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From the President

Happy Summer to all! Hoping this message finds you and your family doing well, staying safe and enjoying some of our old freedoms-post Pandemic speaking! If you were able to attend the State Convention in Loveland, I hope you had a great time and I thank you for your support. If you were not able to attend, then try to get it on your calendar for next year as there is so much to learn, many great new people to meet and opportunities to refresh, invigorate and get that "boost" of passion and enthusiasm back into your gardening-self which in turn will flow into your local Club and its Members.



Speaking of "post Pandemic," which is finally here, I want to give a huge "thank you" to everybody who kept the wheels turning in their respective Clubs. It is with great enthusiasm and passion that I hope to continue the great work that continuously needs to be done to help bring the joy of gardening and gardening clubs to those who seek it. I especially want to thank our Past President Margie Soileau, her leadership team and all the Past Presidents and their teams, who have gone and continually go to such great lengths to build a strong, vibrant foundation for our State and local Clubs.

With the Pandemic behind us we have found ways to continue to move forward with our meetings, education, and networking. In fact, the Pandemic has brought us great opportunities to work more efficiently and transparently, and has given us the ability to be so much more inclusive for those who cannot get to the meetings physically or for those who have a hard time scheduling dates and times because we can record and post meetings and educational events. Now we can take these new skills that we have learned and are still learning so that we can cast a wider net in our towns, cities, and state to recruit and welcome new and existing members.

You are never too old to learn nor is a person ever too old to find better ways to do things. It is my intent to listen closely to our leadership and members, moving us forward towards a bigger, better, and brighter future. With our economic downturns, aging membership, and health issues, as well as a myriad of other challenging times like a Pandemic can bring, it is my observation that a great amount of time and devotion is needed in helping Club and District Presidents, Committee Chairmen and Officers in retaining, recruiting, and bringing excitement back into our organization.

With the help and tools that the National Garden Club (NGC) organization has, we all can improve, implement new programs and ideas, and put into place a plan of action that will revitalize the interest in gardening to new and existing members.

There are so many opportunities afforded to us through both NGC and CFGC, including the extraordinarily large number of local experts we have who are willing to help/teach us in the schools that are offered such as Gardening, Landscape Design, Flower Show, and Environmental Study. We have different Committees such as Birds, Trees, Horticulture, Native Plants (you name it we pretty much have it), which could use help in planning programs and community outreach activities. These classes and Committees are where Members can really roll up their sleeves, learn valuable information and skills that not only benefit themselves but can also help their neighbors and community.

Please visit both the NCG website at www.gardenclub.org and our state website which is www.coloradogardenclubs.org to learn about what is going on in our state. Do not forget there is always our quarterly emailed newsletter called "The Colorado Connection" that goes out to all members in good standing. In this email communication you will find coming events, interesting articles from members, opportunities in leadership roles, the Treasurer's report, registration forms for upcoming meetings and events and it is jam packed with pictures and helpful hints. Both our Editors Chuck and Susan Pelto take great care and put in a lot of time to bring this to us.

I look forward to this opportunity to serve my fellow Members. If there is something, anything, garden club related you would like to talk about, please feel free to contact me at 720-936-5785 or at mysticmoongardener@gmail.com. I promise to be in the present and take the time to listen to you!

MEMBERS MATTER! You matter and I will not forget that!

Your gardening friend,

Nancy Griffin

Flower Show School

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing a NGC flower show.



There are four courses, each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design and flower show procedure. If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show, or you are just curious, your first step is to attend Course 1.

Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines are provided. Examples of horticulture and design are displayed and critiqued.

Learn point scoring to evaluate how entries are judged and see what it takes to get a blue ribbon. Learn about awards, types of shows and what committees are needed to produce a show.

We invite you to join this unique experience!

