additions, to the February 2022 minutes; the minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.

- ROLL CALL - both Actives and Affiliates due to vote (45 actives, 7 affiliates)

CALENDAR:

- Was propped up in the luncheon room as usual so members could gather details after the meeting. There were 3 clipboards, as well, for sign-ups.

- Jennifer noted the time for the general meeting in April is **8:45am**, promptly. Meeting will be 8:45 to 9:45 followed by the coffee with public invited. The Program speaker will begin at 10:30am.

- Colorado On the Road: Beth Downs introduced our upcoming trip, planned for July 12, 2022, with a short slideshow and reveal that the day will be spent at 12 Mile Ranch near Fairplay. There is a long history of association with the Ranch by BGC members including Downs, Ingersoll, Wallace, Sather and Hecox families. We are excited for this 2nd Annual collaboration with the Garden Club of Denver! Sign up opportunity will begin later this spring.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher, no report.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley is excused.

-New Member Orientation was held Tuesday, February 22 and was successful with all 6 new members in attendance. They were given thorough explanations of our committees and an overview of GCA as well as receiving their aprons and Yearbooks.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder, no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs

-If anyone is having trouble with Sign Up Genius, please reach out to Beth.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Operating \$39,524.27

Money Market \$67,819.27

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss, no report.

Civic: Joan Schulz

The committee recommended we grant \$1K to the El Paso County's Bear Creek Nature Center to further the educational impact of the pollinator gardens by adding additional signage regarding the benefits of planting native flowering plants. They will also add several new native plants and signage for the "insect hotel" in the garden area. The hotel is a refuge for insects and gives visitors an idea of how they can create and augment habitat in their own yards.

The committee also recommended a grant of \$1K to the North End Woodlands to plant, stake, and water (for 3 years) two trees.

Mickey Wallace moved to approve the Civic Committee's recommendation to grant \$1,000 each to Bear Creek Nature Center and North End Woodlands. The motion was seconded by Susan Wallnutt and unanimously approved by the membership.

The committee discussed their sadness at the city's losing so many large trees during last December's destructive windstorm. Joan Schulz has completed a draft grant request for \$10K from GCA's Restoration Initiative for replacement of city trees and passed it along to Jennifer Sundman as the submission must come from the Club President.

Conservation: Cathy Plush

- Potluck/book discussion Feb. 17 was fun, we had a good group, and good discussion
- Gardner Scott (YouTube sensation!) will present to committee on March 16 at Cathy's house
- A field trip to Desert Canyon and New Roots Farms in Canon City has been planned for April 19
- Poppies, Pinions, and Peas content coming along - hopefully finished by mid- April
- Cathy asked for volunteers to help set up the conservation materials from the London Calling Show at April's Open Meeting.

NAL Minute: Derry Adams discussed information she recently learned as the club's NAL delegate for this year regarding the importance of trees and forests in sequestering carbon and slowing climate change. She highlighted GCA's longtime involvement in conserving a grove of ancient Redwoods in California.

Flower: Kristel Hybl

- March 10th Flower Workshop Update: "Emerging Spring Table Centerpieces"
- Update on Flower Show: "Westward Hoe! To the Mountains We Go!"
 - Friday, September 9, 2022, Norris/Penrose Event Center
 - BGC Coffee followed by General meeting during the judged flower show
 - BGC member/guest cocktail party will be held that evening at 6:00 p.m.
 - Men's Floral Challenge at 6:30 p.m.; six entries, 2-3 men per entry. Pre-register! Judged by Nini Maytag
 - Flower Show Divisions: Floral Design, Photography, Horticulture, Conservation...and we've just added Botanical Arts Division!
 - Meredith and Kristel have had a lot of email communication with both Eloise Carson, Zone XII Flower Show Representative and Priscilla Growney, Zone XII Judge Representative.
 - Still need help with Passers, Clerks, Set-up, Take-Down, & Hospitality. No experience necessary to be a Clerk or Passer- we will help with instruction.
- April 4, 10 a.m. Norris/Penrose Event Center
Flower Show Presentation & Discussion with Dodie Jackson, Denver Garden Club member, Horticulture & Botanical Arts Judge and Flower Show Extraordinaire
Boxed lunch after the presentation and discussion (\$20 for lunch) RSVP required

