

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2022**

Call to order: 9:37am

President: Jennifer Sundman

- -Good Morning and Happy Holidays!
- Ann Blackmun, filling in for Amy Osborne, read the roll call including all Affiliates. 63 members were in attendance.
- There were no corrections or additions to the November, 2022 minutes. The minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Amy and Beth.
- Jennifer announced that Cathy Plush is registered and will be our club's delegate to GCA's National Affairs and Legislation conference in Washington DC March 12 - 15, 2023. It's the 40th Anniversary of the conference and the agenda will span promotion of native plants, expanding urban parks, sequestering carbon in our forests, oceans and farms and "greening" the energy grid. The 300 GCA delegates from all over the country will hear from nationally renowned experts helping to solve the challenges of climate change including scientists, policy makers and non-profit leaders, as well as members of Congress.
- We will know on December 13th if there is space for a second delegate and if so Derry Adams will also sign up to attend. Delegate registration fees and a \$500 stipend to help with expenses was budgeted and will be paid by the club. [NOTE: Derry successfully registered on Dec. 13.]
- Jennifer is looking forward to attending our GCA Zone XII President's Council meeting in Phoenix, January 22-24, with the presidents of the other 17 clubs in our western zone. This meeting happens every other year, alternating with a full Zone meeting.
- A written calendar of upcoming BGC events was placed in the luncheon room for all to see.
- Four new member proposal letters were received by Beth Downs by our November 30th deadline. The Executive Committee met and reviewed each one on Tuesday.
- Although we have 4 openings, there is no requirement to fill all 4 slots. When you mark your ballot, you may decide to vote for any number.
- As you listen to each letter, please thoughtfully consider whether you think the candidate would be an asset to our club - someone who you feel would bring and share 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.

- Marked ballots are collected and counted by tellers - Beth Downs, Derry Adams and Suzy Connaughton. Candidates who receive a majority vote of the members present will be elected to the club and will be announced at the end of the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher

-Thank you for your donations to Westside Cares! Our gifts will be delivered after the meeting. Thank you to all who brought something.

Second Vice President: Lynn Cool

-New Member Orientation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 9:30am at Kay Klunder's home. As a reminder, Chairs of Conservation, Flower, Horticulture, Photography, Civic and Ways and Means, or a representative of your committee, should plan to attend. Coffee and light treats will be served.

-Beth Downs will give each new member the log-information for BGC and GCA. When known, the sponsors will also be invited to this event.

Recording Secretary: Amy Osborne is excused.

-Thank you to Ann Blackmun for taking minutes this morning!

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs

-Beth read the 4 proposal letters received. Ballots were handed out for the vote and counted.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Operating (in flux due to Hoedown) \$48,390.33

Money Market \$67,948.28

- Chelle wrote a check for \$500 for the CMCC Employee Christmas Fund. This annual show of appreciation was approved by the BGC Finance Committee, and by members in September at the budget meeting. Jennifer gave the check, along with a note of appreciation from our club, to Efran during the luncheon to give to Reuben.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss

- Brigitte presented GCA awards to two club members at the meeting.
- The citations on the awards read:
 - Anne Bradley - Club Appreciation Award: ***With appreciation for generously sharing your many gifts of style, grace, and respect along with your capable and enthusiastic leadership.***
 - Beth Downs - Club Communications Award: **With appreciation for her digital communications at zone and club level, her creativity at producing our newsletter, and her leadership at keeping everyone connected.**
- Many congratulations to both of our worthy recipients!

Civic: Joan Schulz

- Grant applications were sent out to many past recipients and some new ones, including Bear Creek Nature Center, McAllister House, Catamount, Rock ledge Ranch, Flying Pig Farm and Food to Power.
- Grant requests are due January 15, 2022.
- A link to our grant application has been added to GCA website

Conservation: Cathy Plush

- The committee will host a Potluck and Book Discussion on February 2, beginning at 6:00pm at Susie Ramsay's home. The book is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

- The Flower Committee held a "Holiday Tablescape" workshop Tuesday at the Colorado Co op store downtown featuring Christy Metz Designs. 14 members attended! We had wine and homemade appetizers by Kristel along with festive shopping. Thanks to Denise for hosting and to Martha for organizing. Photos will be added to the BGC website.

- Christy and her friend Jenny Furman had a wonderful table setting display featuring a Swedish theme using clove studded oranges and cookies and breads scattered around the table. Jenny is from Sweden and gave a little background on the tradition. Christy showed us a garland demonstration using chicken wire and fabulous plant material such as eucalyptus, cedar, berries, pinecones and magnolia leaves.
- An English Garden workshops being planned for February with Sweet Water, and an April workshop at Skyway Creations with Lori Goede.

