

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2021**

Call to order: 9:33

President: Jennifer Sundman

-Good morning and Happy Holidays! What an amazing turnout! It's so wonderful to see all of your faces, including so many affiliates. I'm especially happy to see our dear member, Vicky Kipp, who gets the award for traveling the farthest to be here today. It's a big day and an exciting meeting - we have lots of great things on today's agenda to share with all of you!

-Jennifer made a written calendar of upcoming dates, times, locations, etc. It was propped up in the luncheon room so members could gather details after the meeting.

-There were not any corrections or additions to the November 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.

-Kate proceeded with the roll call; 65 members in attendance.

-At the November meeting, 55 members weighed in with their opinions regarding the January meeting format. The final tally of votes was 32 in favor of reinstating a traditional January meeting with program, and 23 in favor of continuing with an optional social meeting. Majority rules, so 2023 will include a meeting and program the second Friday in January. THIS coming January, 2022, a simple social coffee is planned to kick off the new year. Jennifer has invited 3 of our longtime members, Lynn Cool, Brigitte Foss and Kathy Rogers, to share some stories at the January coffee. Members will learn more about Lynn's special bond with horses including her rides at Chico Basin Ranch, Brigitte's adventures in Botswana's Okavango Delta, and Kathy's experiences ranching bison along Sweetwater Creek in a beautiful part of our state. It will be a short and sweet event, 9:30 - 11am on Friday, January 14.

-Jennifer announced that Derry Adams will be our club's delegate to GCA's National Affairs and Legislation conference (NAL) in Washington DC the end of February. Attendees will learn more about pressing environmental issues including carbon sequestration in our soil, forests, and oceans. The conference is in person this year, and we have budgeted for 2 attendees. If you would like to join Derry, or just find out more, please let Jennifer know. Registration for the remaining slots has just opened and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegate registration fees and a \$500 stipend to help with expenses will be paid by the club.

-Jennifer informed the membership that 8 letters were received for possible new members. She reiterated that voters could vote for as many as 7, or as few as 0, whatever they wish. - Candidates who receive a majority vote of the members present today will be elected to the club.

-Jennifer encouraged voters to thoughtfully consider whether they think the candidate would be a true asset to our club - someone who would bring passion, enthusiasm and leadership abilities; someone who could and would be an active member, prioritize and attend our monthly meetings, and give of her time and energy...one who is garden-minded and with identifiable interests that are compatible with our mission...one who would be excited about the learning opportunities available to her as a member of our club and wonderful committees.

-Before Beth read the proposal letters, paper was passed out to jot down notes. Marked ballots were collected and counted by Beth Downs, Cheryl Kilgore and Kim Walsh. Club by-laws state that "in the event there are more candidates proposed than spaces available (which was the situation today), and that a candidate should not receive the majority of votes cast on the first ballot, AND openings for active members remain, a second ballot shall be voted, deleting the names of those who received a majority of votes on the first ballot." In that case, Beth will hand out a second ballot. The by-laws go on to say that in the event two or more candidates that received a majority affirmative vote TIE for the remaining available places, the names in question shall be resubmitted to the membership for a THIRD vote, with a majority affirmative vote of all members present necessary to elect.

-This past month we lost two ladies who were bright stars in our club for many, many years. Brigitte collected favorite memories of Gerry Downs and Jane Klunder and shared them with the membership. These memories will also be shared with their families.

-The club has received recent donations from Barbara Gazibara in memory of Lynn Pattee, and from Judy Sellers in memory of Lynn Pattee and Gerry Downs. Thank you very much!

-Jennifer has appointed our Nominating Committee for 2022, and the slate was approved by the Board on Tuesday. Christy Walsh will chair the committee, assisted by Susan Sheahan and Suzanne DuBois. She thanked those three for agreeing to serve on the committee this coming year and reminded members to please do your best to say YES if they call upon you to chair a committee. We need each of our amazing members to take a turn leading our committees and doing your part to keep our club the strong and wonderful organization it is.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher

-Silver Key gifts were collected in a box near the name tags and delivered after the meeting. Thank you to all participants in this yearly tradition.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley

-New Member Orientation will be Monday, January 10, 1:00 - 3:00pm at Anne's home in Kissing Camels. Committee chairs should plan to attend to give a brief rundown of what your committee is all about. (Cathy Plush/Conservation, Kristel or Meredith/Flower, Susan Wallnutt/Horticulture, and Mallory/Photography.) If you can't attend, please find another member of your committee to substitute. Also, at least one sponsor of each new member should also plan to attend with the new person. Kay Klunder will talk to the group about GCA.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder, no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs

-Beth read the 8 proposal letters received. Ballots were handed out for the vote and counted. A second ballot was distributed per bylaws. 6 candidates were elected.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Money Market \$67,805.89

Operating \$42,730.14

The Operating account balance is a bit fluid right now with the Hoedown ticket revenue coming in. As you know we started using Cheddar Up, and at this point more people have paid for their Hoedown tickets online than with traditional checks. Either way works great - thank you for your payments!