Louise Niekerk
 Flower Show School Chairperson
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Garden Gadgets

Hand-Held Mini Vacuum Cleaners

by Chuck Pelto

It was a ‘Banner Year’ for dandelions. The yards and public parks were thick with the pretty yellow blossoms. Followed—inevitably—by the fluffy, white parasol seed blooms. And the promise of more.



I’ve given up on the use of Weed-Begone and other such products. All they seem to do is mutate the plants into contorted, multi-headed creatures from some 1950s B-Grade science fiction movie.

There were just too many of the little ‘darlings’ to deal with using the dandelion puller I mentioned in an earlier Garden Gadgets item, some years ago. So when the fluffies showed up, I decided on a faster course of action to mitigate future generations from appearing. A vacuum cleaner.

A good, battery-powered, light-weight, hand-held vacuum cleaner with a wand that reaches to the floor—in this case a bit above the ground—beats the heck out of bending down to snatch the blooms. Just hold the open end of the tube of the wand over the puff ball and suck all the seeds into the canister, to be emptied into whatever trash or composting bin—which allows them to germinate and then become more compost—you desire. [NOTE: See my previous article on composting bins for some ideas.]



So upon its arrival, I assembled and walked around the yard, stopping the successful propagation of the next generation of the little dears. Compared to doing it with the upright digger mentioned years ago, it took only a fraction of the time.

Another time-saving use of the device—when not involved with dandelion season—is policing up the dead Miller Moths found littering the floors around windows where they died, vainly trying to beat their way through the glass.

Salsa Fresca, a.k.a., Pico de Gallo

It's coming to that time of year, again.

The tomatoes are here. The chili peppers will be here before the next issue of the Garden Connection. So here's my favorite recipe for Salsa Fresca.

**Ingredients:**

- 9 ea Meaty Tomatoes — Chopped
- .5 ea Green Bell Pepper — Finely Chopped
- .5 ea Red Onion — Finely Chopped
- 1 ea Jalapeño Pepper — Seeded and Finely Chopped
- 1 Tbls Fresh Lime Juice
- .25 Cup Fresh Cilantro Leaves — Chopped
- .25 Cup Olive Oil
- 1 ea Clove Garlic — Minced
- 1 tsp Sea Salt
- .5 tsp Ground Black Pepper

Instructions:

Combine all the ingredients in an air-tight container. Refrigerate overnight.

If you like your salsa hotter, leave some or all of the Jalapeño seeds in the dish.

Enjoy.

This also makes a good regular salsa for canning purposes. Just so you can enjoy it come next Winter. Something to warm you up on those cold and frosty days.

A Gardeners New Age Song:

*When the beans are in their seventh week
 And summer squash is canned in jars
 Then peas will guide our planet
 And lavender scents our memoirs*

*This is the dawning of the
 Age of Asparagus*

by Susan Peltó

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Just before Memorial Day weekend, my husband and I visited the Botanic Gardens portion of Albuquerque's BioPark and it is well worth adding to your itinerary if you're planning a trip there.

The Gardens have about 13 exhibit areas. I think my favorite was the Sasebo Japanese Garden, but the High Desert Rose Garden was a close second. I think the roses would have been in full bloom if we had visited one week earlier.

The Bugarium is located within the grounds and a Butterfly Pavilion. I really liked that they had a case set up with different butterfly cocoons labelled and in the process of maturing and hatching.

Not every plant is labelled, but that allows you to enjoy the gardens without obsessing about plant names. However, if you're interested in a particular plant, all you have to do is look around and you'll probably spot a tag on another plant. Tours and lectures are listed on their calendar and you'll want to check before you visit.

The price of admission is reasonable, even for those who are not residents of Albuquerque. There are discounts for seniors and active military, etc. We spent 3 hours wandering the 1.5 miles of paths, taking pictures, enjoying the atmosphere.

The Gardens are close to Albuquerque's Old Town. We walked the 3 or 4 blocks from our inn, [Casas de Suenos](#). Casas de Suenos also has beautiful gardens in its courtyard and you would probably be allowed to look if you ask in the office.

