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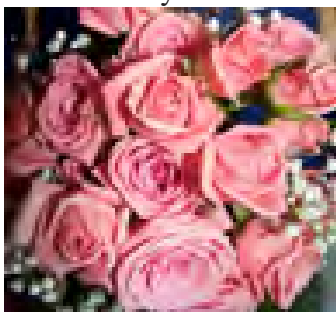


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Greetings, Fellow Gardeners,

Time has flown at a rapid pace since June and what a fun time to be had! There have been many occasions to meet with garden club members and enjoy their input, ideas and knowledge.



The highlight of my August was attending the Rocky Mountain Region Annual Meeting, held in Missoula, Montana, colorful with many beautiful blooming plants and trees. Many of the group were able to take time to visit a Farmer's Market or Saturday and I was amazed at the bountiful and delicious fruits and vegetables.



The group was also invited to visit a couple of home gardens which were amazing and gave me lots of ideas for my own yard.

The high point was the last night of the meetings where the RMR awards were given out. I am so proud to let everyone know that CFGC received the largest number of awards. It was such an honor and pleasure to receive this recognition. The awards were given to six clubs and Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. also received the Junne Johnsrud Membership Award for having the largest number of new members (88) in the state. You can review the list of garden clubs and the awards located further back in the newsletter.

I also attended my first NGC Board of Directors meeting and learned more of what other states are wanting to achieve with, and for, their garden clubs. The focus was on member retention and increase with the slogan "Members Mean More." This is so true as memberships are decreasing everywhere. I will be working with the Membership Chairs, Victoria Schmidt and Aurora Glaze, to review the ideas and strategies. All garden clubs will be hearing from them soon.

Best regards,

Margie Soileau

Are You Feeling Artsy?

The Emerson House Trustees invites any garden club or individual member to participate in their Garden Art Sculpture contest. The location is in the back yard of Emerson House (see pictures below) and will be on display for a year.

Those interested contact Nancy Griffin, Chairman, at mysticmoongardener@gmail.com or (720) 936-5785. Good luck to all participants!

New Sign for Emerson House

The Trustees of Emerson House did replace that old wooden sign with a new one and we thought it nice.



That is our newest Trustee Ben Parker, installing the sign. We are very fortunate to have him be a part of this committee and still in need of one more!!!

NEEDED, EMERSON HOUSE TRUSTEE!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Contact Nancy Griffin at mysticmoongardener@gmail.com or (720) 936-5785.

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Fall is upon us. So far it's been mild. The asters and mums are blooming.

NOAA predicts it will be a relatively warm for the high plains through December. In many ways I'm delighted. But I do hope there is moisture associated with this Fall-Winter. On occasion, there have been dry seasons that had an adverse impact on our club's garden project. A few years ago, a sudden hard freeze during a warm Fall caught many shrubs by surprise and seriously damaged them. The old, evergreen euonymus plants in our back yard lost all their leaves and most of the plant had to be trimmed back to remove the dead woody material. But they are survivors. Within two years they were back as strong as ever. And the one on the east side was once more digging into the old sewer line, causing me to break out our little Rigid sectional cable sewer line cleaner to clear the line.

[NOTE: It's a great device. Like an oversized Mix Master that you feed 8-foot sections of cable through. It has saved us about \$1500 in professional Roto-Rooter charges.]



But to get back on-topic, it's time to start planning and, in some cases, planting for next season. Geraniums need to be protected. Bulbs are another thing to consider; buying and planting, digging, separating and replanting, etc. Last year, the state offered assorted high-altitude tolerant trees, including fruit-bearing types. If they offer them again this year, I'm buying. We need to get something growing in the Hayden Pass Fire burn on our property.

For some who don't have good land, there's something I recently came across that might give them an opportunity. It's called straw bale gardening. Using this technique, you can even raise a garden on pavement. But more on that later.

Chuck & Susan Pelto
Pueblo, CO

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Retracting Pulleys

Ever wanted to put a basket of flowers WAY UP HIGH? On a porch? From a vaulted ceiling? But just can't quite reach up high enough to water and tend it?

There is an answer; spring loaded pulley systems that you attach to a ring or hook on from a high place and can lower and raise the basket.

They act like a pull down projection screen. Like what we have in our living room. The ceiling is twelve feet high. We pull it down using a hook on a yard long dowel. To raise it again, just pull slightly on the bottom of the screen and it rolls itself back up.



