

**Broadmoor Garden Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2023**

**Call to order: 9:36 am**

**President:** Jennifer Sundman

- Good Morning and ROLL CALL
- There any corrections or additions to the February 2023 minutes and they were approved as posted. Thank you to Amy and Beth.
- Cathy and Pauline will hop on a plane to Washington, DC to represent our club at the National Affairs and Legislation Conference (NAL) tomorrow. They will join with the delegates from Garden Club of Denver and all over the country. We will look forward to hearing about their experience next month.
- Speaking of our sister club (and that is an especially apt nickname at the moment), we have a really good group of our members signed up to attend the Garden Club of Denver's Open Meeting on Tuesday. Thank you! I think it should be a fun and educational day.
- I sent our April Open Meeting flyer with a personal note to the Denver club inviting them to come learn about meadow gardens. I will also attend their regular meeting on Tuesday, just prior to the film, to personally invite their members to join us.
- I wanted to remind everyone that our club meeting will begin at 8:45am that day - not the usual 9:30am - followed by a coffee at 9:45 and the program at 10:30am.
- We will take 2 votes today - one on the recommendations from our Civic Committee and Board on this years grants, and the other regarding our Founder's Fund selection.

**First Vice President:** Pam Thatcher. No Report.

**Second Vice President:** Lynn Cool. No Report.

**Recording Secretary:** Amy Osborne. No Report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Beth Downs

-The Open Meeting Flyer will be emailed to the membership after this meeting. Please forward it to your friends and anyone else you think might be interested in attending.

-Members will sign up for the Open Meeting using Signup Genius, as always. It will be sent out a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. If you are signing up GUESTS, please use the public RSVP: [BGCOpenMeeting@gmail.com](mailto:BGCOpenMeeting@gmail.com)

*-CO on the Road trip Announcement - July 19, Skyspace and Green Mountain Falls - Save the Date! Chelle and Beth are working with the Garden Club of Denver to plan a fun day.*

### **Treasurer:** Chelle Mason

The Finance Committee met last month and decided to open a separate savings account for Ways & Means income and corresponding Civic expenses (Civic grants and Open Meeting costs). We transferred the balance of the Frost Farm dinner from Operating to the Savings account and the Sesquicentennial Tree reserve transfer (\$9,290 still pledged) from the Money Market to the Savings account.

Therefore, our current bank balances are:

Operating \$38,040.70

Savings \$18,128.00

Money Market \$58,824.66

We are looking into putting a portion of our Money Market funds into a 12 month CD for a better interest rate.

We conducted an analysis of our current budget and feel we should be able to create a balanced budget for 2023-24 without a need to increase dues at this time.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Awards & Scholarships:** Brigitte Foss. No Report.

**Civic:** Joan Schulz

The Civic Committee met on 2/27/2023 and unanimously selected two requests:

- Flying Pig Permaculture fully funded for \$4,000
- McAllister House for \$1,000 of their \$1,825 requested

with stipulation that in each case we are notified upon completion of the efforts and we perform a site visit to see the project.

The Board voted on Tuesday to approve the Civic Committee's recommendation. Liz Bevington moved and Susie Ramsey seconded that the Broadmoor Garden Club grant our 2023 Civic Funds in the amounts of \$4,000 to Flying Pig Farm and \$1,000 to the McAllister House. The vote passed unanimously.

### **Conservation:** Cathy Plush

- Next Meeting will be held March 21st, 10:00am at Fountain Creek Nature Center, and will feature Allison Schuch on the topic of the Fountain Creek Watershed. Full club is invited. Arrive early to walk around the lake and look for migrating birds.
- April 12, 9-10am, we will visit Food To Power to see and hear about their mission of food rescue.
- May 11th is the date of our field trip to Canon City including visits Desert Canyon for native plant purchases and to Ellen's Flower Farm to hear about how she grows her array of lovely blooms sustainably.
- Conservation Tip - consider trying detergent sheets when you wash your clothes to avoid adding big plastic containers to the landfill and transporting heavy water. They work great - several club members use them.