For gardeners, and others, a visit to these gardens is highly recommended the next time you're in Albuquerque!



A Case for Mulching, Not Tilling

by Becky Elder

[Editor's Note: A Counter-Point to the previous issue's Garden Gadget article about tilling machines.]

Originally, tilling was used to remove weeds and loosen soil. While tilling, more organic matter was usually turned in. However, tilling can be detrimental to the soil food web. Tilling the soil crumbles the topsoil structure. Tilling breaks up underground biota "blooms" of soil building efforts, knocks down the symbiotic and mutualist relationships, and leaves a destroyed soil system that must start anew to build up what the soil wants and needs to stay healthy.

Turning the soil can actually reduce the organic matter through the increased oxygen that amps up the decomposition of organic matter. Chopping the soil into finer and finer particles can increase compaction as it packs back down. Tilled farmland can become hard pan over time. Soil develops more slowly than humanity often has patience for – hence our chemicals and inorganic measures to throttle the life out of the soil. The practice of log, till, then abandon deadened soil goes on every day in jungles all around the world from the Amazon to Borneo to Madagascar. We should stop thinking that this is a good practice.

How does no-till work? Not turning the soil allows nature to cultivate soil using microbes, insects, roots of plants, decomposers and the whole of the soil ecosystem in building good soil. All these workers provide aeration and drainage, and bind the soil into good aggregation. To help, no-tillers mulch with easily decomposed materials like straw, shredded paper, leaves and wood chips. They never use artificial mulches or products that don't break down easily. The whole idea of good soil is to allow it to feed itself, rather than we gardeners force feeding it what we think is best. No till allows large populations of beneficial soil dwellers to build up, keeps weeds in check, and steers the land to the lower maintenance of organic gardening, or a natural habitat garden. Moisture is held in by the mulch and water is slowly released with much less leaching of nutrients.

Sheet mulching is a lovely technique for starved or damaged soils. A weedy patch can become a blooming bonanza through sheet mulch. Step 1: Cut down and

leave all the weeds, grasses and other plants on the surface. Step 2: Layer cardboard over the slash (worms love to eat cardboard). Step 3: Add a good layer of mulch, usually wood mulch or enough straw, to hold the cardboard down. Cardboard effectively kills almost all the weeds. Cardboard also rings the dinner bell for worms and soil organisms. Mulch holds the water in, and the soil starts to work itself back to fertility.

No-till systems are said to be freer of pests and disease perhaps because a more stable and balanced biota in the soil is allowed to thrive without being disturbed. Soil is a living system, and we honor that by allowing it to function in its God-given way. Sheet mulched soil holds onto moisture very efficiently, which reduces water loss or leaching of nutrients. Not tilling increases the soil health year after year.

Even farmers fell into the cycle of tilling year after year, but today that is changing dramatically. They are learning new techniques. In 1990 only 6% of American farmers were no till farmers. In 2016 that percentage rose to roughly 35% of farmers going no till. No till gardening just makes sense and works with nature's brilliance. We just have to stop. It is up to us.

How to Make Your Garden Pollinator Friendly

Coloradans can step up their garden game with pollinator-friendly plants that are geographically strong and easy-to-maintain. A new, local nursery, Finding Nectar, strives to help DIY gardeners with expert advice on when to plant, what to plant and why every garden should include plants for pollinators..

Brad Kuhn founded Finding Nectar Nursery in 2020 with a goal to help Denver residents beautify their gardens while creating a safe habitat for bees and other pollinators which help pollinate one third of the world's food and 90% of plants.

Finding Nectar is a local nursery that started in a basement with seedlings and has grown into a provider of thousands of plants for each season. Kuhn is currently looking for property to open a brick-and-mortar storefront, but in the meantime, customers can shop ahead online at www.FindingNectar.com for pickup or delivery to their doorstep within a 50-mile radius of Denver.



On Memorial Day 2021, Greeley Morning Garden Club dedicated Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial By-Way Markers in Soldier’s Field at Linn Grove Cemetery in Greeley, Colorado.

