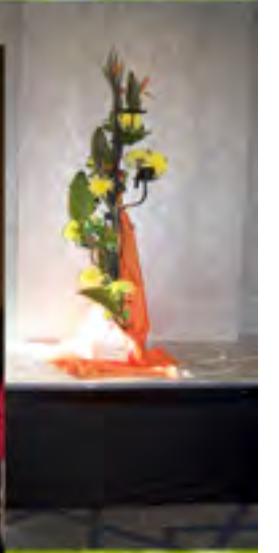


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From the President

**"Grow and Share Colorado"
"Befriend Our Pollinators"**

It was such a thrilling experience to be installed as President of the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs by Nancy Hargroves, our National Garden Clubs President. To have Jackie Watts, our Rocky Mountain Region Director, also in attendance was icing on the cake. Both of these ladies and their assembled team are extremely well-qualified to lead our active National Garden Clubs, Inc.



It has been a busy time since I assumed my office, but I'm eager and extremely proud to serve all the members of our Colorado garden clubs. At the state, district, and local levels, we are blessed with much talent, and I look forward to significant projects in the next two years.

I thought President Hargroves' theme, "Plant America" was quite appropriate for the 21st century, so I chose a similar theme. "Grow and Share Colorado" highlights our interests in gardening and flower arranging. Aren't we proud to add to the beauty and preservation of this earth?

I've long been interested in our environment and have been concerned of late that we have become rather careless in assuming responsibility for the love and care of our good earth. I have, therefore, chosen to focus on our environmental friends – the pollinators. There are so many open areas that are calling to us to provide for the honeybees and other significant helpers.

As you meet together, please share ideas for spreading seeds and plants in open and even public areas. I can envision our having fun with this project.

As I write this, I am pleased that we have assembled



a capable and talented team. Chuck Peltz from the Pueblo club has joined us and has assumed the task of Editor. Chuck is extremely qualified in technology and will do us proud. Thanks to Joyce Cassidy for lending her expertise in this area for the past seven years.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of help to you in your endeavors. I'll help in any way I can.

Your friend in gardening,
Betty

From the Editor

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Betty asked me to take on this adjunct to my gardening activities to further and promote our group and its goals. I had done this years ago for a group Susan and I had belonged to in Denver and again with our neighborhood association here in Pueblo. We—Susan and I—have the experience, skills, equipment and software to do this well. We hope that we do it well and to your satisfaction.

Long ago, when I wore nothing but green, I delved in soil and flora for the purposes of cover and concealment. When I left that career, I dealt with such again for the purposes of color and culinary arts. Our club—Flower Fad—maintains a wild display garden—a riot of colors—on a heavily trafficked boulevard here. We've done it for over ten years. It is a delight for the travelers on their way and provides much delight for ourselves as they express their appreciation by honking as they drive past and even go so far as to leaving 'Love Notes' hung on a traffic sign on the plot.

For ourselves, gardening such as this is an expression of our love for nature, our community and the Lord.

Doing this newsletter for our group is another such expression. It reaches beyond our individual communities. It makes a network through which we—as a group—share experiences and thoughts. This sharing generates 'synergy', wherein one person—when they share a good idea—can energize others to become more involved in their own gardening. For example, our display garden has caused people in nearby houses to

improve their properties. Even renters.

So in that vein, we hope to excite your imagination to share your experiences—successful or otherwise—with others. What has worked for you? What hasn't worked out quite as you hoped? What has given you joy? What has given joy to others?

Please share with all of us what you have done. Send us your experiences so that we can share them with others.

Yours Editors — Chuck & Susan Pelto

Garden Gadgets

This section is going to become a regular feature in Connections. It will contain items of interest to many gardeners who wish to make some of the tasks easier and/or faster.

In this issue....a Dandelion puller that doesn't have you down on your knees. The Fisker Weeder, as offered at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)....



Like many, I have a dandelion problem in my lawn. Every Spring and Fall, the pretty yellow blooms come up and then turn into seedy paratroopers, spreading trouble throughout my lawn and into the neighbors.... just for grins.

