

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2021**

Call to order: 9:37 a.m.

Approval of October 2021 minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the October 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.

President: Jennifer Sundman

-Welcome, Everyone! It's been a long time since we have gathered together in this space.

-Sadly, we lost our dear member, Gerry Downs, last Friday. She was 96. A reception is being planned by the family for a later date. Beth will keep us apprised as Gerry was special to so many of us. I also wanted you know know that Jane Klunder, a longtime member of our club, and Kay's mother-in-law, passed away last month at the amazing age of 104! Brigitte will be collecting favorite memories of both women to share at the December meeting and also with their families. If you have a memory you would like to share, please send it to Brigitte.

-This is my final reminder to you that the deadline for new member proposal letters is November 30 - a little more than 2 weeks from today. Please check the Policies and Procedures section of your Yearbook for specifics on what needs to be included, and deliver your signed letter to Beth Downs.

-I have received a couple of requests from members asking the Board to revisit the format of our January meeting. After discussion on the subject at our Tuesday meeting, the board agreed we should give the full membership an opportunity to vote on whether we should continue with what we currently have – an optional social meeting in January with no program, or reinstate a traditional meeting and program. If the majority would like to reinstate a traditional meeting, it would begin in January of 2023. THIS January will continue as a purely social meeting - with perhaps a few twists I've been considering.

As you consider your vote, here are a few points that have been brought up:

When the decision was made to change the format, some members felt it would be a good idea for the club to take a month off after the busy holiday season and not have a meeting in January at all, suggesting it was also a more lightly attended meeting month anyway. I believe some members also felt tired after our very successful, but labor intensive, Zone Meeting and big Flower Show. Research was conducted at that time and it was found that a number of other GCA clubs have fewer meetings than we do, or with different formats including occasional evening meetings.

Others in the club miss the traditional format. Some feel January is a time they are eager to get back to “normal” and that they look forward to attending a regular general meeting in a month with few other obligations. They miss the additional opportunity for a stimulating program and speaker. Some also feel new members should be wowed by our strong educational component sooner than the February meeting.

In 2019, it was decided to try an optional “social” meeting - an opportunity for members who desired to gather together, but for others to just take a break. That particular meeting ended up as a time for members to share their thoughts on a variety of club related policies via smaller group discussions.

-Ballots were distributed/collected. Beth will send out an email so that those not in attendance Friday will also have an opportunity to vote. If the majority would like to go back to having a traditional January meeting, Lisa and the program committee will add that to their slate when they begin meeting the beginning of next year. If not, we will continue with what we are currently doing. I will let you know the results when we have them compiled.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher

-Pam gave an update on what Silver Key needs for our annual collection of donations at the December general meeting and distributed gift bags for members to fill and return. *This year Silver Key would ONLY like to receive the items on this list. Please select one or more items to bring to the December meeting/transfer to a small organza gift bag which will be provided. Total value should be \$10 per bag.* • \$1 holiday lottery scratch ticket • Candy • Face mask • Fancy soap • Hand Sanitizer • Hand warmers • Holiday ornament • Individual drink packets (e.g., tea, hot chocolate, apple cider) • Individual snacks (e.g., cookie, trail mix, jerky) • Key ring • Lip balm • Mints, Tic Tacs, gum • Nice pens or pencil • Notepad, sticky notes • Small games (e.g., deck of cards, small puzzle) • Small gift card (e.g., Starbucks, Walmart) • Hand lotion
Please note: All items should gender neutral. No homemade food can be distributed.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley

-New Member Orientation will be Monday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Anne’s home. All Committee chairs should plan to attend to give a brief rundown of what your committee is all about. If you can’t attend, please find another member of your committee to substitute. Also, at least one sponsor of each newly elected member should plan to attend.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder, no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs, no report.

-Jennifer commended Beth on a great job with our October newsletter.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

\$67,801.13 Money Market

\$39,357.83 Operating

A link to a “Cheddarup” collection page will be sent out for anyone preferring an online format to pay for Hoedown tickets. A small fee will be charged by the site if you choose to use it, but BGC will still receive the full ticket amount. Personal checks also fine.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss is excused.

-Brigitte is collecting memories of Gerry Downs and Jane Klunder to share in December.