The Club was invited to speak at the annual ceremony before a crowd of 200, providing brief histories of the original Blue and Gold Star Service Banners, Greeley Morning Garden Club and its community projects, and the National Garden Club’s Blue Star Memorial program. Many veterans and Gold Star families were in attendance and were also able to watch the ceremony via live streaming. These are the first memorial markers in Greeley and the first for the Greeley Morning Garden Club. We received great assistance from Audrey Coyle, our State Chair for Blue and Gold Star Families Memorials, as well as Pam Dowd, the National Garden Club’s Chair for the program. At the conclusion of the program, the line was so long to snap photos with the markers that we had to wait to get our photos! It was a fulfilling moment for the Greeley Morning Garden Club.



Left to Right: Members of the Greeley Morning Garden Club: Pam Dorsett, Maureen Kazmer, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Carlisle, Lyn Carlisle and Mary Fagerberg.

by Lynn Cleveland

Here’s a cozy mystery with an irresistible title for us garden clubbers!

The garden club in an upscale southern retirement community is planning its annual contest, and the awards are highly sought after. In fact, the competition is so fierce that someone turns up dead!



Although the local peace officers are on the job, Tish Tarragon, owner of a local cafe and bookstore, finds herself inevitably drawn into investigating the crime. Meanwhile, she’s trying to cook, bake, and organize the grand awards banquet.

The reader is treated to some mouth-watering food descriptions along the way. A fun read, good to hold in one hand on the patio while you hold a sweet, southern-style iced tea in the other.

“No bought potpourri is so pleasant as that made from ones own garden, for the petals of the flowers one has gathered at home hold the sunshine and memories of summers, and of past summers only the sunny days should be remembered.”
- Eleanor Sinclair-Rhode



Minutes of Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs' Annual Meeting

June 5, 2021

The members of CFGC held their Annual Meeting on June 5, 2021 as part of the State Convention at Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado. At 9:00 a.m. the Convention opened with the presentation of the colors by a Boy Scout troop. Following the pledge of allegiance, Nancy Griffin offered the invocation. Convention Chair Michele Gustin welcomed everyone. Lowanna Morgan furnished the credentials report detailing the thirty-seven members and three guests who attended. State President Margie Soileau gave some comments on her two year term, which is coming to an end. She introduced Darla Anderson, Rocky Mountain Region Director. Director Anderson, a florist from Utah, noted that CFGC is one of the stronger states in RMR. Margie will be stepping into Darla's role soon when she becomes RMR Director. Secretary Lynn Cleveland's minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were published in the Colorado Garden Connection and a copy was also included in attendees' packets. Those minutes were approved as published. Treasurer Kathy Petersen presented a brief overview of CFGC's financial position; her report was filed. Gail Fischer read the Rules of Convention.

Membership Chair Victoria Schmidt reported that NGC is encouraging virtual clubs that can accommodate people's various schedules; Victoria is starting one. Assistant Treasurer Sue Parker reported that CFGC currently has 403 paid memberships, which represent 389 individuals because some people belong to two clubs. Of those, 44 were new members this year. CFGC's smallest club has four members and the largest has 53.

Nancy Griffin reported on Emerson House. The trustees meet on the last Monday of the month from March to October. Joy Kancir has researched the history of the building. Clubs can use Emerson House for free; just schedule in advance.

Joy Kancir conducted a memorial service recognizing the 18 members who have died in the last two years.

Treasurer Kathy Petersen presented a thank-you gift to Margie for her two years as President. Margie, in turn, spoke of incoming President Nancy Griffin, and urged members to continue volunteering and engaging in CFGC activities.

Margie Soileau introduced this year's winner of CFGC's

scholarship, Gunnar Wagner. Not only did he win the Colorado scholarship, he also won a National \$4,000 scholarship. Gunnar, whose parents were in attendance, spoke about getting people interested in protecting the environment. He stated that organizations like CFGC are important in this effort. Among other things, Gunnar would eventually like to work in local government to help make the world a greener place.