Going after them has always been a ‘pain’. Especially with this bum knee. So when I found a dandelion weeder that I could use standing up, I—pardon the phrase—‘jumped’ on it.

It features itself as:

- Ideal for permanently removing dandelions, thistles and other invasive weeds without multiple applications of harsh, costly herbicide
- Long shaft eliminates sore knees from kneeling and backache from bending and stooping
- Offset handle design offers improved ergonomics to reduce wrist strain and enhance grip

We—Susan and I—have had it for two years now and greatly appreciate the ease of use.

All you need is the device and a bucket to hold the rubbish.



[1] Insert the device so that the four prongs surround the center of the leaf cluster. Stepping down on the foot peddle.



[2] Rock the handle back over the foot peddle. This pulls the weed out by the root.



[3] Maneuver the pulled weed over the bucket and push down on the orange slide to eject the weed into the bucket.

There's a video of how to use it at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)....

Other outlets are offering it on-line as well: Blain's Farm and Fleet, [Gardeners.com](https://www.gardeners.com). But I have not seen anything like it locally. Sort of like the yellow-handled DigIts. You can't find them locally. We have to rely on other CFGC gardeners to bring them into Colorado for us.

And if you think that is good....get a load of the just announced **weed-killing robot** from the people who make Roomba.

EDITORS NOTE: If you know a device that has helped you in your gardening activities, please share it with us. So that we can share it with others. Send us:

- Your experience with it,
- A picture of the device, and
- Where the device can be found, so that others can get it. Please provide a link, if possible.

2017 CFGC Annual Convention

In Memorium

The 2017 CFGC Annual Convention was, not only a success, but was enjoyed by all. In thinking back on the event, there were so many moments that stood out. The Friday "Meet and Greet" was the first time those attending were able to visit the tables of the Silent Auction. We are talking three tables of items.

It was a show by itself. All attending members were able to meet Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, and Jackie Watts, RMR Director. Saturday was the big day with lovely Invitational floral designs, great food, goody bags filled with fun and educational items, a beautiful memorial, and absolutely wonderful speakers. Deryn Davidson gave a great presentation on "Native Plants and Pollinators" and Marge McGoff gave a inspiring presentation on "Out of South Africa" with stunning designs. New CFGC Officers were installed and congratulations to all.



Joy Kancir performed an elegant service in the memory of our fellow gardeners who have departed from our company. The floral arrangement display was beautiful and the poem endearing of their departure....

Remember Me

*Fill not your hearts with
pain and sorrow,
but remember me in every
tomorrow.*

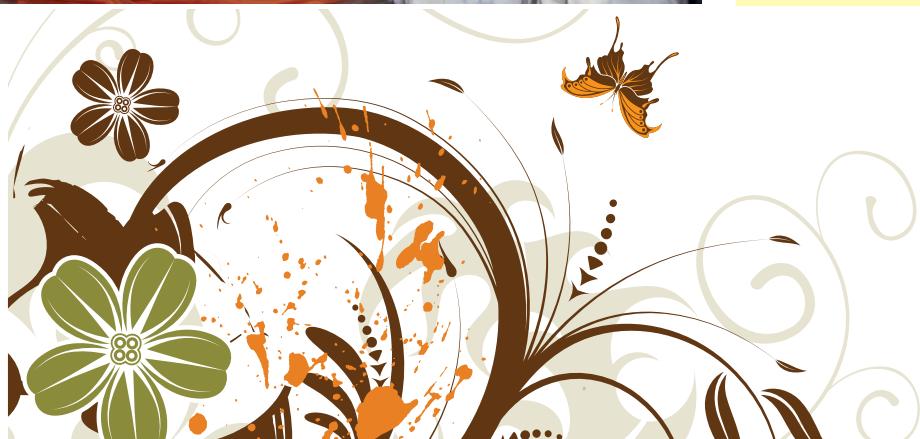
*Remember the joy, the
laughter, the smiles,
I've only gone to rest a
little while.*



*Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
my going has eased my hurt,
and given me relief.*

*So dry your eyes and remember me,
not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because, I will remember you all,
and look on with a smile.
Understand in your hearts
I've only gone to rest a little while.*

*As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.
-Joey Beighley-*



Awards Given at Convention June 10, 2017**CFGC Scholarship Award****#1 Civic Achievement:**

1st Place—Evergreen Moonlight Garden Club \$300.00

Wilmot Elementary partnered with Evergreen Alliance for Sustainability, the community, students and parents to create a garden after the old mobile classrooms were removed.

