

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2021**

Call to order: 10:05

Approval of September 2021 minutes

We had one correction to the September minutes which was to add the names of our September hostesses. There were not any additional corrections or additions to the September 2021 minutes. The minutes are approved as amended. Thank you to Kate and Beth.

President: Jennifer Sundman

-Jennifer thanked Bonnie not only for sharing her talents with us, but also hosting us at her beautiful home.

-What a fun past month we had! Thank you to all Committee Chairs for planning meetings and events last month to re-engage and re-energize our club. The fun and educational opportunities continue this month with a full slate of activities. Be sure to check out our club calendar and join in.

-Beth and Jennifer are beginning work on the October Newsletter - look for it around the third week in October.

-We currently have 7 openings in our club - please check the Policies and Procedures section of your Yearbook for specifics on how to propose a new member.

Before proposing someone, please take time to really make sure in your mind that your candidate would have the willingness to chair committees as well as the time and interest to participate fully in our club.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher, no report.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley is excused.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder, no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs, no report.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

- The 2020 tax return has been completed and the accountant has been paid.
- Our 2021-22 GCA dues have been paid (\$5,456.00).
- The Garden Club of Denver uses a payment platform called Cheddar Up with which the fees can be absorbed by the payer, so we would not lose money like we do with PayPal. We are planning to try this for the Hoe Down and see how it works for us.
- The bank balances are \$39,272.22 in the Operating and \$67,796.82 in the Money Market accounts.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss, no report.

Civic: Joan Schulz

Joan encouraged members to stop by and see the trees that BGC donated at The Pioneers Museum.

Conservation: Cathy Plush is excused. No report.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

-Meredith gave a recap of the successful and fun Sweetwater Flower Workshop. They had 43 attendees!

-The Flower Committee will meet at Kate Faricy's home on October 12 at 1pm to watch the GCA On-Demand program about Flower Flashes. Any other interested members can view it via GCA's e-News link.

-A dried flower wreath-making workshop, put on by Ellen's Flowers, is scheduled for October 26 at Colorado Co-Op. Limited to 20 participants, it will be opened to the full club if space remains after the Flower Committee has a chance to sign up.

Horticulture : Susan Wallnutt

-Liz Bevington discussed a Venetucci Pumpkin Give-away Volunteer Day, scheduled for Friday October 22nd from 9-12. She also invited members to volunteer to teach Broadmoor Elementary kindergartners to make a "greenhouse in a bag" on October 17th from 9:30-11, please arrive at 9am.

-A seed starting workshop is planned for October 19 at Sarah Young's home. It is open to the club, with priority given Horticulture Committee members.

-Susan reported on portions of the online Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference - She especially enjoyed the presentations on growing succulents, making seed bombs and the Coastal Maine Botanic Garden. Any BGC member can watch these and other conference topics, recorded during the conference, by logging into the GCA website. If you need help doing this, please contact Beth Downs, our club's administrator.

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan

Thank you to today's coffee hostesses Cheryl Kilgore and Lisa Stedman.

November hostesses are Sara Howsam, Joan Schulz, Judy Sellers, and Sarah Young - this luncheon will be held at the Cheyenne Mountain Country Club.

The Hoedown has been scheduled for Thursday, December 16th at the Cheyenne Mtn. Country Club.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

The Aiken Canyon field trip has been postponed. The committee will work on photographing Carnegie Library and McAllister House. Next meeting is October 21 at 10 am at Mallory's home. Mallory also shared tips for iPhone photography of the fall colors.

Program: Lisa Stedman

Today's program is Fall Floral Arranging, presented by Bonnie Grenney.
Our November Program will be on Conservation and Environmental Issues at Chico Basin Ranch.

Public Relations: Jane Cospers, no report.

Ways & Means: Jennifer Bain, Kate Faricy

The committee met September 29th and discussed trying to move forward with re-creating A Night at The Ranch again in 2023. They are also looking into other smaller fundraisers.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

The new pages were distributed at the October 8 meeting. Anyone unable to attend can pick up her copy from Derry's porch, 1800 Mesa Road. Derry also reminded members that they can update their personal information at any time on the GCA website.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Garden History and Design: Janene McCann

The committee met September 22nd.

Ann Blackmun, Kristel Hybl and Melani Tutt, along with Ann Young, have continued their hard work documenting Ann Young's garden for The Smithsonian Garden archives.

The committee toured Joan Schulz's, Fawn Bell's, and Sherry Coutt's gardens this week. We hope to add more garden visits in the Spring.

The committee also has plans for a movie night to watch a documentary about Frederick Law Olmsted, a book discussion and more in the coming year

Website: Cheryl Kilgore

Cheryl asked members to please send event photos.
She also started an archived minutes "tab" on the website.
Please reach out to Cheryl with any difficulties logging in to BGC website.

MYSTERY MEMBER: Suzanne DuBois

Suzanne presented a fun guessing game with interesting facts about one of our members. The correct answer was Jan Webber. We learned more about Jan's beginnings in Texas and the years before she lived in Colorado Springs. We found out that Martha Stewart was her caterer while she lived in Greenwich, Connecticut; that she likes mysteries and gin and tonic; doesn't like to cook and LOVES shoes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next General Meeting will be on November 12, 2021 at 9:30am at Cheyenne Mountain Country Club.

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned: 10:58

Kate Wilder, Recording Secretary