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President's Message Spring 2015



By Trudie Layton, President, CFGC

Greetings Fellow Gardeners!

Spring is only a couple of days away on the calendar as I write this but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature. A wonderful wet snow is falling, Colorado's version of spring showers which will indeed bring blossoms in May. Spring is also the time we come together at our annual meeting for FUN, FOOD, & FRIENDSHIP. The North Central District has planned an exciting weekend for us building on the Legacy of Garden Clubs. May 29, 30 and 31st is NOT Memorial Day weekend so pencil it in and send in your registration as soon as you can. It's always fun to share a room with fellow gardeners because they are full of surprises. There is more information and a registration form in this newsletter.

Conventions also address business and we will be voting on a change to the schedule of our Board of Directors meetings. This is also printed in the Colorado Garden Connection. Clubs all have a voice and vote/s in any business and may bring up items at the general meeting. This is YOUR organization so let it speak for you. On that note, several of us will be attending the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky May 15-17. Another wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship with like-minded people that is open to anyone to

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attend.

National Garden Clubs is asking for an increase in per capita dues from 50 cents to one dollar, effective June 2016. Your delegates to the convention will be voting on this issue. NGC has not had an increase since 1995 and currently, CFGC has not voted to pass the increase on to you. Please contact any Executive Committee member if you have questions about this, as it will impact the budget in 2016.

!!Don't forget!! Apply for Awards! You deserve to be recognized for the work you do in the community. Garden clubs ARE making a difference in our world. Let's continue to "Plant those Seeds of Change" and bring our communities back to where they need to be.

"Make a Difference"

*Trudie Layton, CFGC State President
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs*

CFGC 2015 State Convention – Back To Our Roots



Starting May 29, 2015 and lasting 3 days. The Convention will be held at the **Holiday Inn Denver Lakewood**; located at 7390 West Hampden, Lakewood, CO 80029. Room rates are \$109/double occupancy. Reservations can be made

by calling the hotel directly, 303-980-4284, stating you are with CFGC. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors will meet Friday night for dinner. With the theme of “Back To Our Roots”, the goal of the Convention Planning Committee is to have fun while you learn.

Friday, May 29, 2015, Registration sign-in begins at 3pm. Reduce, recycle, reuse with the **“Bring Your Own Bag”** contest. Use your bag for the “It Tells a Story” contest, and to hold items received (like the agenda and awards) during the Convention. If you forget your bag the Convention Planning Committee will have extras. In the evening, relax, reconnect, and get a good night’s sleep. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will also be meeting Friday evening. **Saturday, May 30, 2015** starts at 7am, with Vendors setting-up “for sale” tables. The **Continental Breakfast** is from 7am until 9am. At 9am the Convention officially starts with a Presenting of Colors by the director of the Fort Logan Cemetery who will also be honoring Mary Fagerberg for her 30 years of service.

We will break for lunch at 11am to partake in a **Boxed Lunch**. Many have been to the Molly Brown House in downtown Denver, but have you ever toured the **Molly Brown Summer House and Grounds**? Now, during lunch, is your chance to take this ½ hour tour and learn about it!

The afternoon session begins at 1:30pm with the introduction of the **“Murder Mystery”**, a CFGC

Garden Club exclusively designed, garden themed case of who done it. **10 participants are still needed to act as characters** in this parlor game. If you’ve always, secretly wanted to be an actor get in touch with Gail Fischer, 303-526-0359, to find out your part in the murder mystery. Sounds like fun!

At 5:30pm there is a **Cocktail Party** honoring Louise Niekerk, our CFGC incoming President. **Dinner**, starts at 6:30pm, with entertainment by the **“Legendary Ladies”**, and the evening will conclude with the revealing of the...Dat, Dah, Dahn...Murderer!

Sunday, May 31, 2015, the fun isn’t over yet! During the 7:30am breakfast, Brandee C. Wills CFGC’s 2015 Columbine Scholarship Recipient will give a short talk about her research. She is a graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado with a major in Plant Population Genetics. Afterwards, we will be heading over to **Red Rocks Park** and it’s naturally formed Red Rocks Amphitheatre. There will be a tour that includes birds of prey viewing and the Red Rocks Museum. Afterwards the newly elected officers and club presidents will meet.

The Registration form for this event is on separate page from the newsletter.