2nd Place—Southern District Clubs \$200.00

For creating a garden at the El Paso County Salvation Army Red Shield Community Center for children in this program. With help from the El Paso County Nature Centers and Friends.

3rd Place—Gardeners With Altitude Garden Club \$100.00

To open two Seed Libraries in Teller County and Rampart County as a collaborative effort with Teller County CSU Extension, Library Districts, Conservation Districts, Aspen Valley Ranch, The Harvest Center, members of the community and clubs.

#2 Special Achievement Certificate

Greeley Morning Garden Club for 60th Anniversary Celebration

Douglas County Garden Club for a History Scrapbook
Dig and Dream Garden Club for a Digital Scrapbook

5 National President's Project

Dig and Dream Garden Club for the “Bee a Wildlife Action Hero” commitments

#10 Literary Publication of Horticulture Interest

Douglas County Garden Club for New Member Brochure

#27 E Certificate of Merit

Douglas County Garden Club for Website

#28 E Award

Manitou Springs Garden Club for Facebook Page
Dig and Dream Garden Club for Facebook Page

#30 Working with Youth

Shawn Hamam for coordinating the project at Wilmot Elementary School



Rachael Latta is our 2017 Recipient of the CFGC and NGC Scholarships!! We enjoyed meeting her at the convention and having her tell us about her accomplishments and aspirations.

She is gregarious, intelligent, inspirational and focused. Rachael is attending CSU in Ft. Collins and aspires to possibly head an Extension Office somewhere in Colorado. She was able to enroll in graduate classes early and looks forward to a busy 2018.



Heart Warmer Awards for 2017

The Heart Warmers committee was chaired by Lyn Verretta and for 2017 they awarded this recognition of terrific CFGC gardeners to these wonderful people:

- Jill Jagemann of Boulder Garden Club
- Naoko Kohlhepp of Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club
- Linda Horn of Douglas County Garden Club
- Susan Buckingham of Dig and Dream Garden Club
- Sandee Teitscheid of Floral Art Study
- Lisa Taylor of Gardeners With Altitude Garden Club
- Tammie Bishop of Greeley Morning Garden Club
- Peggy Francis of Happy Transplants Garden Club
- Mary Ann Pitzner of Manitou Springs Garden Club
- Rosemary Rice of Pikes Peak Designer's Guild Garden Club
- Star Stevens of Queens of Spades Garden Club
- Cindy Shook of Table Mountain Garden Club

These delightful gardeners are the prize blossoms of CFGC. To be cherished and loved as they have loved all of us with their joy of gardening.

**MINUTES
COLORADO FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
87th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING
Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs
June 10, 2017**

Call To Order by President Louise Niekerk at 9:05 a.m. Two Boy Scouts presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Fagerberg offered the invocation. Louise welcomed everyone and thanked the Southern District for hosting the Convention. She introduced Nancy Hargroves, the new President of National Garden Clubs, Inc., whose project is "Plant America," and Jackie Watts, new Rocky Mountain Region Director, who praised our posters and silent auction items. NGC has a new book for youth, "The Saved Seed."

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were published last year in the Colorado Garden Connection. Sue Parker, Mollie Morton, and Joy Kancir will serve as the

committee to approve the 2017 Minutes.

Credentials Chair Kathy Shafer enumerated attendees by category, including 12 first-time attendees. Trudie Layton presented Convention Rules. Louise recognized past State Presidents, Emerson House Trustees, and National officers in attendance.

