

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

Call to order: 9:35 a.m.

Approval of June 2021 minutes: Approved as posted.

President: Jennifer Sundman

Jennifer welcomed back BGC members to our first meeting of the year and thanked Susan Walnut for hosting the meeting - it's wonderful to be meeting in person in a lovely garden. She also thanked Liz Bevington, Robin Johnson and Rich Schell for sharing their gardens with us today.

Jennifer thanked Beth Downs for her design of our new Broadmoor Garden Club Newsletter and noted the next issue is planned for mid to late October.

Jennifer announced that Clipboards would be in a basket at the back and will be taken to Rich's home.

Jennifer acknowledged donations made to the club in memory of Lynn Pattee and Barbara Ingersoll.

Jennifer announced that BGC has 7 openings for new members and read excerpts from "What Makes a Garden Club Member".

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher. No report.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley. No report.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder is excused.

Thanks to Kristel Hybl for taking the minutes.

Kristel took attendance for both Active and Affiliate members. Members are voting on the budget at this meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs

Please email Beth if you have any questions and/or difficulty using Sign-up Genius.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason is excused. Report given by Suzy Connaughton.

The Club's bank account balances as of September 10, 2021 were:

Operating \$45,031.45;

Money Market \$67,792.36

Thanks to the Ways & Means, we had a terrific fundraiser that brought in over \$15,000! Thanks to the committee, those who attended and to those who could not attend but sent in their donations.

Suzy Connaughton presented the 2021-22 budget, compiled by the Finance Committee, to the membership. Finance Chair Christy Walsh assisted.

A couple of things of note: the Hoedown income offsets the expense; same with the Sesquicentennial tree donation to the city - a total of \$10,000 will come out of reserves, and the same amount will be spent, but most likely spread over several years. The asterisks indicate items that fall under our civic outreach, including the Open Meeting (under Program), which is \$4,000. The travel and meetings line is less this year than in pre-pandemic years due to limited numbers at GCA conferences.

Both last year's actuals and this year's budget will be on the BGC website.

A motion was made by Joan Schulz to approve the Broadmoor Garden Club budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The motion carried and the budget was approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss. No report

Civic: Joan Schulz

The two trees planted on the Southwest side of the Pioneers museum in recognition of the Sesquicentennial of Colorado Springs are doing well. The trees were \$350 each and came in under budget.

Conservation: Cathy Plush. Report given by Susan Sheahan.

The Conservation Committee will have our first meeting next **Wednesday September 15 at 4:00 pm at Bear Creek Nature Center**. We will be touring the native plant garden, along with the Civic Committee, as the garden club provided a grant to start this project. We will have our meeting afterwards to plan our year.

Conservation Tip:

Remember the benefits of keeping your fall garden messy!

Many species of native bumblebees, mason bees, leafcutter bees, etc. use garden spaces to overwinter. ...

When you leave your gardens messy, including ignoring the dried leaves on plants, you help to encourage a rich population of pollinators including native bees, butterflies and moths in the following spring and summer.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

The Flower Committee met on Wednesday, September 8th at Kristel Hybl's home.

The Flower Committee will host a Floral Workshop with Sweetwater Flower Market on **September 29th from 10:30am -12:30pm at the Donner Ranch property, 49 Marland Road**. Floral Workshop will be open to BGC membership and guests. Cost is \$60 per person. RSVP required by Sept. 20.

The October Flower Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th at Kate Faricy's home. We are going to watch a GCA On Demand program "Making of a Flower Flash-Creating Goodwill with Lewis Miller, a famous NYC streetscape flower designer.

An October floral workshop with Ellen's Flowers will be held at Colorado Co-Op on Tuesday, October 26th at 5pm.

A Holiday Floral Workshop will be held on Thursday December 2nd. The theme will be "Contemporary" holiday floral workshop in the CMCC main dining room from 1-3pm with Lori Goede. This will be open to BGC General membership.

The December Flower Committee meeting will be on Thursday December 9th at 10 am. The meeting will be open to all BGC members to learn flower show entry form instruction. The Flower Committee would like Virginia Tenney and Sally Bean to help instruct this informational meeting.

Horticulture Committee: Susan Wallnutt

Everyone received an invitation to the Shirley Meneice Conference on **September 22 and 23, 2021**. You will need to register online by **September 18th** and choose the Zoom sessions you'd like to attend.

Catamount Institute will again be in charge of Venetucci Pumpkins for Kids. Pumpkins have not been grown at Venetucci but will be trucked in. There are two types of volunteer possibilities for our club members this year:

1. Pumpkin Placing: **This occurs on 2 Fridays: October 8 and October 22 from 9:00 - 12:00**. You will be unloading pumpkins from the truck and placing them in the field.
2. Helping kindergarten classes with a one-hour educational program led by the Catamount Institute. One activity they are planning is helping children planting individual seed gardens. **This will occur Monday through Thursday the weeks starting October 11, October 18 and October 25. The time frames will be 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30 and 11:30-12:30**. These times all depend on how many schools sign up to bring their children AND what is happening at that time with the virus. Contact Liz Bevington if you are interested in helping.

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan

Hostesses for the October meeting are Cheryl Kilgore and Lisa Stedman. The meeting will be a coffee at Bonnie Grenney's home.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

The photography committee kicked off the season with a visit to the Ansel Adams exhibit at the Fine Arts Center. Melani walked us through the exhibit, pointing out how Adams' style changed over the years and how he was a master of exposure and development, famous for being able to contrast the darkest darks and whitest whites. He was also instrumental in establishing photography as one of the fine arts.

The main theme of the upcoming year for our committee will be preparation for our May program, where we will showcase various projects carried out by Broadmoor Garden Club over the years. We will photograph these projects artistically, using some of the principles of light, composition, etc. that we have learned on the committee. This program will be part research and part photography, and we would like to invite everyone to participate, whether or not you're on the photography committee!

The next Photography committee meeting will be at Mallory's house on Monday, September 13 at 10:30.

Program: Lisa Stedman

Thank you to Susan Wallnutt, Liz Bevington, Robin Johnson and Rich Schell & Greg Wragge for hosting this month's General Meeting.

The October Program will be a Fall Flower Arranging presentation by Bonnie Grenney.

Public Relations: Jane Cosper

An article will appear in the GCA Bulletin written by Jane Cosper about our "Colorado On the Road" Hike of Mt. Goliath with the Garden Club of Denver.

Ways & Means: Jennifer Bain, Kate Faricy

Kate recapped our fun and successful August 12 *Night at the Ranch* and suggested members click on links in the BGC newsletter to all of the local farmers and others who provided dinner. **Next meeting will be September 29, 9:00am at Kate's home**, to discuss new ideas for Ways and Means projects.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

The new yearbook pages will be printed next week and distributed at the October meeting. If you would like yours earlier you may contact Derry to pick it up.

Garden History & Design Committee: Janene McCann

Garden History & Design will have a meeting on **Wednesday, September 22nd**
at Janene's home at 4:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next General meeting will be held on **Friday, October 8th.**

Adjourned: 10:28 a.m.