

**Broadmoor Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2022**

Call to order: 9:30

President: Jennifer Sundman

- Jennifer welcomed everyone to the US Olympic and Paralympic Museum for the Annual Meeting.
- There were not any corrections or additions to the May 2022 minutes. The minutes were approved as posted. Thank you to Kate and Beth.
- ROLL CALL – Pam Thatcher filled in; Kate Wilder was excused.
- Brigitte has collected memories of dear member Ginny Edwards and shared them. Beth will forward them on to Ginny's son Austin with a note of condolence from the club.
- Jennifer announced that the club will send 2 delegates to GCA's Shirley Meneice horticulture conference in Boston. Incoming Hort chair, Mary Weller, along with Christy Walsh, will be representing the club in September. We will look forward to hearing about all they learn when they share it with our club at our October general meeting.
- Ann Blackmun presented about the recent Zone Meeting she and Chelle Mason attended in Orinda, California. Chelle is traveling, but she put together a great slideshow to help illustrate Ann's report. Jennifer recognized Ann and thanked her for her 2 years of serving all 18 of the clubs in Zone XII as our Garden History and Design Representative. She did a wonderful job and was well loved and respected throughout the Zone.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher

- Committee Sign up sheets were passed around on a clipboard. Each Active member must serve on a least one Standing Committee, per our Bylaws.

Second Vice President: Anne Bradley was excused. No report.

Recording Secretary: Kate Wilder was excused. No Report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs

- Beth read 3 letters written by members (Fawn Bell, Sherry Coutts, and Emilie Simon) who requested a change of status prior to the end of May. The Board approved these changes from Active to Affiliate status at our Tuesday meeting. Beth will let these members know that their requests have been granted. We will now have 4 openings for membership this coming year.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason was excused. Jennifer reported.

-Bank balances

Operating \$36,482.93

Money Market \$67,832.95

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues! Please keep them coming - she has received dues from about half of our members far and it's due no later than June 30.

The link to our Cheddar Up dues collection is: (<https://broadmoor-garden-club-2022-23-dues.cheddarup.com>).

And as always, you can instead mail a check for \$180, made out to BGC, to Chelle at 2165 Old Stage Road, 80906.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss

- Brigitte reported that 11 awards were given out at the zone meeting.

Civic: Joan Schulz

-Joan sent out an email to the Sesquicentennial Gift task force who voted to wait until the Pioneers Museum is able to complete their capital improvements before we plant the rest of our trees there.

Conservation: Cathy Plush

-Poppies, Pinions and Peas content is now complete and copy has been sent on to the edit and design teams.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl

-Deadline to register for "Westward Hoe! To the Mountains We Go!" Flower Show is Monday, June 13th, but registrations will continue to be accepted for those categories with space

remaining. Please sign up!! Grab a partner and get creative! It will be a fun flower show. The Flower Show Schedule is on the BGC website.

Cocktail Party and Men's Challenge details and Sign up will be sent out in August.

The Flower Committee had a small and mighty group go out to Gather Mountain Blooms Flower Farm for a field trip this past Wednesday.

- The sisters (Leah Remacle, Abby Remacle and Nikki McComsey), start by growing their flowers by seed in their greenhouse and then plant over 20,000 BY HAND.
 - Everything is organic, no chemical insecticides or fertilizers are used.
 - The farm has only been in existence for a year.
 - They have "picking days " where customers can come out and pick as many flowers as they can fit into a decorative cup-\$5 admission, \$20 per cup
 - Last year they started with around 60 customers and ended the season with over 400 people in attendance.
 - There are 6 wells on the property that they use to water their flowers
 - The sisters are new to farming, they started taking farming/horticulture classes during COVID
 - Gather Mountain Blooms have volunteer weeding and helping days on Mondays & Wednesdays
 - The farm is located on the former Venetucci Farm property.
 - There is a beautiful barn on the property for wedding and events, as well as a gift shop.
- <https://www.gathermountainblooms.com/>

Horticulture: Susan Wallnutt was excused. Jennifer reported.

-Jan Webber organized a hanging basket workshop at Summerland Gardens on May 18. Seven members of the Horticulture Committee attended. The cost included instruction, plants, pot, and soil. We learned about "thrillers" (the tall ones), "fillers" (smaller but broader), and "spillers" (the ones that hang over the edge). Julie gave us some great options for all these categories and she and Jan coached us on color schemes for our pots/baskets. Some of us purchased other plants to take home and create more floral splendor! We accomplished much and enjoyed ourselves in one hour!

Hospitality: Denise Sheridan was excused. Jennifer reported.

- Thank you to our hostesses for organizing today's luncheon. They are: Jennifer Bain, Ann Blackmun, Charlotte Mason, Susan McMullen and Mallory Sharp.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

- Please be sure and register for the Photography Divisions of our September Flower Show!

Program: Lisa Stedman

- Today's meeting was presented by Jon Romero, landscape architect for the Olympic Museum, on the creation of the building's living roof.

- Looking forward to our first meeting of the new Garden Club year on September 9 - Our In-Club Flower Show at the Norris Penrose Center.

Public Relations: Jane Cospers. No report.

Ways & Means: Kate Faricy was excused. Jennifer reported.

- Poppies, Pinons and Peas is right on schedule!
- Each and every word of the original week-by-week calendar has been reviewed and updated to reflect contemporary gardening principles and practices most relevant to the Pikes Peak Region.
- AND...new information has been added to address questions and concerns a gardener may have about such important issues as:
 - preserving pollinators
 - easy-to-employ conservation techniques
 - the best perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs and vines for our unique growing environment – with suggestions for common challenges like deer and drought
 - countless tried and true tips from some of our Club's most seasoned gardeners
 - and so much more
- Broadmoor Garden Club members will be the first to see it when it debuts at the Friday, September 9th regular meeting and the Flower Show.
- Copies will be available to members that day before they're available to the general public.
- The Ways and Means Committee will have a table set up where you can purchase them immediately after the meeting, during the Flower Show or at the evening cocktail party.
- They will be \$15 each – a bargain considering how much valuable information is included!
- A limited run of 500 will be available so bring your checkbook so you're sure to get the number of copies you want.
- It's the perfect holiday, birthday or hostess gift for friends, family, neighbors, teachers, and anyone else on your list. Pair it with a pack of native seeds and voila...you're sure to set them up for a year of success in their garden!
- Proceeds from sales go towards the Broadmoor Garden Club's Civic Programs...so you can feel good about each copy you buy.

Yearbook: Derry Adams

- New Contact information for Leslie Gottesman:
3129 Broadmoor Valley Road
Unit A
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- Please send Lori Goede any changes to your contact information as soon as possible, for inclusion in our next Yearbook!

Jennifer presented an ANNUAL REPORT of our club's very active year, with a big thank you to all club officers, chairs and members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was not any further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourned: 10:35