Horticulture: Susan Wallnutt

- Horticulture Committee held a meeting, potluck, and book discussion of "Pastoral Song, A Farmer's Journey" by James Rebanks on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Susan Wallnutt's home. Eleven members were present. Everyone brought something delicious and they dined on wine, appetizers, soup, salad, bread, and dessert.
- Hort will have a bonsai workshop at Summerland Gardens on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 (date change) and a hanging basket workshop at Summerland Gardens on Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- They discussed the September Flower Show
 - 3 classes for cut garden specimens—unlimited entries
 - One class for garden arrangements to include home-grown vegetables as well as flowers—4 entries
 - One class for potted succulents that have been owned for at least 5 months—4 entries

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan

- Today's hostesses are Jane Cospers, Susan Sheahan, Lucy Ruhtenberg and Virginia Tenney.
- Open Meeting Coffee will be hosted by Hospitality Committee. Brigitte will be taking the public RSVPs - BGC Members use Sign Up Genius; Guests use BGCOpenmeeting@gmail.com
- Denise will have the Sign-Up sheets for next year's Hostess Duties available at the May meeting. She will send an email out in April to those of you who are on next year's list to let you know.
- May's hostesses are Anne Bradley, Lynn Cool, Cathy Plush, and Mary Weller.
- Hospitality committee is meeting at Denise's house March 21st.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

- The photography committee had a productive meeting last month, continuing preparation for our May program. They will meet again in April but haven't established a date.
- A reminder to all that registration is now open for the GCA Photography Conference, which is virtual again this year on March 31. It will feature six different speakers, covering topics including flower and garden photography, capturing birds and wildlife, and smartphone photography. Registration is free and open to all club members until March 29 on the GCA website.

Program: Lisa Stedman is excused.

- First meeting of Program Committee, on February 23, was lively with many ideas shared. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at Lisa's home.
- Today's presenter is Cindy Scott, Ann Young's daughter and Jennifer's sister, on the topic of Native Plant Gardens for Biodiversity. She is a beekeeper, an avid gardener and a member of the Garden Club of Denver.
- In April we have our Open Meeting, featuring renowned ethnobotanist and Honorary GCA Member, Dr. Paul Cox. It will be held downtown in the auditorium at the Methodist Church. We encourage you send our our flyer and invite your friends. It's the one meeting per year when guests are allowed and Dr. Cox is a great speaker, one not to be missed!

Public Relations: Jane Cospers -

- Jane discussed effort to publicize our April 8 Open Meeting. She has prepared a press release and will send to all media contacts, other area garden clubs and other organizations who might be interested. Please let her know if you have any personal contacts within the media.

Ways & Means: Kate Faricy is excused.

-The committee will meet on March 15 to map out a low-key Sponsorship plan for PPP. All are invited to attend.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

-new contact info for Pat Heitman
Mrs. Richard Heitman
2827 Lewis Meadows View
CS, CO 80907
She no longer has a landline. Her cell is: 719-660-8109.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Garden History and Design: Janene McCann is excused.

-Garden History & Design held a movie night on March 3, had good participation and a lot of fun. They enjoyed and recommended the documentary: *Olmsted and America's Urban Parks*. It can be viewed on Amazon Prime.

Visiting Gardens: Debbie Pierre

"Behind Adobe Doors" will take place July 19th and 26th. Information can be found at santafegardenclub.org

MYSTERY MEMBER - Lynn Cool presented our second installment of this well-loved tradition and featured long-time member Suzy Marold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned: 10:34

Kate Wilder, recording secretary