

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

Call to order: 9:35am

President: Jennifer Sundman

- Jennifer welcomed everyone to Westward Hoe. She thanked Kristel and Meredith and all others involved in the planning for their hard work. She also thanked all of the Flower Show entrants and encouraged everyone to attend the evening cocktail party. She thanked Nini Maytag and Lynn Cool for judging the men's flower arranging event.
- Jennifer thanked Missy Elliott, our Zone XII Judging Representative who also happens to be a member of the Garden Club of Denver, and all of the judges who traveled to Colorado Springs to award our Flower Show winners and give their tips.
- Jennifer asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as posted. She thanked Kate and Beth.
- Jennifer recognized Cathy Plush and Kate Faricy, who together unveiled Poppies, Pinions and Peas. Cathy had the idea to update our beloved publication, and after hours of work by many club members, enhancing and refreshing, organizing and perfecting, we now have our updated version. Mallory put her design talents to work next and the members will love the result. Kate took the baton with her marketing eye and brain and, along with her committee, will endeavor to get 475 copies out into our community to educate as many people as possible on how to successfully and sustainably create beautiful landscapes at the foot of Pikes Peak.
- Over 2 MILLION birds are migrating over Colorado each night this week! Birds, especially songbirds, are in trouble so anything we can do to make them feel at home in our own gardens is very important. To find out how, pick up a copy of Poppies, Pinions and Peas. ;)
- Beth did a beautiful job putting our latest club newsletter together. There is a recap of our summer 'Colorado on the Road' trip with the Garden Club of Denver you will want to read if you haven't, and a great article on Visiting Gardens written by Anne Galbraith. Beth and Chelle have agreed to work with

2 members of the Denver club to begin planning our next adventure in July of 2023, so stay tuned for more information next spring.

- We are sending 2 delegates to GCA's Shirley Meneice horticulture conference in Boston. Horticulture chair, Mary Weller, along with Christy Walsh, will be representing us in September. We will look forward to hearing about all they learn when they share it with our club at our October general meeting.
- Donations were received from Heather Fitzgerald and Jan Webber in memory of Ginny Edwards. Thank you very much to both of them.
- We have 4 openings in the club this year. Start thinking of candidates who are: Garden-minded, have time to give and participate, would be willing to chair committees and take on leadership roles, and would be compatible with current members. Deadline for proposals is November 30. Refer to your Yearbook for more information.

First Vice President: Pam Thatcher - No Report.

Second Vice President: Lynn Cool - No Report.

Recording Secretary: Amy Osborne - No Report.

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Downs - No Report.

Treasurer: Chelle Mason

Bank balances:

Operating \$49,023.86 plus \$4,810 in Cheddar Up - this is quite high because we have yet to pay for the Flower Show expenses and the check to GCA for our National dues has not been cashed yet.

Money Market \$67,864.77

BUDGET Presentation and VOTE

The Finance Committee met and came up with the proposed budget we will be voting on today. A couple of things to note:

-The Ways and Means income is from sales of PPP and that \$9,500 is if we sell all that we have printed. It is possible sales will be over two years.

-The Reserve Transfer is for the Sesquicentennial Tree grant and the Flower Show. Those figures zero out as they are in income and expense accordingly.

- Thanks to the very successful 'Night in the Ranch' fundraiser, we have budgeted \$5,000 for direct Civic grants, plus the costs for the Open Meeting are under Civic as it is a grant to the community.
- The GCA Educational Conferences line is higher this year, as we are catching up from the COVID years.
- Finally, the Finance Committee is recommending a dues increase. All of our costs have gone up, including program speaker fees, educational conference registrations, professional fees, services we use, etc. Our dues are amongst the lowest in Zone XII and were last raised in 2015. We were able to hold off this year, but look for an increase next year. The new amount for dues has not yet been determined.
- Most standing committees have a budget of \$150 per year for committee expenses.

A motion was made by Joan Shultz to pass the budget as presented. Ann Young seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards & Scholarships: Brigitte Foss

Brigitte educated us on the various flower arrangement awards. The following awards are chosen by the BGC membership by popular vote:

- The **Lucille Esmiol Flower Arrangement** award is given in memory of an exceptional member, flower arranger and educator extraordinaire.
- The **Sally Bean Miniature** award is given in honor of GCA Flower Arrangement Judge and talented creator of award-winning miniature arrangements.
- The horticulture **Cully Prindle Cachepot** is given in loving memory of a member who demonstrated a devotion to horticulture in its every aspect. Her delight in life and joy of gardening were evident in her design and maintenance efforts at the Fragrance Garden and her expertise in propagation for numerous GCA plant exchanges.
- The **Fresh From My Garden** pot is awarded to the best flower arrangement using material grown in one's own garden.
- The photography **Hazel Abbot Easel** is given in memory of a charter member, an artist who, with her husband, assembled the display of slides of wildflowers used at the GCA Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs in 1956.

-The **BGC Botanical Arts** award made its first appearance at the September 2022 club flower show.

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These awards are chosen by the judges:

-The **Cappy Calder Best of Blue** award is given in honor of beloved BGC member and GCA Flower Arrangement judge, Catherine Calder. It is awarded to the best exhibit in the flower show.

-The **Novice** vase is given to the best first-time entry in any flower arranging class.

If the flower show is not judged, the membership will choose by popular vote.