Financial Report: Treasurer Kathy Petersen reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. During 2016–2017, CFGC's income exceeded expenses by \$7,029. CFGC's net worth including Emerson House is \$343,000. The full report was filed. The 2017–2018 Budget will be published in the Colorado Garden Connection.

Membership: Assistant Treasurer Margie Soileau reported 20 clubs and a total membership of 462. Of these, 17 are duplicate memberships, so total individuals is 445, a slight decline from last year.

Convention Centerpieces: In her role as Convention Chair, Margie Soileau recognized Queens of Spades Garden Club and three members of Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club for making the centerpieces of succulents and kokedamas. These will be given as door prizes.

Merged District: Louise announced that Northern and North Central Districts have combined under the name "Northern Front Range District." District and other Committee Reports were printed and included in the registration packet.

No Garden Tour: Betty Roberts announced regretfully that the Briargate garden tour planned for July 15 has been canceled because three of the seven owners withdrew their gardens from the tour.

Scholarship: Chair Jill Jagemann introduced this year's winner, Rachael Latta (soon to be Stoudt), who receives \$2,000 from CFGC and also a \$4,000 scholarship from National. Rachael will graduate from CSU at Fort Collins with a BS in Horticulture and Food Production. Rachael spoke of growing up in Cedaredge among the orchards. She will pursue her MS in Pest Management and hopes to work for CSU Extension.

Butterfly and Bird Photo Contest: Audrey Coyle announced the winners of the photo contest: Butter-



flies: 1st Place Claire Tomiak, 2nd Michelle Gustin.

Birds: 1st Place Melissa Stearns, 2nd Carol Grant.

Awards: Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, and Louise presented five NGC awards. (See list of awards elsewhere in Colorado Garden Connection.)

Memorial Service: Joy Kancir read a poem and displayed the design memorializing deceased members Avalonne Kosanke, Eva Harris, Winn Taylor, and Betty Weightmann.

Following lunch and a highly informative program by Deryn Davidson on Native Plants and Pollinators, the business meeting resumed.

Heart Warmers: Louise presented Heart Warmer awards. (See list.)

Special Orders/ Election of Officers: Margie Soileau, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2017–2019:

President	Betty Roberts
Vice President	Margie Soileau
Treasurer	Kathy Petersen
Assistant Treasurer	Sue Parker
Recording Secretary	Lynn Cleveland

There were no further nominations from the floor. Betty Roberts as President-Elect automatically becomes President and is not voted on. The others were elected.

New Clubs: Two new clubs are forming in Denver and Thornton. They will be admitted to CFGC upon approval of their by-laws.

State Awards: CFGC awarded 16 deserving clubs and individuals. (See list.)

Amendment to Bylaws: Lynn Cleveland read the proposed amendment regarding re-allocation of dues, which was published in the Spring issue of Colorado Garden Connection. The amendment passed.

Trudie Layton moved, and the Motion was seconded, to further amend the Bylaws:

MOTION: In Article V, Section 2.A, strike the words “One dollar (\$1.00) to Headquarters Fund, and Four dollars (\$4.00) to remain in the General Fund” and insert “Five dollars (\$5.00) to remain in the General Fund.” In

all other paragraphs, strike the reference to the amount allocated to Headquarters Fund, and increase the allocation to the General Fund by that amount.

Because this Bylaws amendment was not previously published, a unanimous vote was required for passage. Following discussion, the Motion passed unanimously. Therefore, the final revised Bylaw will be:

Article V, Section 2. A. The annual dues for Garden Clubs with active individual Memberships shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) per member to be paid into the general fund of CFGC to be allocated as follows: One dollar (\$1.00) to NGC, Three dollars (\$3.00) to the President’s Travel Fund, and Five dollars (\$5.00) to remain in the General Fund.

B. The annual dues for Garden Clubs with Family Members shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) for the initial membership, to be allocated as in Section 2A. Each additional adult membership within the family structure shall be four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) of which One dollar (\$1.00) shall go to NGC, Two dollars (\$2.00) to the President’s Travel Fund, and One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) shall remain in the General Fund.