The same can be done with these pulleys. They come in various sizes, lengths and capacities. So there's lots of opportunities.



With an extension like this, you can now hang baskets of beautiful flowers much more dramatically high. And care for them properly with ease and comfort.

From the Boulder Garden Club

The Boulder Garden Club has had a wonderful 2019, enjoying their spring programs, which included “Pollinator Friendly Lawn Care” with Tony Koski, Professor and Extension Turf Specialist, Colorado State University, and “How do Bees Decide Which Flowers to Visit?”, presented by the University of Denver Associate Professors of Biological Sciences, Dr. Shannon Murphy and Dr. Julie Morris. In April we were honored to host the Northern Front Range District Conference at The Element Bistro. We had a large turnout and a wonderful program by Betty Cahill, a well-known blogger and columnist at the Denver Post. Several members participated in the April Fort Logan Cleanup. We held our annual plant sale the Saturday before Mother’s Day and it was the most successful sale yet thanks to Jill Jagemann and many hard-working members. The annual May Luncheon at the lovely home of Stefanie Selden with a discussion by always entertaining Carolyn Toole of new and successful Plant Select plants with samples for all. We welcomed our new President Jana Murphy and are grateful for our outstanding supportive members.

Summer events included a June tour of two members’ gardens, Sandy Edmondson and Pat Weis-Taylor, followed by a lovely lunch on Pat’s screened-in porch, a July tour of Eco-Cycle and a tour of WOW Children’s Museum which we support through donations. We have several new members that we are looking forward to enjoying and two have offered us garden tours at their homes next summer.

Our Fall program lineup includes Carol O’Meara, the CSU Extension Agent for Boulder County, “Rose Facts and Myths” with Peggy Williams of the Denver Rose Society and an Old English Brunch at the home of Sandy Edmondson for our holiday celebration. A highlighted spring program is “Plastics Impact on our Soils” with Vicki Nichols Goldstein and our May Luncheon will be held at Growing Gardens, another non-profit that we support. We are listed on the Donor Wall at the entrance of the orchard.

As we roll into 2020 the Boulder Garden Club is having lots of fun, learning new gardening methods and enjoying each other.

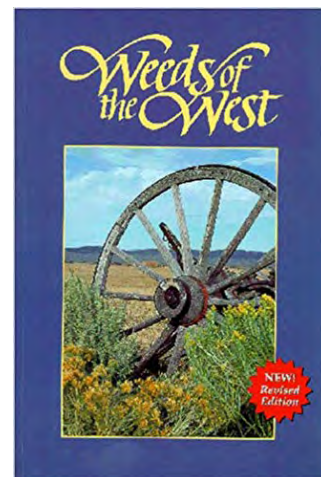
Book Review

Weeds of the West Western Society of Weed Science, Ed.

Shelved in the “Weeds” section of CFGC’s library at Emerson House is a thick volume entitled Weeds of the West. Its numerous authors and contributors include professors, researchers, scientists, agronomists, and extension weed specialists from every state from Colorado to the west coast. Weeds are arranged by family, beginning with Agavaceae (Agave family: Yucca) and ending with Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop family: Creosotebush and Puncturevine.) Every weed is identified by scientific and common name, with three color photos and a paragraph about its uses and problems. Isn’t it fun to show people around your garden and be able to say with confidence, “That’s California Poppy; that’s Russian Sage; ...oh, and that weed over there?... That’s Nettleleaf Goosefoot!”

Lynn Cleveland

[Editor’s Note: It’s pricey. \$99 at Amazon.com. So consider using the copy at the Emerson House CFGC Library.]



A Word to the Wise

Is Your Club Planning a Public Event? Remember Liability Insurance

Treasurer Kathy Petersen reminds clubs that whenever an event such as a garden tour or sale is held, the signs and all promotional material must say “[name of club], a member of Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.” in order to be covered by CFGC’s liability insurance. Include the CFGC seal as well, if possible. Notify Kathy ahead of time (kcpetersen303@gmail.com) of all such events so that she can obtain a Certificate of Liability from our insurance company.