2015 CFGC Annual Convention Menus

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Continental Breakfast

Fresh Sliced Fruit

Assorted Breakfast Breads & Pastries Served with Jams and Butter

Chilled Orange juice, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea

Boxed Lunch

Half a Sandwich, Garden Salad & Fruit

Assorted Drinks

Dinner

Fresh Strawberry & Spinach Salad with Broken Shovel Goat Cheese, Candied Pecans & Poppy Seed Dressing

Gorgonzola Crusted Sirloin with Red Wine Au Jus, Grilled Asparagus, Truffle Potatoes

Sugar Mamas' Rum Cake with Caramel Rum Sauce, Raisins & Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Vegetarian Option – stuffed Portobello mushroom

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Breakfast Quiche

With Assorted Breakfast Breads and Pastries Served with Jams & Butter

Breakfast Potatoes

Chilled Orange Juice, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea

2015 CFGC Annual Convention – Vendor Tables Available

\$40/table for Companies and Individuals wanting to sell their wares

\$15/table for Garden Clubs using the proceeds to benefit their club

Reservation and payment is due by May 22, 2015; there will be a \$5 late fee to reserve and/or pay the day of set-up (7am Saturday). For more information or to reserve contact Joyce Cassidy; joyce.cassidy@cassidycm.com or 720-234-0476; make checks payable to “2015 CFGC Annual Convention”, send payment to: Joyce Cassidy, 5378 Evergreen Heights Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439

Molly Brown Summer House – 2015 Annual Convention Tour



Three years after moving to Denver in 1894, J.J. Brown and Margaret “Molly” Brown built the Historic Molly Brown Summer House as an escape from the demands of Denver society. Here they found solitude with their 450-acre retreat and from the surrounding farmlands

along Bear Creek. They named the property “Avoca” after a Thomas Moore poem “The Meeting of the Waters.” The two-story brick home had terraced lawns, flowerbeds, and a fishing pond. There were Victorian style rooms including a parlor, library, country room, and dining room. Each room featured high ceilings, woodwork, and period furnishings.

In 1928 the Fehlmann family purchased the house and it has stayed in the family through the past five generations. Open to the public for tours, events, and weddings it is an inviting gathering place. Granddaughter Mary Rose Shearer (better known as Momo) provides personalized tours of the historic home.

Legendary Ladies at the 2015 CFGC Annual Convention

By Joyce Nelson, Legendary Ladies Program Coordinator



Meet The Legendary Ladies! They are a volunteer, educational, non-profit organization that promotes the history of women who made unique contributions to the West. Meet fascinating women whose lives became a part of the lore of the West. Learn how these legendary women affect people today and how the world wouldn't be the same without them. Each Legendary Lady researches the character she portrays, writes her own script and creates an authentic costume for a professional, historically accurate performance. The Legendary Ladies—Making History Come Alive!

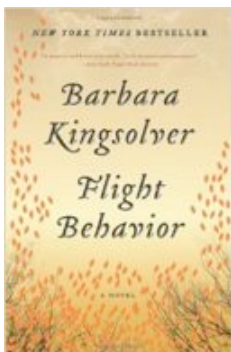
In attendance during the "meet the new President" cocktail party (5:30–6:30) will be elegantly costumed Legendary Ladies who will rub elbows with convention attendees. Perhaps guests will share a gardening tip or two, or exchange appreciations of the fruit of the vine and the quality of cheese. Following the wine and cheese hour, at 6:30 p.m. "Unconventional Women of the West" will make history come alive!

The cast of characters reflects the theme of the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs Convention, "Back to Our Roots": Susan Shelby Magoffin – pioneer trailblazer – first white woman on the Santa Fe Trail; Katherine Lee Bates – poet and author of "America the Beautiful"; Mother Cabrini – Saint and founder of perpetual spring on Lookout Mountain; and Mary Elitch – Lady of the Gardens.



Book Review – *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver

By Lynn Cleveland, Book Review Chairman



Recently we've heard much about the plight of Monarch butterflies, which are on the verge of extinction according to some reports. Some garden clubs are trying to help the Monarchs by planting milkweed. Barbara Kingsolver's novel *Flight Behavior* follows a smart, likeable, poor,

and poorly educated young mother in Tennessee who encounters Monarch butterflies in an unexpected way. In the story, human activities combine with bizarre natural phenomena to push millions of Monarchs into the heroine's home valley. How this occurrence changes her life and the lives of those around her makes for an engrossing tale and a lot of food for thought.