. . . Section 3. An Associate Member admitted to the State Federation at any time during the year shall pay dues of eighteen dollars (\$18.00). An Associate Member is a member of NGC, and the dues are allocated as follows: One dollar (\$1.00) to NGC, Three dollars (\$3.00) to the President’s Travel Fund, and the balance to the General Fund.

Corresponding changes shall be made elsewhere in the Bylaws as necessary.

Following a break, NGC President Nancy Hargroves conducted installation of the new officers for 2017–2019.

2018 Convention. Nancy Griffin issued the invitation for next year’s Annual Convention Meeting to be hosted by Northern Front Range District.

Courtesy Resolutions by Lynn Cleveland expressed gratitude to all who produced this excellent Convention. Kathy Shafer’s final Credentials Report showed 62 people attended this year. Kathy Petersen presented a gift to Louise Niekerk on behalf of CFGC in thanks for her service as President. Louise concluded with

remarks about the organization, and the 2017 Annual Meeting adjourned sine die. Following dinner, guests were treated to a design presentation and talk by Marge McGoff, with designs inspired by her years in South Africa.

Lynn Cleveland, Recording Secretary

**Emerson House Trustees
Board of Director's End of Year Report
June 10, 2017**

A building that is almost 100 years old requires a lot of on-going maintenance. Emerson House Trustees continue to ensure this maintenance is done whether that means pulling weeds or hiring contractors.

Outside maintenance:

The Trustees hired Arbor Tech to diagnose and remove the Hawthorne Tree in the northwest corner of the property. The tree had fire blight and would never be truly healthy. At this time the Trustees have determined not to replace the tree as the neighbor on the north side is planning some garage construction.

The soil under the section in the front of the house covered by stones was sent to CSU to be tested and was determined to have no nutrients. The Trustees will treat the current plants with liquid fertilizer but have decided to hold off any further permanent plantings until such time as the poor soil can be rectified.

Doug Curley continues to donate his services to mowing the front lawn and taking care of the sprinkler system. Doug communicated that there was a burst pipe due to frozen water in the line. This occurred because the outside water was turned on after the sprinkler system was shut off and water got into the line. Doug is working to fix the broken pipe so he can begin fertilizing and watering.

In recognition of the "Year of the Allium", Star of Persia alliums were planted to add spring color to the front yard. Also planted were King Alfred Daffodils, however, the daffodils did not do well this spring. Geraniums were planted in June to add summer color to the front yard. Thank you North Central District for donating money in 2016 to Emerson House landscap-

ing. This money was used to purchase and plant a Mini-man Manchurian Viburnum where the neighbor's tree had damaged existing plants.

As the home of the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, the Emerson House should look like we "house" a garden club and that requires a lot of work in the spring, summer, and fall. This summer (2017) the Trustees have requested that individual garden clubs volunteer one day (similar to Ft Logan) to work on garden maintenance. Thanks you Douglas County GC, Dig & Dream GC, and Evergreen Moonlight GC for volunteering. More clubs are needed, so if your club has not already done so, please commit to one day this summer to spruce up the garden.

Inside maintenance:

This past year, maintenance included fixing the south wall window well, fixing the back door jam, strategically placing and drilling the backyard drainpipe, fixing the basement light fixture, and having the carpets cleaned. Emerson House also passed the Denver Fire Department inspection and the boiler inspection for 2016.

Fingers crossed, the basement has remained dry this past spring. Window wells should be 4 to 6 inches above the level of the concrete and our south window wells are below this height. This means water might drain into the window wells. Emerson House needs to review window wells and potentially change the height. Additionally, when there wasn't an asphalt parking lot there was a different water run-off. The distance both inside and outside from the window to "floor" of the back bathroom wall and the inside is definitely lower than the outside. This could be why there is lime build-up on the south walls. Trustees voted to approve Axium to do a thermal imaging scan to find out where water may be seeping. A potential major expense for the 2017 – 2018 budget is this potential water seepage and the lime build up which needs to be investigated. Included in the budget are repairs of \$1000, exterior maintenance of \$3000, and interior maintenance of \$500. Another major project that could be related to the water issue is to repair the cracks in the plaster on the south wall and repaint those areas. Trustees don't know what is causing the cracks so this also needs to be investigated.