REVISED MINUTES
 COLORADO FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
 89th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING

Pinery at the Hill, Colorado Springs
 June 8, 2019

Call To Order by President Betty Roberts at 9:30 a.m. Boy Scout Troop #194 presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Mary Schmitt offered the invocation. Convention Chair Aurora Glaze welcomed everyone and thanked the many members of Southern District who worked with her to host this Convention. Jeff Green, Chief of Staff for Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers, greeted the attendees and spoke warmly of the importance of garden clubs. Kathy Shafer, Registrar, reported an initial count of over 80 attendees, including 21 people attending for the first-time. President Betty thanked Douglas County Garden Club for the beautiful decorations.

National President Gay Austin said that Colorado is her 8th state visit since being installed as NGC President in her home state of Mississippi. She urged clubs to apply for PlantAmerica grants. A simple one-page application may result in up to a \$1,000 grant. The deadline is October 15, 2019. She emphasized three aspects of garden club activity: 1. conservation, 2. membership, 3. youth. Elementary school garden clubs often produce gardeners who join garden clubs when they grow up. She also remarked that several garden club members were present at the installation of a Gold Star marker at the 75th anniversary of D-Day in France. There is much useful information on the NGC website; the login for members is "members" and the password is "conserve."

Rocky Mountain Region Representative Connie Mackay, standing in for RMR Director Darla Anderson, seconded the importance of junior garden clubs. She has had good success with them in Utah.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports were given by: Ann Bozeman, Douglas County G.C.; Louise Niekerk, Flower Show School; Nancy Griffin, Emerson House (garden art contest and rosarian workday); Chuck Pelto, Editor; Michele Gustin, Awards; Audrey Coyle, Butterflies and Blue/Gold Star; Gail Fischer, Landscape Design School (to be held 3rd weekend in November); Rose Persichetti, Boulder G.C.; Joy Kancir, Judges Council (written report); Victoria Schmidt, Dig & Dream G.C.; Audrey Coyle, Southern District (four clubs received \$125 tree grants); Michele Gustin, Northern Front Range District; Jean Nicks, Pikes Peak Designers Guild (blue ribbon for table design this year).

Emerson House Calendar. Because Emerson House has a regular renter and is used by others, please contact Joy Kancir if you wish to get on the calendar to meet or work there.

Memorial Design. Joy Kancir presented the memorial design for deceased members Carmen Armantrout (Harveyette Harvesters) and Deanne Hoaglund (Evergreen Moonlight).

Following lunch, Doris Duckworth introduced Captain Timothy Ross from the U. S. Forest Service Pikes Peak Region and his special guest Smokey Bear. Many attendees lined up to have a photo taken with Smokey. Captain Ross said this has been the wettest year on record in Colorado Springs, and the wildfires so far have been small.

Assistant Treasurer Sue Parker reminded clubs to submit their dues and club rosters pronto.

President Betty honored the Life Members. Two new Life Members this year are Michele Gustin and Margie Soileau.

Awards Chair Michele Gustin presented numerous awards to clubs and individuals. (See separate list.) Lynn Cleveland received a Presidential Citation. Joy Kancir was honored with three very special awards: CFGC #2 Special Achievement; Award of Merit #21 NGC Award of Excellence Nominee; and SR-3 NGC Member Award of Honor 2019! Michele noted that the Civic Achievement Awards are to be renamed the "Helen Clifford Civic Achievement Awards" in honor of the woman whose generosity funded them. The Lyn Verretta Heartwarmer Awards winners were also announced.

Photo Contest Winners in the Birds and Pollinators categories were announced by Audrey Coyle: Melissa Stearns, blue ribbons; Kathy Sharkey and Claire Chomiak, red ribbons.

Slate of Officers. Audrey Coyle, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for officers for the next two years:

President: Margie Soileau

Vice President: Nancy Griffin

Secretary-Recording: Lynn Cleveland

Treasurer: Kathy Petersen

Assistant Treasurer: Sue Parker

Betty Roberts asked for further nominations from the floor. As there were no further nominations, the slate of officers was declared elected.

Bylaws Amendments. Lynn Cleveland moved that the

Minutes of Meeting
CFGC Board of Directors

following two amendments to the Bylaws, which were published in the Colorado Garden Connection before last year's Annual Convention Meeting, and were tabled at that meeting, be adopted:

1. In Article VII, Officers and Duties, Sec. 2: Revise final phrase following semicolon as follows: "and the President shall contract with a professional accountant with this contract subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."
2. In Article VIII, Elections, Terms of Office, Sec. 3: Delete "and an auditor who is a professional accountant."

Both motions were seconded and passed.

