

**Broadmoor Garden Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2023**

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

**President:** Jennifer Sundman

- Good Morning and Happy New Year! Jennifer thanked Kate Wilder and Nancy Borden for the breakfast and coffee this morning.
  
- From GCA's Horticulture publication The Real Dirt: "Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream". -Josephine Neuse
  
- Welcome Angie Ferryman, Pat Hamilton, Carrie Kaveney and Deb Marshall. We are delighted to have you and excited for you to learn who we are as a club.
  
- Jennifer showed and explained the reasoning behind her handwritten calendar for our new members. The Calendar is full of fun events. She encourage our new members to attend at least one committee meeting or event in the next couple of months to get a taste of that important and fun aspect of our club.
  
- ROLL CALL- Amy
  
- There were no corrections or additions to the December, 2022 minutes. They were approved as posted. Thank you to Amy and Beth.
  
- Jennifer is looking forward to attending the Zone XII President's Council meeting in Phoenix January 22-24 with the other 17 presidents in our Zone. She will report on it at our February Meeting.
  
- Brigitte passed out/collected an interest inventory ahead of the nominations process.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**First Vice President:** Pam Thatcher

-Thank you for your December donations to Westside Cares! Pam read a wonderful botanically-themed thank you note from the director.

**Second Vice President:** Lynn Cool is excused. Jennifer reported.

New Member Orientation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 9:30am at Kay Klunder's home. 19 people are scheduled to attend this fun and informational kick-off.

**Recording Secretary:** Amy Osborne - No report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Beth Downs

Beth is working on a newsletter for the first week of February.

**Treasurer:** Chelle Mason was excused. Jennifer reported.

Bank balances as of 1/6/23:

Operating \$56,973.11 (This is very high as we have not yet paid for the Hoedown.)

Money Market \$67,999.29

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Awards & Scholarships:** Brigitte Foss

The last GCA eNews mentioned the 2023 National GCA Medalists, the highest honors bestowed upon individuals by the GCA for distinguished achievements in areas related to its purpose. The medals will be presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in May 2023 in Columbus, Ohio. There are 10 recipients. Brigitte highlighted the recipient from Zone XII.

Louie Schwartzberg will receive the *Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor Medal* for his world-renowned work that changes the way we see nature. A barrier-breaking visual artist, he tells stories that celebrate life and reveal the mysteries and wisdom of nature, people, and places. He is the only artist to be inducted into the American Association for the Advancement in Science and is celebrated for his imagery projected on the Vatican Basilica. As a humanitarian, conservationist, filmmaker, and photographer he compels us to preserve and protect the environment with his breathtaking images of nature. A pioneer in time lapse photography, his latest film *Fantastic Fungi* explores the world of mushrooms and mycelium (branch-like fungi) and illustrates how these fascinating organisms can provide sustainable solutions to some of the world's greatest problems.

Louie's acclaimed Netflix series *Moving Art* is currently in season three. Each episode immerses viewers in the natural world, taking them on a journey through time and scale. With more than 60 million combined views, his TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) talks are a viral sensation. By creating works that explore nature and the future of the planet, Louie is opening

people's hearts and helping us sustain and celebrate life. I encourage you to go to Netflix or YouTube to find his fascinating movies and documentaries.

- Ann Bradley expressed her thanks and let the club know how honored she is to have received the Club Appreciation Award at our December meeting.

**Civic:** Joan Schulz

-On January 2nd Joan sent out a reminder that Grant Applications are due to her by January 15th. She has so far received one completed application.

-Broadmoor Garden Club gave \$10,000 to the city for trees at Pioneer Plaza. Two have been planted but the city has work to do on the infrastructure before any more can be planted. New places to plant are being considered to honor General Palmer.

**Conservation:** Cathy Plush

-Potluck and Book Discussion - February 2, 6:00pm, Susie Ramsay's home (5935 Buttermere Dr 80906) - *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

The Colorado Springs Stormwater Enterprises created a stormwater art project around storm drains in the city. This is educating the community that whatever goes down the storm drain goes into our creek.

**Flower:** Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

-The Flower Committee is arranging an English Garden workshop at Sweetwater Flower Market at their old Colorado City location. The workshop will be on Thursday, February 23rd at 10 am and will be open to all BGC members and guests. The cost is \$85 which will include supplies, floral materials, instruction and English tea & scones. The club will receive an Eventbrite link through email to sign up and pay. Once an rsvp is received, there will be no refund although you can transfer your reservation to another person.

-An April workshop is being planned with Lori Goede at Skyway Creations. A date and theme has not been set up yet so we will keep you posted.

-Plans are also underway for the BGC June general meeting with the three sisters from Gather Mountain Blooms. More details to come.

**Horticulture:** Mary Weller

-“Native Plants Spotlight” was presented by Sherry Coutts featuring the Pasque flower.