Civic: Joan Schulz

-The grant application has been sent out to the Civic committee to pass on to potential recipients. If any other member would like one sent to them or an organization, please let Joan know. Applications are due back by January 15, 2022.

Conservation: Cathy Plush is excused.

-A group of Conservation Committee members enjoyed learning about a Colorado School of Mines project to Recover and Reuse some of the water our city gathers in the high mountains and pipes miles and miles down to the Front Range. With predictions of increasing drought, the possibility of using water that we put so much effort into importing, more than one time, seems like a good idea. Put through many types of cleaning processes that remove everything including pharmaceuticals, the water was crystal clear and tasted no different than what comes out of our faucets now.

-Saving Salmon Conservation Study Conference - November 17, online. Sign up via GCA.

Flower: Meredith Donner

- Enjoyed a fun committee meeting watching GCA’s Flower Flash video, and also a great workshop creating dried flower wreaths with Ellen’s Flowers. It was harder than it looked! Meredith showed hers to the membership.

- No committee meeting in November.

-December 2:

“Modern Design for the Holidays”, presented by Lori Goede at Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, 1-3 p.m. Please make checks payable to *Skyway Creations*. \$65 per person, limited to 40 attendees, price includes container and materials. Open to full membership.

-December 8:

GCA Floral Design Conference - online. Must register ahead thru GCA.

-January:

We have rescheduled our December meeting for January 19 at 10:00 a.m. It will kick-off the planning of our in-club Flower Show in September. Everyone is welcome and they would love your ideas for a Flower Show title and theme.

Horticulture: Susan Wallnutt is excused. Sherry Coutts gave her report.

-The seed starting workshop at Sarah Young's on October 19 was fun and well attended. Sarah shared her techniques including unique growing mediums, lights, and timing.

-Sherry Coutts and Mary Weller shared the first of an entertaining 3 part series of lessons on scientific nomenclature as it applied to plant tags.

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan is excused. Suzy Connaughton gave her report.

-Today's hostesses are: Sara Howsam, Judy Sellers, Joan Schulz and Sarah Young.

-December luncheon will be held at CMCC. Hostesses will be Eve Barrett, Mary Henson, Amy Osborne and Kim Walsh.

-Hoedown Report: An invitation was placed on each chair at meeting.

Date is set for December 16th - 6:00 p.m., cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner. Ticket price is \$70/person. Drink tickets will be on sale that evening. An email will be sent out to the membership with Cheddarup link. Payment by personal checks is also fine. Checks can be mailed/given to Denise or Chelle. Please email Denise Sheridan if you have seating preferences.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

-The photography committee met at Mallory's home and reviewed photos taken at McAllister House and Carnegie Library. Next assignment is to take photos of Rockledge Ranch and Aiken Canyon. Committee will meet again November 17th, 4:30 p.m. at Lynn Cool's home.

-Please cast your votes in GCA's Focus online contest before December 1st. Jennifer Sundman had two photos selected for the contest.

-Thru the Lens - several of our members submitted photos to this Zone XII fall photo compilation. Mallory will try to find out how the membership can view this and let us know.

-Our club's photography committee is one of 3 featured this month on the GCA's Zone XII Photography Landing page. It highlights Mallory Sharp's report on Ansel Adams.

-On December 9 the committee will join with GHD for a trip to McAllister House.

Program: Lisa Stedman

-Today's Program will be on Conservation and Environmental Issues at Chico Basin Ranch.

-No Program in December - annual Christmas Luncheon at CMCC.

-Program Committee meetings will start in January.

Public Relations: Jane Cospers, no report.

Ways & Means: Jennifer Bain and Kate Faricy, no report.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

- For those who haven't yet received their Yearbooks, please pick up your copy today. Also, please take others to people who are unable to attend today.
- Updated Yearbook is now also uploaded to our BGC website.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Garden History and Design: Janene McCann

- McAllister House Field trip has been planned in conjunction with the Photography Committee for December 9, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and will include a tour and talk. Cost is \$7, or \$6 for those over the age of 62. There's a connection with Frederick Law Olmsted!
- Janene presented a Garden History "minute" from the Smithsonian Institute Garden Archives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next General Meeting will be December 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m., at Cheyenne Mtn. Country Club.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Kate Wilder, recording secretary