Financial Report and Budget. Treasurer Kathy Petersen had previously presented the full financial report to the Ways & Means Committee, and together they had developed a budget for 2019-2020, which was reviewed by the Board of Directors. Lynn Cleveland made the following motions, which were seconded:

3. To adopt the financial report as presented.
4. To adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented.

Both motions passed.

Throughout the day, the "Door Prize Affair" produced many happy winners of tabletop gardens and ornamental plants.

Following a break, NGC President Gay Austin conducted the installation of new officers using a theme of birds. A reception was held honoring Margie Soileau as the new President. After dinner, Gail Fischer gave courtesy resolutions expressing gratitude to all who produced this excellent Convention; Kathy Shafer finalized the credentials report with a count of 87 persons in attendance; Betty Roberts gave the invitation to the 2020 Convention which will be sponsored by the Federation some time in June; and the meeting adjourned sine die. The evening's program held everyone's interest, as Denver Botanic Gardens Senior Curator Panayoti Kelaidis described many local native plants that were first named, mostly by Edwin James, during the 1819-1820 Stephen Long Expedition. Many of these plants are endemic to Pikes Peak.

Lynn Cleveland, Secretary

September 10, 2019

The CFGC Board of Directors met September 10, 2019, at Emerson House. A quorum (14) was present. President Margie Soileau called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Mary Fagerberg offered the invocation, and Margie led the pledge of allegiance.

President Margie welcomed everyone. Her theme for her term is "Plant, Beautify and Protect Colorado." Her project is "Connecting with Nature through Gardening." Margie has visited the Western District club in Gunnison and will visit the Southwest District club in Durango next month. She hopes to visit many other clubs this year. She introduced CFGC's officers. Swiss Hoffman has accepted the Corresponding Secretary position. If you know of a thank-you note or get-well wish that is needed, contact Swiss: sw.hoffm@gmail.com. Nancy Griffin introduced the Trustees -- the people who look after Emerson House. Volunteers are welcome to join this group. If you would like to help with our headquarters building and grounds, contact Nancy at mysticmoongardener@gmail.com. Two of CFGC's members are currently board members at the national (NGC) level: Doris Duckworth is the Tri-Refresher Chair for schools, and Audrey Coyle is the Chair for Trees.

The minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report. Treasurer Kathy Petersen reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. CFGC has \$6,300 in checking, \$47,800 in general money market fund, and \$91,507 in Vanguard. Total income for the first quarter exceeded expenses by \$3,138. The report was filed.

Emerson House. Nancy Griffin has prepared a chart summarizing repairs and maintenance work done on our headquarters building during the last few years. It will be used as a planning tool. She reported that the Trustees have sealed and caulked the leaking basement windows; ordered an energy audit; talked with the neighbors on the north side about their trees; and replaced the sign on the back of the building. Dig & Dream donated and planted geraniums in front of the

house, which were unfortunately destroyed by hail the next day. A new art installation by Dottie Vickland is brightening up the back yard. Come take a look! The Trustees would like another artwork to install there in the spring. Nancy located the original list of back yard plantings and would appreciate help in identifying the existing plants. Former President Betty Roberts offered to donate her AHS-registered variety of daylily, *Hemerocallis* 'Cutie Betty' (Roberts, B., 1995) to add to Emerson House's plantings.

Colorado Gives Day will be December 10th, and CFGC hopes it will be fruitful.

Douglas County Garden Club. Margie introduced Carol Ihli, who, together with Debra Beck, is Co-President of Douglas County Garden Club.

Nominating Committee is forming to nominate officers next year. Contact Doris Duckworth dorisduckworth@yahoo.com if you wish to participate.

Convention. Aurora Glaze, 2019 Convention Chair, reported on the June Convention that was held at Pinery at the Hill in Colorado Springs. 86 people registered for the Convention. We were fortunate to get Panayoti Kelaidis as our featured speaker for a low fee, thanks to his friendship with our organization. After expenses, the Convention committee had a profit of \$1,252. Next year's Annual Meeting Convention will be a one-day event on June 13, 2020. Nancy Griffin and Victoria Schmidt will co-chair. This will be the first Convention organized by CFGC instead of by a District.

Emerson House Calendar. Joy Kancir reminded members that all CFGC clubs can use Emerson House, but visits must be scheduled at least a month in advance. Contact Joy jkancir13@msn.com to get on the calendar. Let her know if your group will need parking spaces at Wendy's also.