Horticulture: Mary Weller

-The “Native Plants Spotlight” was presented by Susan Wallnutt about *Heliopsis helianthoides*. She brought her flower that was cut on September 9 and was still alive in a vase! It is an early fall sunflower and does well in dry conditions and sun. It attracts pollinators. It has many common names including “Early Sunflower”.

Hospitality: Christy Walsh

Thank you to today’s hostesses

1. Mickey Wallace
2. Suzanne DuBois
3. Dorothy Kraemer
4. Suzy Marold
5. Jan Baron

January will be a COFFEE at CMCC, beginning at 8:45am and hosted by Kate Wilder and Nancy Borden

The Ho Ho Hoedown, our 20th Annual Hoedown, will be held Thursday, December 15. Cash bar and Cocktails start at 6:00pm and Dinner will begin at 7:00PM. It will take place at Cheyenne Mountain Country club. Coat and Tie required. Drink tickets will be sold that evening - CASH ONLY. More than 90 people are signed up to attend!

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.
- GCA’s online Photography Conference will also take place that day. Any GCA member can sign up to watch or watch the recorded segments later. Mallory watched a segment from a previous conference and learned a valuable tip: carry a string with you to tie back grasses or plants in the background of your subject so they don’t distract.

- Fun tip: There's an iphone app called Mextures that lets you easily add filters to the photos already on your phone. They have a filter called Blizzard, which gives the appearance of subtle falling snow in your photos. Could be fun for all kinds of photos this winter!

- It's Zone XII's turn to submit images for eNews's January edition, and they are requesting winter photos from Zone XII - due by December 10th.

Program: Lisa Stedman is excused. Jennifer reported.

- There will be no program today as it is our Annual Holiday Luncheon and New Member Election.
- January's program, titled "Waterwise Gardening" will be presented by "Gardener" Scott Wilson.

Public Relations: Jane Cosper

- PPP PR Update: Press releases were sent out November 7. The Gazette put an insert into their advertising section.
- Jane and Pam visited a few TV stations to try to get spots on their morning shows. Kate and Mallory agreed to be "on air" should this happen now or in the spring.
- The press will be invited to the Open Meeting in April. This season was always considered our "soft" roll-out as it's not gardening season.

Ways & Means: Kate Faricy reported.

- We have sold a total of 835 copies of Poppies, Piñons & Peas so far. That's 521 retail and 314 wholesale.
- After expenses, that translates to \$11,499.05 in net profits to benefit our granting program.
- We have 115 left to sell. We're confident that between the Open Meeting and adding a few additional retailers in the Spring we'll be able to sell out.
- A special thanks to the 17 stores who have already purchased copies to sell to their customers. Be sure to thank them next time you're at one of their locations. They are: Bread & Butter Neighborhood Grocer Colorado Coop Elm Avenue Greenhouses Evan Guy Good Earth Harding Nursery McAllister House Museum Poor Richards Books and Gifts Rick's Garden Center Rock Ledge Ranch Gift Shop Skyway Creations Songbird & the Orchid Spencer's Produce, Lawn & Garden Springs in Bloom Summerland Gardens Sweetwater Flower Market The Shop At The Gardens (Denver Botanic Gardens)
- Copies were offered to members for sale following the meeting.

Yearbook: Pauline Sisson

-Pauline is preparing 4 binders of the yearbook for those potentially chosen as new members. She is currently trying to find a way to get them embossed as was done in past years as this would be longer lasting than stickers or sleeves. The yearbooks will be distributed at new members orientation on January 19th.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Garden History and Design - Janene McCann

- The November 30th Meeting included a PowerPoint presentation of committee member garden photos that were submitted. They had fun hearing about each person's problem areas in their gardens, and then having Talisman and the committee give their suggestions and ideas for solutions. Grasses were mentioned for drought tolerance and/or lack of sprinklers. Talisman suggests Korean Feather Reed Grass, which prefers shade and has medium water needs. It also does fine in sun. She also likes Blue Oat Grass, which is drought tolerant, likes full sun, and stays blue all year long.
- Next meeting: Potluck and Book Review on Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30pm at Janene's home. Book is: Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm by Isabella

Website: Cheryl Kilgore

- Cheryl reported on new additions to the BGC website including PPP, Grant Application and In Memoriam. She presented a slideshow "walk down memory lane" of photos from past BGC activities that are archived on our site. They can be viewed anytime by logging in. Please contact Cheryl anytime with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jennifer was happy to announce 4 new members were elected to our club: Angie Ferryman, Pat Hamilton, Carrie Kaveney and Deb Marshall!
- Members were asked to ensure the Proposers had spoken to the newly elected members before offering congratulations. Those voted in today will have until the end of December to formally accept, in writing, our invitations, and will be introduced to the membership at the Hoedown (if they attend) or at our January General Meeting.
- Proposers convened right after the meeting adjourned to collect new member packets from Beth to present.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. Merry Christmas!

Adjourned: 11:03am