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss

-A Club Floral Design Achievement Award was presented to deserving recipient, Virginia Tenney.

-35+ year members were recognized: Judy Sellers 45 years, Joan Donner 40 years, Mary Henson 37 years, Vicky Kipp 36 years, and Dorothy Kraemer 36 years. Other members in attendance who had already been formally recognized, were also acknowledged. We are fortunate to have such a strong group of longtime members in our club.

Civic: Joan Schulz

-Grant requests due January 15, 2022. Several forms have been sent out to organizations.

Conservation: Cathy Plush

- Saving Salmon Conservation Study Conference - Members can access this great program online any time on the GCA website.
- A project to update of our popular club publication (created in the late 1980s), *Poppies, Pinions and Peas*, was kicked off with a presentation by Cathy Plush and Kate Faricy. Subcommittees will be created to add current conservation content, edit, market, etc.
- The committee is reading *Pastoral Song* and will discuss on February 17 over at potluck dinner at Susie Ramsay's home.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

- On Thursday Dec 2nd they had a holiday floral workshop with member Lori Goede of Skyway Creations at The Cheyenne Mountain Country Club. There were 25 members and reported that it was interesting and challenging working on a contemporary arrangement. Lori went out of her way to accommodate everyone with sketches, white jute sticks, lilies, winter greens, berries and pinecones, not to mention a demonstration of her own that only took less than ten minutes to create!
- Dec 8 GCA Floral design conference, Celebrations, was excellent and can be accessed by any member on the GCA website.
- Next Flower committee meeting is set for Wed Jan 19th at 10am at CMCC. This is an "open" meeting - all members are invited, and it will be a "kick off" of the planning for our Sept 2022 Flower show.
- GCA has an online judging workshop January 24th, registration is open now.

Horticulture: Susan Wallnutt

- January 19 potluck and book discussion - *Pastoral Song* - at Susan's home

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan

- December hostesses are Eve Barrett, Mary Henson, Amy Osborne and Kim Walsh.
- Hoedown update - great sign ups so far - over 100.
- January Coffee will be held at CMCC as will the February General Meeting
- Denise reminded members to please RSVP for all invitations in a timely manner.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

- The photography committee met at Lynn Cool's home in November and, over wine and pretzels, reviewed photos taken at Aiken Canyon and Rockledge Ranch, in continuing preparation for the May Program. Next meeting is January 20th at 10 am at Mallory's. Mallory shared a photography tip for creating dew on floral subjects using mix of cornstarch and water.

Program: Lisa Stedman

-Social Coffee, so no program in January.

-February Program will be presented by Ellen's Flowers on the subject of starting a flower farm in the Pikes Peak region.

-Jan. 11 - first meeting of Program Committee will be held at Lisa's home at 9am.

Public Relations: Jane Cospers - No report

Ways & Means: Jennifer Bain, Kate Faricy

-*Poppies, Pinions and Peas* collaboration with Conservation and Horticulture Committees was kicked off during the Conservation Report

Yearbook: Derry Adams

-With corrections, the committee is preparing 6 binders of the yearbook for those chosen as new members. The yearbooks will be distributed at New Member Orientation on Jan. 10th.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Garden History and Design: Janene McCann

-McAllister House Field trip was educational, and ties to Olmsted were shared during the presentation by staff.

-Ann Blackmun, current GCA Zone XII Garden History and Design Rep, presented our club's GHD committee's year-long project documenting Ann Young's garden for submission to the Smithsonian Archives. The slideshow featured photos taken by Melani Tutt. Descriptive captions written by Ann Young were read as the pictures were projected. It was apparent how much time and effort had been expended by all involved to capture the essence of this unique mountainside property. Ann's focus is on incorporating native and pollinator plants into her lovely colorful and textural designs, blending them into the surrounding wild areas.

Sova Smithsonian Online Virtual Archives:

<https://sova.si.edu/details/AAG.GCA?s=0&n=10&t=C&q=aag.gca&i=0#ref5074>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The membership elected 6 new members:

Lori Dewhirst
Tracy Doherty
Talisman Ford
Martha Marzolf
Cindi Sather
Pauline Sisson

Each proposer was given a packet of information to present to the potential new members. Those who accept our invitation to need to send a written acceptance to Corresponding Secretary, Beth Downs, before December 31.

Happy Holidays to All!

Adjourned: 11:43

Kate Wilder, Recording Secretary