The Trustees were required to terminate the house-keeper used for the past couple of years and hire a new person. Emerson House is currently cleaned every three weeks.

Income:

Larry Lazlo, has another year on his lease. He has requested the ability to increase heating during the winter, which was approved by the Trustees with a \$20 additional increase per month for rent. Trustees reviewed the cost of heating and it didn't go up significantly but there has been an increase in our electricity usage. Other rental income includes one parking space and meeting space for Rocky Mountain Orchid Judges and the Ultra Violet Society. Swallow Hill Neighborhood also meets at Emerson House. The Trustees look forward to the new Denver Garden Club meeting at Emerson House.

With our current renters, Emerson House is finally (fingers-crossed) self-sustaining for typical on-going maintenance bills.

Finally, I would like to thank all Trustees, club members, and the Executive Committee members who have attended meetings, taken on additional responsibilities, and/or worked monthly to ensure Emerson House continues to look great for members and visitors. This "grand ole dame" wouldn't look as great without their help. Going into the 2017 – 2018 year, Emerson House has 7 Trustees and is looking for a volunteer to fill the 8th spot. We would like to thank Sandy Kuark for her years of service as a Trustee and welcome Louise Niekerk as she takes Sandy's place.

Respectfully submitted by: Joyce Cassidy, Emerson House Trustee, Chair pro tem



Are You Using the Current Bylaws?

Every CFGC officer and most Club Presidents should have a white three-ring binder entitled "Bylaws and Manual of Procedure." Since its publication, many revisions have been voted upon over the years, and therefore the printed version is somewhat out of date. An updated master Manual containing all revisions is kept at Emerson House. But the best way to check the current version of the Bylaws is to look at CFGC's website, where it is always available in the "Members" section.

Lynn Cleveland, Organizational Studies Chair



The Flowers by Robert Louis Stevenson

*All the names I know from nurse:
Gardener's garters, Shepherd's purse,
Bachelor's buttons, Lady's smock,
And the Lady Hollyhock.*

*Fairy places, fairy things,
Fairy woods where the wild bee wings,
Tiny trees for tiny dames--
These must all be fairy names!*

*Tiny woods below whose boughs
Shady fairies weave a house;
Tiny tree-tops, rose or thyme,
Where the braver fairies climb!*

*Fair are grown-up people's trees,
But the fairest woods are these;
Where, if I were not so tall,
I should live for good and all.*

Calendar**Coming Events of Interest:**

- The Adams County Flower Show “How High the Sky” held August 3-6, 2017. Contact Show Co-Chairman, Sandee Teitscheid 303-466-0637 or Michele Gustin 720-427-0763.
- Rocky Mountain Region Fall Meeting, Jamestown, North Dakota, August 25-26, 2017
- Colorado State Fair Floriculture and Horticulture, August 25-September 4, 2017, Pueblo
- NGC Fall Board meeting St. Louis, Missouri, September 12-16, 2017
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex-Board and Board of Directors meeting, September 18, 2017
- **Deadline for submissions for the fall issue of the Colorado Garden Connection**, September 20, 2017
- CFGC Flower Show School I at Emerson House in Denver, Colorado, September 27-28, 2017 Contact Louise Niekerk 303-278-3523
- Landscape Design School at Emerson House in Denver, Colorado, November 17-18-2017 Call Gail Fischer at 303-526-0359
- Colorado Garden and Home Show Flower Show, Denver Convention Center, February 23-March 4, 2018
- CFGC Southern District Meeting Colorado Springs, April 21, 2018
- NGC National Fall Board meeting Orlando, Florida, September 25-30, 2018

For additional information on events without a Point-of-Contact (POC), please check the CFGC web-site at coloradogardenclubs.org. Or, if no access to the internet, call or write Joy Kancir at 303-814-0679 or 2195 Pine Wood Road, Sedalia, CO 80135-8043.

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