Membership. The position of Membership Chair, which is a big job, has been split in two. Victoria Schmidt will handle the northern part of the state (as far south as Castle Rock), and Aurora Glaze will handle the southern part. CFGC added new members last year but unfortunately lost two clubs.

Rocky Mountain Region. Colorado carried off more awards at the Regional level than any other state.

The winning clubs were: Gardeners with Altitude (2 awards), Cheyenne Mountain G.C. (1), Dig & Dream (3), Boulder G.C. (3), Douglas County G.C. (4), Happy Transplants (1) and CFGC itself (1).

2019-2021 Directory. The new Directory will only be online this year. Hard copies will not be printed except upon request; send \$8.00 to Margie if you want a printed copy.

The meeting adjourned at noon. Following lunch, the group enjoyed an excellent program by rosarian Dave Ingram, "Roses are for Everyone." Dave identified the big rose bush in front of Emerson House as a Morden Centennial. He provided a list of recommended roses for Colorado and emphasized Joan Franson's rule: Plant grafted roses with the graft union 2 to 4 inches below soil level; plant own-root roses with the branching point up to 2 inches below soil level. He also divulged the curious fact that 836 Japanese beetles equal one cupful. It is OK to crush Japanese beetles now; the old idea that crushing them would release a scent attracting more beetles has been disproven. Research is ongoing to battle this pest.

Lynn Cleveland, Recording Secretary

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Winter issue of the Colorado Garden Connection**, December 24, 2019.
- Oct. 9, 2019 - Harveyette Harvesters Garden Club work gardens at EH 10am-1pm
- Oct. 28, 2019 - CFGC Trustees meeting at EH
- Nov. 22-23, 2019 - Landscape Design School at EH, POC-Gail Fischer
- Dec. 10, 2019 - Colorado Gives Day
- Dec. 10, 2019 TUES.- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex BD & BOD meeting at EH 9:30am-3pm
- Jan. 1, 2020 - NGC Awards Deadline
- Feb. 22-March 1, 2020 - CFGC Flower Show “Hats Off To Gardening” , at the Colorado Garden & Home Show, Audrey Coyle Chair
- March 10, 2020 - CFGC Ways & Means, Ex BOD and BOD meeting at EH 9:30am-3pm
- April 18, 2020 - CFGC Northern District Annual meeting – Dig & Dream GC, Michele Gustin
- May 2, 2020 - CFGC Southern District Annual meeting – Penrose House, CO Springs, After Hours GC, Jane Fitzgerald

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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EMERSON HOUSE GARDEN ART SCULPTURE PROJECT (AKA- EHGARSP)

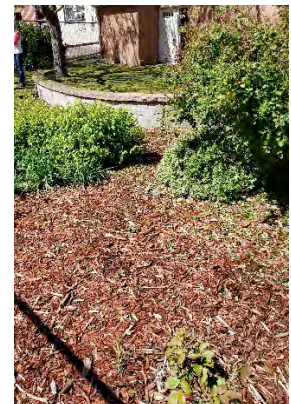
Description: Yearly contest open to all CFGC clubs and their members. Winners of contest get to showcase their Garden Art in the backyard of Emerson House for one year, where members and visitors can view. Winners will also be recognized at the State Convention.

Rules of Contest: Art work must

- *Be easily installable *Winner will install and take down *Winner will secure installation to prevent theft *Artist must maintain work * Art must be able to withstand weather and the elements
- Submission date (see attached form) September 1st
- Winner will be announced on October 1st
- Installation of art must be done in April of the following year
- Removal of prior year art must be done in March of the following year- if art is not removed by 3/31 it will either be donated or thrown out.
- Art must be family friendly

Picture of Emerson House back yard, gate and view of art space looking

towards house. Emerson House and /or CFGC and Emerson House Trustees are not responsible for damage or theft of art. Also not liable for any/all accidents of members, their family, friends and club members.



EMERSON HOUSE GARDEN ART SCULPTURE PROJECT

CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of entrant (individual or club): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Description of Art being submitted:

Art Title: _____

Brief description of materials being used, size of installation, theme (if any),

Digital picture must accompany entry submission form.

Date of Submission: _____

Disclaimer: I/we _____ will not hold CFGC.NGC, Emerson House or its Trustees responsible for theft, defacement, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Print Name

Signature