2014 Calendar of Events

April 12, 2015

North Central District Annual Meeting
Tagawa Gardens, Centennial, CO

April 13, 2015

CFGC Judges Council Meeting
Emerson House, Denver, CO

April 25, 2015

Southern District Annual Meeting

May 9, 2015

Boulder GC Annual Plant Sale
Unitarian Church, Boulder, CO

May 9, 2015

Loveland GC Annual Plant Sale
All Saints Episcopal Church
Loveland, CO

May 15 - 17, 2015

National Garden Clubs Annual
Convention
Louisville, KY

May 16, 2015

Manitou Springs GC Annual Plant Sale
Venue 515, Manitou Springs, CO

May 29 - 31, 2015

CFGC State Convention
Holiday Inn Denver Lakewood,
Lakewood, CO

May 30, 2015

CFGC Judges Council Meeting
Holiday Inn Denver Lakewood,
Lakewood, CO

May 30, 2015

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July 13, 2015

CFGC Judges Council Meeting
Emerson House, Denver, CO

September 14, 2015

CFGC Judges Council Meeting
Emerson House, Denver, CO

October 12 - 13, 2015

Flower Show Symposium
Emerson House, Denver, CO

October 14 - 15, 2015

Flower Show School III
Emerson House, Denver, CO

Directory Addition - Loveland Garden Club

JoAnne Silva, President

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2015 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

By Brenda Slaughter, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman

The Colorado winner of the 2015 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest was Jessica Lin, 3rd Grade, North Elementary School in Brighton, CO. The Greeley Morning Garden Club, and Doris Duckworth Youth Chairman sponsored her. Sometimes it is hard to get schools to sponsor the poster contest, so remember, children only have to be sponsored by a garden club. So spend an afternoon with your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren. Talk about taking care of the

earth, what we can do to recycle, and how to make the planet a cleaner, healthier place to live. Draw and color posters to be submitted for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest.



Dig and Dream Garden Club

By Mary Vickers

Dig and Dream Garden Club enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and wrapped up 2014 with a few minor community projects including Fort Logan, Ronald McDonald House, and Excelsior Youth Center. For November a group of ladies created a beautiful wreath for the Aurora History Museum's "2014 Festival of Wreaths". The museum holds an annual silent auction as a fund-raiser. Our December meeting is our traditional holiday luncheon. We met at Blossom's Restaurant at Windsor Gardens and were entertained by the "Ladies Barbershop Quartet". 2015 is starting out to be another busy year. We were clerks and hostesses at the Colorado Garden & Home Show in February. Our members are busy on the Planning Committees for the 2015 CFGC Annual

Convention May 29–31th. Don't forget about Penny Pines – your club can donate increments of \$68.00 (at any time during the year) to purchase 350 seedlings, which covers about one acre. **Your club can help Restore, Replace, and Revive Colorado forests damaged by fires, floods and beetle kill.** Dig and Dream Garden Club is hosting the CFGC North Central District Luncheon on Sunday, April 12th, from 9:30am until 2:30pm, at Tagawa Gardens. Luan Akin, Garden Ambassador Extraordinaire will present Succulent Dish Garden. The Pre-registration cost is \$20.00 and walk-ins are \$25.00. Send your registration information to Alice Padilla, 1457 S. Laredo St., Aurora, CO

2014 RMR Awards – Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs

<u>Award</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Placement</u>
1c	Colorado Award – Garden Therapy	Excelsior Youth Center	Dig and Dream GC	
3a	Montana Award – Writing	Yearbook	Manitou Springs GC	
3j	Montana Award – Writing	Facebook	Manitou Springs GC	First
10a	Civic Development	Sculpture Park	Happy Transplants GC	Second
10b	Civic Development	Senior Center	Barb Gardner, Boulder GC	First
10c	Civic Development	Centennial House	Dig and Dream GC	First
10d	Civic Development	Healing Garden	Cheyenne Mountain GC	First
10e	Civic Development	Ronald McDonald House	Dig and Dream GC	First
13	Standard Flower Show Awards		Colorado Judges Council	
13	Standard Flower Show Awards		Happy Transplant GC/Sow 'N Grow GC Front Range Designer Guild	
22	Citation of Distinguished Service		Julie Sheehan, Dig and Dream GC	First
24	Youth Gardening		Queen of Spades GC	First

By-Law Amendment

To be voted on at the 2015 CFGC Annual Convention

Article X, Section 5 (Board of Directors): Delete first sentence and replace it with "The Board of Directors shall hold three regular meetings a year: one immediately preceding the Annual Conventions Meeting; one in February/March; and one in September/October.

Any other language in the Bylaws (and Standing Rules) that would be affected by this change will be automatically amended as well.

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