### **Flower:** Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

- We had a very successful "English Garden" workshop on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sweetwater, A Flower Market in Old Colorado City - 20 people attended. 4 new members and 6 guests were there!
- A cute buffet of scones and tea greeted us when we arrived. At each of our workstations was a white ceramic pedestal bowl with water, chicken wire ball and clear tape to hold it steady.
- Julie Braithwaite introduced herself with the most delightful British accent which of course added a special effect to the theme. She was very enthusiastic, informative and talented!
- Our traditional arrangements were full of foliage, snapdragons, scabiosa, roses and carnations. We added bunny tails, wax flower and thistle at the end.
- One fun tip Julie demonstrated was to fluff the petals of a carnation then pinch out the center to create a unique new makeover for the flower. It looked like a sunflower or daisy! Sweetwater did not disappoint. Thanks to Martha Marzolf for helping organize this workshop.
- Looking ahead to next month.... On Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm there will be a Spring flower workshop at Skyway Creations with Lori Goede. The cost will be \$60 per person. We'll collect payment on the day of the event. Bring tools and aprons! Please remember that Lori will be ordering materials in advance, so last-minute cancellations are discouraged! Checks should be made out to Skyway Creations.
- June will bring Gather Mountain Blooms as our general meeting program. In anticipation you might want to look into their workshop offerings, including "How to create a cutting garden" on April 15.

### **Horticulture:** Mary Weller

-Looking forward to the DBG film *Amache Rose* on March 14<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Garden Club of Denver. It will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens Freyer-Newman Center. 10 Hort members have signed up to go.

-April 14<sup>th</sup> is the Open Meeting. Hort will have greeters at entry and at doors to theater.

-May 9<sup>th</sup> will be a slide presentation of "El Paso County Natives" including wild flowers, trees, shrubs and perennials by Curtis Nimz. He is a member of the Southeast chapter of the Native Plant Society and was a biologist/ecologist by education. He is now a passionate photographer. The presentation will start at 10:30 and will be held at the community room at Cheyenne Mountain Library – 8<sup>th</sup> Street library. There is space available for other interested club members beyond the Hort Committee.

-Mallory's Columbine photo was featured in the GCA publication *The Real Dirt* this month!

-Robin Johnson presented the Native Plant Spotlight on Butterfly Milkweed/Chigger Flower.

#### Garden tasks for March:

~Slow down on cleanup. Insects are hiding in the leaves and not ready yet. One rule of thumb is to wait until you see that the grass has started growing which probably means that the soil has reached 50 degrees to optimize chance of survival of beneficial insects.

~Clean and sanitize your bird feeders and boxes.

~Cut your ornamental grasses down close to the ground.

#### **Hospitality:** Christy Walsh

-Thank you to our March luncheon hostesses: Sally Bean, Leslie Gottesman, Pam Thatcher and Ann Young.

-Our May luncheon will be hosted by Derry Adams, Suzy Connaughton, Chelle Mason and Janene McCann.

-The April meeting will be our Open Meeting and our gift to the community at First United Methodist Church.

-Thank you to Angie Ferryman, Talisman Ford, Brigitte Foss, and Pam Thatcher for agreeing to bake; to Eve Barrett and Carrie Kaveney for helping me with fruit and decor; and Pat Hamilton and Deb Marshall for being greeters and for set up/tear down.

-RSVP's are at 70 community members attending as of March 7th.

#### **Photography:** Mallory Sharp

We met last month at Beth's house for a wonderful potluck dinner followed by a screening of *Eyes Wide Open - The Joy of Nature Photography* with Eddie Soloway, a Santa Fe - based photographer. The film is excellent - and on the GCA website for anyone interested in watching.

Our next assignment is inspired by Eddie Soloway's words: go out and shoot anything that brings you joy and wonder. It should be something found in nature, not created. Remember light, line, symmetry, etc., but mostly just enjoy capturing something beautiful.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 23 at 9:30am at my house, 20 Maple Ave. [*\*Meeting has been changed to April 19th, 1:00pm.*]

**Program:** Debbie Pierre

- Our March program will be presented by Al Gerace along with trip photographer Glenn Guenterberg. The program is titled "Plant Hunting Adventures in Wild Patagonia". Thanks to Judy Seller for putting the program together.
- The new slate of programs for next year is now set and will be unveiled at the April BGC Meeting.
- Debbie is working on the logistics for the April Open Meeting with the Methodist Church. Link to handouts will be emailed to those who sign up to attend, one week prior to the event instead of printing.

