

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

**Call to order:** 9:43

**President:** Jennifer Sundman

- There were not any corrections or additions to the December 2021 minutes. The minutes are approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.
- The club has received recent donations from Jan Baron, in memory of Jane Klunder, Duncan Tenney, in honor of Virginia, and Kay and Dave Klunder in memory of Jane Klunder. Thank you very much!
- Jennifer introduced and welcomed our 6 new members: Lori Dewhirst, Tracy Doherty, Talisman Ford, Martha Marzolf, Cindi Sather, Pauline Sisson
- Jennifer made a written calendar with information on our Club's upcoming dates, times, locations, etc. She encouraged all members to attend at least one upcoming gathering this month, especially new members. It's a great time to get a taste of some of our committees.
- There were two clipboards from the Flower Committee. Jennifer asked everyone to try to sign up to help with some small part of our fun September Flower Show.
- Beth Downs will be our club's delegate to the GCA Annual Meeting in Parsippany, NJ the end of April. Although GCA is only allowing one in-person delegate to attend the Annual Meeting this year, all GCA members are invited to attend online.
- Jennifer will represent the club at our Zone meeting in May, in Orinda, CA, near Berkeley. Chelle Mason will be joining Jennifer as our club delegate.
- Thank you to everyone in the club for helping to subsidize member attendance at GCA conferences. The delegates will be sure to bring back great information to share with all at General Meetings in May and June.
- Because GCA's National Affairs and Legislation Conference was switched to an online-only event this year, Derry Adams will no longer be representing us in Washington, DC. However, she will watch some of the online sessions and report on them to the club. As with all GCA Conferences, NAL is packed with important information and it's a time all 199 GCA clubs can come together and support important environmental legislation. For those of you who don't know, GCA members have been instrumental over the last century in support of legislation

such as the Clean Water Act, limiting billboards and protecting our National Parks. We are hopeful that next year Derry, along with Conservation Chair Cathy Plush, will be able to attend NAL together in person.

- NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Christy Walsh thanked current leadership, passed out forms to sign up, and reminded members of their obligation to chair a committee.

**First Vice President:** Pam Thatcher, no report.

**Second Vice President:** Anne Bradley

- New Member Orientation will be Tuesday, February 22, 1:00 - 3:00pm at Anne Bradley's home in Kissing Camels.

**Recording Secretary:** Kate Wilder, no report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Beth Downs

- Please take photos at meetings and events to submit for future newsletters.

**Treasurer:** Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Money Market \$67,815.11

Operating \$40,860.52

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Awards & Scholarships:** Brigitte Foss

- We are thrilled that our club's nominee, ethnobotanist Paul Cox, has been accepted as an Honorary Member of GCA. Kay Klunder explained the nominating process and excerpts from the acceptance letter Dr. Cox sent to GCA. Brigitte read the letter inviting Dr. Cox. It is a big honor.

**Civic:** Joan Schulz

- 5 grant requests were received by our January 15, 2022 deadline. Civic Committee will meet via Zoom to discuss on Feb. 14.

**Conservation:** Cathy Plush

- Cathy encouraged any interested members to attend a session or two of NAL conference online.
- Potluck/book discussion of *Pastoral Song*, Feb. 17, 6:00pm - a sign-up was sent out.
- The update of Poppies, Pinions and Peas is moving ahead full-speed. A committee of 3 is working on adding conservation content.
- Cathy shared a "PPP Moment" by reading a couple of winter excerpts from the well-loved garden calendar.

**Flower:** Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

- Last week 18 members attended a Flower Show kick-off meeting on a very snowy day! A title was chosen: Westward Hoe! To the Mountains We go! The show will have a western theme to incorporate the beauty and heritage of our region and allow for plenty of creativity in Divisions and Classes.
- Show will be held Friday, Sept 9th at the Norris -Penrose Event Center in the Heritage VIP room.
- Day of show: Morning Coffee and General Meeting - a judging panel will circulate and "judge" while we are in the meeting. Same Evening: Men's Floral Challenge and cocktail party
- Schedule Committee meeting, 9:00am, Feb 16th at CMCC, followed by a Steering Committee meeting at 10am; Registration Chair has been selected.
- Still need help with awards & ballots, cocktail party rsvp's, men's floral challenge organizers, Division class consultants etc...
- Next Flower Comm Mtg - Friday Feb 25th at 10am CMCC - to discuss Divisions & Classes for floral design
- Working on a workshop for March, and have April 4th scheduled for Denver Garden Club member and judge Dodie Jackson to do a presentation at Norris Penrose Event Center at 10am, all members invited to attend. Sign-up next month - there will be a pre-paid box lunch following the presentation.

Floral Design tip for General Meeting: Try using AGRA WOOL blocks instead of oasis to be more conservation-oriented. Meredith has some to sell if anyone is interested, \$5

**Horticulture:** Susan Wallnutt

- February 23 potluck and book discussion - *Pastoral Song* - at Susan's, 5:30pm

**Hospitality:** Reported by Pam Thatcher; Denise Sheridan was excused.

- Hoedown was a big success with over 100 attending.
- Thank you to February hostesses Beth Downs, Anne Galbraith, Kathy Rogers and Melani Tutt.

- March hostesses are Jane Cospers, Susan Sheahan, Lucy Ruhtenberg and Virginia Tenney. Meeting will be held at CMCC.

**Photography:** Mallory Sharp

- Mallory will host the next meeting at 9:00am on Thursday, February 24. Photos of the current assignment will be shared, including photos of Stratton Open Space and trails at Garden of the Gods. The committee will continue to fine tune details for upcoming May program. Mallory congratulated Jennifer Sundman for her 1<sup>st</sup> place and Editor's Choice wins in the GCA National FOCUS online photo contest!

**Program:** Reported by Jennifer Sundman; Lisa Stedman was excused.

- Feb. 23, 9:00am will be the first meeting of Program Committee - Lisa's home
- Today's program was presented by Ellen's Flowers on her quest to build a flower farm. It was recorded and link will be available for those who were unable to attend.
- In March we will hear from Cindy Scott 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.
- April is the Open Meeting, featuring Dr. Paul Cox. It will be held downtown in the auditorium at First United Methodist Church - our traditional location. Members will receive information and a flyer and are encouraged to send it out and invite friends. It's the one meeting per year when guests are allowed, and Dr. Cox is a great speaker.
- The committee is planning a special General Meeting for June at the Olympic Museum downtown. The speaker will be the landscape architect who designed the rooftop garden.

**Public Relations:** Jane Cospers -

- Our Mt. Goliath adventure has finally shown up in the Bulletin!

**Ways & Means:** Kate Faricy

- Poppies, Pinions and Peas collaboration with Conservation Committee continues and is on schedule. The committee will meet in March to consider other fundraising ideas for the Club.

**Yearbook:** Derry Adams

- The committee has prepared 6 binders of the yearbook for new members, to be distributed at new members orientation at Anne Bradley's home on February 22.

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### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **Founder's Fund:** Dana McDermott

Dana presently this year's one candidate for GCA's Founder's Fund award of \$30,000. After her presentation, a motion was made by Joan Schulz and seconded by Kay Klunder to vote in favor of the request. Jennifer will send in the Club's vote.

#### **Garden History and Design:** Janene McCann

- Janene gave a brief report on Olmsted design principles.
- Movie Night March 3, 7pm, Janene's
- Ann Young's Garden accepted into Smithsonian Archives- a great honor for her and for our Club.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Since there was not any further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjourned:** 10:41