

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2022**

Call to order: 8:49

President: Jennifer Sundman

Jennifer greeted members with the following:

- “Good Morning! Can you believe we are gathered together today for our Open Meeting?? I’m excited about this not only for our club members, but also because we have the chance once again to provide a unique educational opportunity to our community on a topic central to our mission. I think we all love this use of some of our Civic Funds. I’ve planned our meeting to be shorter than usual today so that you all may greet your guests and enjoy the coffee and treats prior to our main event. Don’t forget to spend a little time taking in the Conservation Exhibit.

We all know the adage “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”, right? Well, check out this extension of that concept that I saw the other day. It proposes adding a few additional “Rs”the first being Refuse. Here it is: “Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Rot (compost) and Recycle” As a gardener, I especially loved the “Rot” part. A little food for thought!”

- There were not any corrections or additions to the March, 2022 minutes. The minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.

- ROLL CALL

- No written CALENDAR this month due to venue. Check the website for dates of upcoming club events.

- The Board has decided to recommend some changes to our Bylaws - mostly regarding the voting procedure for new members. Please watch your email for the proposed new wording and changes. We will vote at the May meeting so that if approved, they can be updated with the new Yearbook. Thank you to Pam Thatcher for heading up this process.

- At the May meeting Christy Walsh will announce our new slate of club Officers and Committee Chairs. Many thanks to Christy and the Nominating Committee for a job well done.

- Beth Downs will head to the GCA Annual Meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey to represent our club later this month. She is especially excited as New Jersey is in fact the *Garden State*. She will share some interesting parts of the event at our May General Meeting. Portions of the meeting, the afternoons of both April 29 and 30 will be broadcast LIVE and any club

member can join in by registering on the GCA website or via the link in the email we all received.

- Putting on a successful Open Meeting requires a village. Jennifer wanted to mention a few members who have worked hard to make this meeting a success. "Thank you the Conservation Committee for setting up portions of the exhibit originally created for our London Calling Flower Show, in the lobby - especially Cathy Plush, Susan Sheahan and Susie Ramsay; to Jane Cosper and her committee for spreading the word about our event near and far; to Brigitte for keeping track of the public RSVPs for the event; to Mallory for setting up the BGC email address and auto-reply; to Denise and the Hospitality Committee for coming up with a fun theme for today's coffee and filling the room with flowers, chemistry glass, periodic tables and home-baked treats; to Lisa Stedman for working tirelessly with the church to make sure all of the myriad details were worked out; and to Kay Klunder for inviting, coordinating with and introducing our esteemed speaker. I know this will be an excellent and informative Open Meeting for all attendees."

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher - no report

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley - no report

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder - no report

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs - no report

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Operating \$39,524.27

Money Market \$67,819.27

Annual dues are due next month. You will be able to pay with a check or use Cheddar Up.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss - no report

Civic: Joan Schulz

Checks for both grants approved at our March meeting have been sent out and approved. Joan read notes of appreciation received from both organizations.

Conservation: Cathy Plush

- Gardner Scott March 16 at Cathy's house yielded an interesting and informative presentation
- Canon City field trip to Desert Canyon and New Roots Farms is scheduled for April 19. Twelve committee members plan to attend.
- Poppies, Pinions, and Peas Update: Had a good meeting with busy content committee along with discussion of design and marketing ideas

Flower: Kristel Hybl

- Floral had a great design and botanical arts presentation with Dodie Jackson from the Garden Club of Denver - held at the Norris Penrose Event Center where our flower show will be in September. Dodie's experience, tips and power point were not to disappoint! Even her fun personality and humor was delightful! About 30 of our members attended and 18 stayed for a casual boxed lunch after.
 - A few of Dodie's tips for a successful Floral Arrangement and Botanical Arts were: Neutral vs Intense; Dark vs Light; Warm colors vs Cool colors.
 - If you add DRAMA to your arrangement, it will be sure to catch the judge's attention at a flower show and be more interesting overall.
 - Botanical Arts includes 2 concepts: embellished (enhancing a man-made object with all dried plant material) or, as in the case with jewelry, made from scratch (designing from all dried plant material an object to resemble wearable jewelry)
 - Thanks to Bonnie Grenney for helping with Dodie's presentation!
- We are in the process of putting together the Schedule for the Flower Show. Sign-ups will begin in May. Stay tuned!

Horticulture: Susan Wallnutt

- Nine members of the Horticulture Committee met on March 30 at Summerland Gardens for a Bonsai Workshop. Julie instructed us on the art of pruning, plant characteristics, pot selection and final effect desired. She covered the history of this art form from where it started in China to its adoption and evolution in Japan. The name bonsai is a Japanese derivation of the Chinese word meaning "tray planting". She also gave practical information on the planting and care of specimens as well as light and temperature requirements. We had a great and instructive time.
- A Hanging Basket Workshop is planned for May 18, also at Summerland.

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan

- Open Meeting Coffee is hosted by Hospitality Committee.
- May Hostesses are Anne Bradley, Lynn Cool, Cathy Plush, and Mary Weller. Meeting will be held at CMCC.
- 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.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

- March 31 GCA photography conference was recorded and each individual presentation can be viewed by any interested BGC member by logging onto the GCA website.
- Committee will meet at CMCC on April 27th at 9:00am for a run-through of the May Photography Program

Program: Lisa Stedman

- Committee had a great March meeting and all programs are now lined up for the coming year. They will be unveiled at our May Meeting.
- Today we will hear from ethnobotanist and GCA Honorary Member Dr. Paul Cox who will share his important and fascinating research with us.
- Dr. Cox personally thanked our club for nominating him as an Honorary GCA Member and expressed how much it meant to him. He also presented Jennifer Sundman with a copy of his book.
- Our May meeting will be hosted by our club Photography Committee - you won't want to miss it!

Public Relations: Jane Cospers, no report.

Ways & Means: Kate Faricy, no report.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

Please note that Talisman Ford has a new email address: michaelandtalisman@comcast.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was not any further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Adjourned: 9:30

Kate Wilder, recording secretary