**Public Relations:** Jane Cosper

- Open Meeting Press release was published in the Broadmoor Magazine and Colorado Springs Lifestyle magazine.
- Please send out the e-flyer to your friends and contacts who might be interested in attending our Open Meeting.
- Jane handed out a printed flyer that can be put on area bulletin boards and at retailers or given to friends.
- If you have any personal contacts in other area garden clubs, please let Jane know.

**Ways & Means:** Kate Faricy and Kate Wilder

Update on Poppies, Pinons & Peas:

- We currently have 37 left copies left to sell.
- Since our last meeting, we've reached out to the retailers currently selling them to determine if they'd like to purchase more and if we should do another printing.
  - 1 said yes
  - 2 asked us to purchase back copies the haven't yet sold
  - And the rest we heard back from said "no" or "not now"
- In anticipation of our Open Meeting in April, Mother's Day and other upcoming holidays and the onset of Spring and Summer, Ways and Means Committee recommends doing a 3<sup>rd</sup> printing of 100 copies to ensure we have enough available.

- Please note: We can always do another printing. It takes about 2 1/2 weeks from order to packaged/stickered copy. We're trying to find the delicate balance between having enough inventory and not over-printing and being stuck with a bunch we can't sell.
- Just a reminder, we're accepting orders of the Poppies, Pinons & Peas **Gift Kit** by clipboard which includes a copy of PPP, a wonderful gardener's repair hand lotion, a fresh set of gardening gloves and a gardener's kneeling pad. They're **\$50** each.
- They will then be available for pick up and payment by cash or check at the April Open Meeting or we can arrange delivery after.

Update on Fall 2023 Special Event:

- In February, the committee toured Venetucci Farm and met with their event planner to discuss costs, logistics, and a possible date for our fundraiser. Venetucci requires that patrons only use "preferred" vendors which the committee is currently researching. We're aiming for September 14, this will be confirmed. More information to come at the April general meeting.

**Yearbook:** Pauline Sisson. No Report.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Founder's Fund:** Dana McDermott

-Dana presented 3 project proposals:

- Clyborn Arboretum Friends Nature Center
- The Bee Pollinator Meadow @ Chickasaw Park in honor of Mohammad Ali
- Sowing and Growing Evanston Gardens & Community

-After taking a vote of the member's present, our ONE vote will go to *Sowing and Growing Evanston Gardens & Community*. Jennifer will send our club's vote in to GCA. The overall winner will be announced in May at the GCA Annual Meeting. That project will receive \$30,000 and the 2 runners-up will each receive \$10,000.

**Visiting Gardens:** Pamela Street

- Thank you to Talisman Ford, Patti Freudenburg, Joan Schulz and Mary Weller for offering to share your gardens with Visiting Garden members from out of town if we are asked.
- Reminders: GCA On the Road (OTR) trips - one-day excursions, \$75: Portland Oregon – Columbia River Gorge Adventure, April 17, 9:30 to 3:30; Houston – Florescence, April 26, noon to 3:30; Millbrook, NY – Wethersfield Estate and Innisfree Garden, May 19, 10:00 to 4:00.
- GCA Domestic Trips – Healdsburg, CA, April 30 to May 5.
- Please call if you have questions – 719-527-1002. Pamela Street, Visiting Gardens Chair

## **Garden History and Design:** Eve Barrett

Eve found an article about *2023 Trends in Garden Design* on the website 'Garden Design'. Nine trends were identified as follows:

- Grow your own bouquets
- Design a Mediterranean style garden
- Add texture with foliage
- Use natural materials
- Go vertical
- Raise rare and unusual houseplants
- Create cottage gardens
- Swap lawns for meadows
- Make outdoor spaces cheery

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:46**