Civic: Joan Schulz

- The Civic Committee had a busy, fulfilling month.
- We visited the Flying Pig Farm in Manitou. They had submitted a grant request earlier this year, but as we knew very little about them we did not grant to them, but decided we wanted to do a site visit. Kate Faircy set up the visit. We all came away excited about their program to educate elementary children. The farm is providing a farm to table experience for these children: they plant, weed and cook and consume their food that they cook in an outdoor kitchen. They are close enough to Manitou schools that the kids can walk to the farm thus eliminating the need for transportation.
- We also had a booth at the Bear Creek Nature Center's Honey Harvest where we had the opportunity to talk with a lot of kids and their parents about planting pollinator plants. We had a constant stream of people who were truly interested in bees. Susie Ramsay, Talisman Ford and I had a great time. We discussed making this a yearly event for the club and developing a list of pollinator plants we could hand out as a take-away. As I was leaving, I asked Mary Jo Lewis if, even if we didn't grant to them, could we come next year. She was super enthusiastic and said "absolutely"! She said every time she looked our way we had a group of people we were with. There were times when the three of us were each talking with separate family groups. It was the most rewarding thing I have done with BGC.

Conservation: Cathy Plush

- Cathy unveiled Poppies, Pinions and Peas (PPP) along with Kate Faricy. A Powerpoint presentation was presented. The new book holds a wealth of gardening knowledge and is very well done.

- A conservation committee meeting is being planned for October 20 at 10am - set up by Sherry Coutts at the newly updated water treatment plant. We will learn what the update means to Colorado Springs. Walking shoes are recommended. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at next month's meeting.

Flower: Meredith Donner and Kristel Hybl. No report.

Horticulture: Mary Weller

- A Sept. 28 kick-off meeting has been planned and will take place in a room at the Pikes Peak Library on Cascade at 10am. It will include a walk through the Carnegie Garden.
- Mary is excited about attending Shirley Meneice in Boston this month as one of our club delegates.

Hospitality: Christy Walsh

- September Hostesses were Kristel Hybl and Meredith Donner.
- October Hostesses are Kay Klunder, Susie Ramsay, Nini Maytag, Jan Webber and Christy Walsh. It will be a luncheon at CMCC
- Hoedown Date has been set for December 15. Christy welcomes any and all volunteers to assist with the event.

Photography: Mallory Sharp

- The first meeting will be on September 29, 4:00pm at Mallory's home (20 Maple Avenue) - a primer/101 for new members and a reminder for all. Melani will give an assignment on lighting.
- A workshop is being planned for October 14 after the general meeting.
- Second meeting will be Thursday 11/3 at 10am at Mallory's home.

Program: Lisa Stedman

- Today's meeting is an In-Club Flower Show.
- October Program is iPhone Photography A to Z; CMCC

Public Relations: Jane Cospers

- The Public Relations Committee will work with Kate Faricy on PPP publicity this fall, ahead of the holiday season.

Ways & Means: Kate Faricy and Kate Wilder - reported during Conservation Report the Unveiling of PPP.

- Broadmoor Garden Club members were the first to see PPP when it debuted at the Friday, September 9th regular meeting and Cocktail Party. Copies will be for sale \$20 each plus about 3% city sales tax. Cash or checks accepted. \$20.61 per copy. Discussion of price increase and the fact that \$14.43 of each copy will be returned to the community through our granting program.
- The Ways and Means Committee had a table set up where members could purchase them immediately after the meeting, during the Flower Show or at the evening cocktail party.
- 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.
- If you are unable to attend the September meeting and Flower Show, copies will be sold at the October, November and December Meetings.
- Copies will be brought to local nurseries and garden centers, gift shops and other outlets for sale. We're working on a list of these retailers now and will reach out to membership in September to find out if anyone has a personal connection with any of them and can help Ways and Means by making an introduction.
- A special thanks to the content and design committee who have worked tirelessly on this project. It is a priceless piece that is well-poised to help raise money and bolster the funds the Club puts back into the community while also helping educate people about responsible, sustainable and successful gardening practices.

Yearbook: Pauline Sisson

- Pauline asked members to pick up their yearbook before departing, and to take yearbooks to members who were unable to be there.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Book Collection: Janene McCann

As most of you know, our access to our BGC Book Collection housed at the Fountain Valley School of Colorado library was shut down during the pandemic. However, those days are over! I want to encourage you to go out to the school sometime to

take a look at what we have in our collection, and perhaps check out some books to take home.

We presently have 246 books and 9 videos in our collection that have been donated by past and present BGC members. They cover the topics of botany and horticulture, conservation, container gardening, flower arranging, flowers and plants, garden design, gardens of interest, gardens and plants of Colorado, grasses and trees, indoor gardening, vegetable gardening, wildflowers, xeriscape gardening, and more.

The library is open when school is in session Monday through Friday, from 8:15am to 3:15pm. You can find the library information and a complete list of books and videos on our BGC website. You can also refer to pages A-18 and A-19 in the front section of our BGC yearbook for directions to the school, how the security gate works, and where to park. Due to construction next to the library right now, you can only park in front of the administration building.

There has been a slight change of librarians, but the phone numbers listed in our yearbook are correct. Sarah is now the head librarian, and her assistant is "Zo" (Zoe).

Visiting Gardens: Pamela Street is excused. Jane Cosper reported.

-Jane announced that there are a few spaces left for Crystal Bridges GCA 'On the Road' program on October 27. Pamela and Jane Cosper are signed up to attend. Jane gave some details of the trip and encouraged our members to look into attending.

Brigitte announced the club popular award WINNERS:

- . Lucille Esmiol Flower Arrangement - Sally Bean & Leslie Gottesman
- . Sally Bean Miniature - Bonnie Grenney
- . Cully Prindle Cachepot - Dana McDermott
- . Fresh from my Garden - Brigitte Foss
- . Hazel Abbot Easel - Jennifer Sundman
- . BGC Botanical Arts - Denise Sheridan
- . Cappy Calder Best of Blue - Sally Bean & Leslie Gottesman

Adjourned: 10:40am