Some members of the Horticulture Committee will be getting a head start on planting seeds by attending a workshop about winter sowing of native seeds in 'miniature greenhouses' (aka old milk jugs) on January 17 from 6-8pm at the Colorado Springs Horticulture Complex (1003 Glen Ave 80905). This is a free program presented by the Colorado Native Plant Society. The class has filled up, but information will be shared at the next meeting. It will be interesting to see if this is a better option than starting seeds in the house in a south window.

Winter watering tips:

1. Water one time monthly during times without precipitation.
2. Water when it is above freezing, during the early part of the day to allow water to soak in before the nighttime freezing to avoid damage to bark.
3. On lawns, pay particular attention to the turf on the southern exposure of yard.
4. Evergreens need more water than deciduous trees. Pay attention to trees with shallow root systems: pine, spruce, non-native junipers.
5. Water newly planted woody plants about 1 foot away from the branch extremities, again to prevent water from building up around the trunk and freezing.
6. Remember the purpose of winter watering is not for the plant to draw up water into the stem, but to prevent the roots from desiccating in the cold dry ground.
7. Water your bulbs! The bulb stores water, but if unwatered in the winter they often will not have the ability to sprout in the spring.

Denver Botanical Gardens suggests:

Prune woody trees and shrubs: While woody plant material is dormant in the winter months, prune limbs and branches that have been damaged or are dead. Pruning helps strengthen the structure of the plant and helps prevent damage from heavy snow.

Dream big in January, think about what you're going to add or take out! Cozy up with garden design books and catalogues for inspiration.

Classes Coming up: Alex Crochet, City Horticulturist will lecture January 28 from 10-12 at City Greenhouse on 'Beginnings and basics of using native plants in home landscaping, \$10 Register at HAS.

Larry Stebbins will offer 3 classes on vegetable gardening: Feb 18, March 18, April 15. \$10 Reservations at Larry@thegardenfather.com.

The next Horticulture meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Mary's home (3110 Springridge Dr. 80906).

**Hospitality:** Christy Walsh

Christy thanked today's coffee hostesses, Kate Wilder and Nancy Borden.

**February 10, 2023 Luncheon at CMCC, following 9:30am Meeting**

"Growing Roses in Colorado" with Dave Ingram

Hostesses are:

1. Brigitte Foss
2. Debbie Pierre
3. Dana McDermott
4. Jenny Thatcher

Hoedown: We had 97 people attend and all seemed to have a wonderful time. We got many pictures with Santa and welcomed 3 of our 4 new members at the dinner. She showed many fun photos from the event.

**Photography:** Mallory Sharp

- Next Meeting will be Thursday, January 26 at 10:00am at Sara Howsam's house, where we will review and critique our assignments on capturing light in photography.

**Program:** Debbie Pierre

- January's program will feature Scott Wilson, speaking on "Waterwise Gardening"
- February program will feature David Ingram on the topic of "Growing Roses in Colorado".
- Upcoming Planning Meetings: Wednesdays, January 25 and February 22, 9:30am at Debbie's home (712 Count Pourtales Dr 80906).

**Public Relations:** Jane Cospers

Preparation of a press release for the April 2023 Open Meeting is underway. After it's approved by the appropriate BGC leadership it will go out to local print publications in the second half of January to meet their early deadlines.

BGC's media distribution list and our Open Meeting invitation list need to be updated for 2023. To speed up the process we're asking for a couple of additional volunteers to help us make calls or send emails to gather information or confirm what we have on our list.

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

### **Meeting:**

- The Ways and Means Committee will meet on Monday, January 23 at 9 am at the Caffeinated Cow on 8th Street.
- Agenda:
  1. Spring promotion of Poppies, Pinons & Peas with the goal to sell the remaining 140 copies before the end of our fiscal year
  2. Start planning a September event/fundraiser along the lines of "A Night on the Ranch"

### **Poppies, Pinons & Peas Update:**

- We're working to obtain payment from the last few retailers.
- We'll file our tax returns for Q4 and the year in the weeks ahead
- Poppies, Pinons & Peas will be for sale following the General Meeting on Friday. Cash and check only.

## **Yearbook:** Pauline Sisson

-Pauline has prepared 4 binders of the yearbook for those potentially chosen as new members. Full binders will be given to Lynn Cool ahead of Jan. 19th Orientation.

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### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

#### **Visiting Gardens:** Pamela Street

- Pamela Street would like members to let her know if they are willing to share their garden if other GCA members come to visit and ask for a tour. Anyone sharing their garden needs to be a GCA member; you will not be asked to open your home.

-Pamela and Jane Cospers reported on their trip to Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, AK. It was a GCA On The Road program. Other GCA On The Road programs will occur in Portland, Houston, and New York. Look for additional information on the GCA website.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

**Adjourned: 10:50am**