After lunch, members traveled to High Plains Environmental Center for a talk by Jim Tolstrup and a tour. Mr. Tolstrup is the author of *Suburbitat*.

Margie introduced the outgoing officers with words of appreciation: Nancy Griffin, VP; Kathy Petersen, Treas.; Lynn Cleveland, Secy.; Swiss Hoffman (not present), Hospitality; Chuck Pelto, Editor of Colorado Garden Connection; and Victoria Schmidt, Zoom specialist. RMR Director Darla Anderson then conducted the installation of new officers: Nancy Griffin, President; Victoria Schmidt, Vice President; Margie Soileau, Treasurer; Sue Parker, Assistant Treasurer; Susan Pelto, Secretary. Darla gave clever gifts to each officer as reminders of their duties.

Margie will hand her gold President's Pin on to Nancy, and will receive a silver Past President's Pin.

Gail Fischer led the attendees in singing CFGC's state song, "There Will Always Be a Garden." Champagne was served, and Chuck Pelto offered a toast. Nancy gave a blessing. Following dinner, Audrey Coyle announced the winner of the Birds and Butterflies photo contest and added a plug for NGC's Plant A Tree program. Margie and Michele announced other awards, Presidential citations, and Heart Warmers. RMR's and NGC's highest honor, which is not given every year, was presented to Rose Persichetti for all her services in floral arts and shows. Two people were honored with CFGC life memberships: Lynn Cleveland and Margaret McCandless. In addition, Nancy Griffin was given a NGC life membership. Tree grants were given to clubs in NFRD who have submitted applications.

The final credentials report showed no changes. Nancy Griffin issued an invitation to next year's 91st annual State Convention, which will be a one-day event in June 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Lynn Cleveland
Secretary

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs
Minutes, Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2021, 9 am

River Birch Room, Embassy Suites, Loveland, Colorado

Attendees: Nancy Griffin, Victoria Schmidt, Kathy Shafer, Margie Soileau, Audrey Coyle, Rose Persichetti, Joy Kancir, Gail Fisher, Tory Hurst, Michelle Gustin. The following attended via Zoom: Louise Niekerk, Doris Duckworth, Betty Roberts, Mollie Sue Morton, Ben Parker, Sue Parker.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Griffin, President, at 9:08 am. A quorum was declared.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Mollie Sue Morton asked folks to let her know about schools offering programs appropriate for our scholarships so she can send information to them.

Nancy reviewed the contents of the packet. Her theme is "Garden with Heart, Plant with Purpose and Conserve with Care." Her motto is "Be one with nature, sow and protect native plants."

She described the purpose of the survey and asked that all members fill it out and that we encourage club members to do so. Please let her know if you would like to be part of the advisory group analyzing the surveys.

She presented a list of officers and chairs. The list includes some vacancies: Landscape Design School Chair, Flower Show Judges Chair, Facebook Chair, Chaplain, Hospitality Chair, and Membership Chair. Interested people should contact Nancy Griffin. We also have a couple of vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

One of the President's goals is to review and update the Bylaws and Manual of Procedures. A review committee will be formed.

2021-2023 Budget approval: Margie Soileau presented the proposed budget. Some changes are needed. Some categories will be broken out so it is clearer what is being spent and where. Examples are the website and the convention. There will be approximately \$4K left-over at the end if we stick to the budget. Audrey Coyle moved to accept the proposed budget. There was a second. No discussion. The motion passed.

Emerson House Trustees and Chairman introductions:

Nancy expressed appreciation for all the work Joy Kancir has done in researching the history of Emerson House.

The eight Trustees serve two year terms, half elected each year. Audrey moved to extend the terms of Ben Parker, Louise Niekerk, and Joy Kancir. There was a second and the motion passed. Kathy Shafer moved to add Margie Soileau to the Trustees. There was a second and the motion passed.

Helpful hints or ideas from group:

Technology Suggestions: Victoria Schmidt said that new technology is increasing all the time and many clubs and members are confused about it all. Some people feel it would be helpful if CFGC could provide technology. She described the costs and issues with Zoom, and the offerings of competitors.

There was discussion about putting presentations on YouTube, getting permission to record for copyright purposes, restricting access to meeting recordings, etc.

Victoria suggested a technology committee to analyze options, help clubs with choices, etc. Margie commented that NGC has such a committee. Sue Parker recommended that Chuck Pelto be included on the committee. By consensus, the group agreed a committee should be formed.

Joy suggested adding a budget line for technology.

The webmaster should be asked to see about re-establishing a "members only" area on the website.

Announcements:

Nancy said that she will be holding a networking/sharing Zoom meeting each quarter.

The quarterly committee chair and presidents Zoom meetings will start September 17, 2021, Friday, at 10 am.

It was clarified that next year's convention (2022) is hosted by the State Board and the 2023 convention will be hosted by the Southern District and that Audrey Coyle will act as chair. In 2023 Colorado will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Region Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Submitted by Susan Pelto
Secretary

Awards at the Convention

Rocky Mountain Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Member Award of Honor — Rose Persichetti

CFGC Life Members —Lynn Cleveland and Margaret McCandless

CFGC Awards:

- #2a. Special Achievement- Dig and Dream
- #3 Presidential Citation- Lynn Cleveland, Michele Gustin, Swiss Hoffman, Sue Parker, Kathy Petersen, Victoria Schmidt
- #4 President's Project- Dig and Dream
- #27 Website- Dig and Dream
- # 28 Social Media- Dig and Dream
- # 25 Yearbook under 20 members- Queens of Spades
- # 25 Yearbook 20-29 members- Evergreen Moonlight
- # 25 Yearbook 30-44 members- Top O' The World
- # 25 Yearbook 45-69 members- Douglas County

24 Heart Warmers:

- Jana Murphy, Boulder
- Phyllis Godfredson, Cheyenne Mountain
- Nancy Griffin, Dig and Dream
- Marsha Amick, Douglas County
- Kelli Varner, Evergreen Moonlight
- Audrey Coyle, Floral Art Study
- Michael Walter, Loveland



In Memorium

Members lost between the 2019 and 2021 Annual Meeting.

- Pamela Marie Pearson — Boulder Garden Club
- Queeda Walker — Boulder Garden Club
- Patricia Weis-Taylor — Boulder Garden Club
- Norma Jean H. Keimig — Dig & Dream Garden Club
- Ronald (Ron) Kobleske — Dig & Dream Garden Club
- Gwen LaPalme — Dig & Dream Garden Club
- Lindsay R. Serrell — Douglas County Garden Club
- Deon Mertz — Durango Garden Club
- Sunny Golder — Evergreen Moonlight Garden Club
- Jan Maynard, Floral Art Study Club
- Dottie Vickland — Floral Art Study Club
- Ray Basgal — Flower Fad Garden Club
- Janet Oddson — Happy Transplants Garden Club
- Ann Higgs — Loveland Garden Club
- Donna Flow Gifford Elder — Manitou Springs Garden Club
- Nellie "Iris" Rudisell — Manitou Springs Garden Club
- Alice Rogers — Queens of Spades Garden Club
- Star Stevens — Queens of Spades Garden Club

Dues Reminder

Annual Dues are due, now.

Please don't wait until Fall.

Clubs should send Sue Parker dues (\$9 per member), membership roster, and list of officers.

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*The only way to
guarantee some color
all year round is
to buy a garden
gnome.*



PAT

“Each One Plant One”

Our National President, Mary Warshauer, would love for each member to plant a native tree during her administration. This project began in the fall of 2019 as Gay Austin’s initiative.

As the Trees and Shrubs and Each One Plant One Chairman, I would love to receive a list from State Presidents of trees planted by their members.

Please e-mail me your information including your name, your state, the trees planted, preferably native, (both botanical and common name), and where and when it was planted by May 1, 2022. I will compile a list and announce our numbers at the 2022 Convention and again at the 2023 convention. How fun it will be to hear about our successful tree plantings across our nation and internationally this coming year!

Audrey Coyle, “Each One Plant One” Chairman

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Floral Art Study - Plants A Tree

“Plant a Tree” Floral Art Study was one of the Clubs in the Northern Front Range District that hosted the CFGC Convention and received a Tree Grant of \$125.00. We added some of our funds and picked out a beautiful Blue Spruce to be planted in Wolff Park in Arvada where we have previously put trees for past members.

The Arvada Parks and Recreation Dept., Ian MacDonald, Austin and crew helped us choose a spot, dig the hole and plant it on July 15, 2021.

This will be a great memorial for our members that have passed in the last few years. We Miss You !



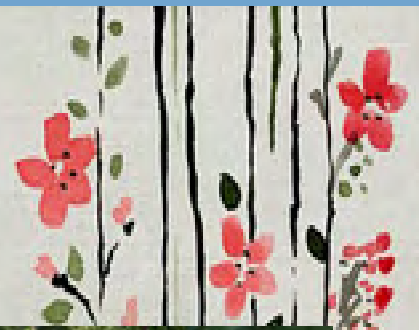
CFGC Judges Council Schedule of Events

So here is the schedule for the Judges Council programs.

All programs are open to Garden Club Members in good standing. Please contact Doris Duckworth at 719-481-4608 or by e-mail at dorisduckworth@yahoo.com for reservations and additional information if not a member of the Colorado Judges Council.

- July 12, 2021- Program: Mini Horticulture Flower Show, Judges Council
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start
- September 13, 2021- Program: Mini Design Flower Show
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start
- November 8, 2021- Program: Midollino Spiral Workshop, by Lisa Baklid. All plant material will be provided. Please see Youtube.com, “Midollino Spiral basic instruction” by John Hosek.
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start
- January 10, 2022 - Program: Bring a design using the Midollino we made last meeting. Will be judged
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start
- April 11, 2022 - Program: Container Plant presentation by Denver Master Gardener Program from CSU
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start
- June 2022 - CFGC State Convention- no program
- July 11, 2022 - Program: “Perennials on Parade” Mini Flower Show, Judges Council (Audrey Coyle)
Location Emerson House 1556 Emerson Street, Denver 9:45 AM start

Pictures from the Japanese Garden in the Albuquerque Botanic Garden



Calendar

Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of the Colorado Garden Connection**, September 21, 2021.
- Aug. 4-8, 2021 Adams County Fair and NGC/CFGC Flower Show “Exploring our Oceans”.
- Aug. 27-28, 2021 RMR meeting Lake Milford, Kansas
- Sept. 8-2021 CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd, BOD meeting at EH and ZOOM
- Sept. 13, 2021 CFGC Judges Council meeting - EH
- Sept. 17, 2021 CFGC Leadership Round Table (Zoom - Invitation Only)
- Sept. 21-24, 2021 NGC Fall Board meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
- Oct. 4-6, 2021 CFGC Flower Show Symposium at EH, Design instructor, Jo Kollman: Types: Abstract, Featured Plant Material (family-Sunflower), Allied Topics: Floral Techniques. Horticulture instructor, Karen Booker: Mums and geraniums. Chair, Louise Niekerk.
- Nov. 8, 2021 CFGC Judges Council meeting – EH
- Dec. 8, 2021 CFGC Ways & Means, Ex Bd, BOD meeting at EH and ZOOM
- Feb. 12-20, 2022 CO Garden and Home Show, Denver
- May 17-20, 2022 NGC Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida
- Aug. ??- 2023 CFGC to Host the RMR meeting in Denver – Margie Soileau, RMR chair 2021-23

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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