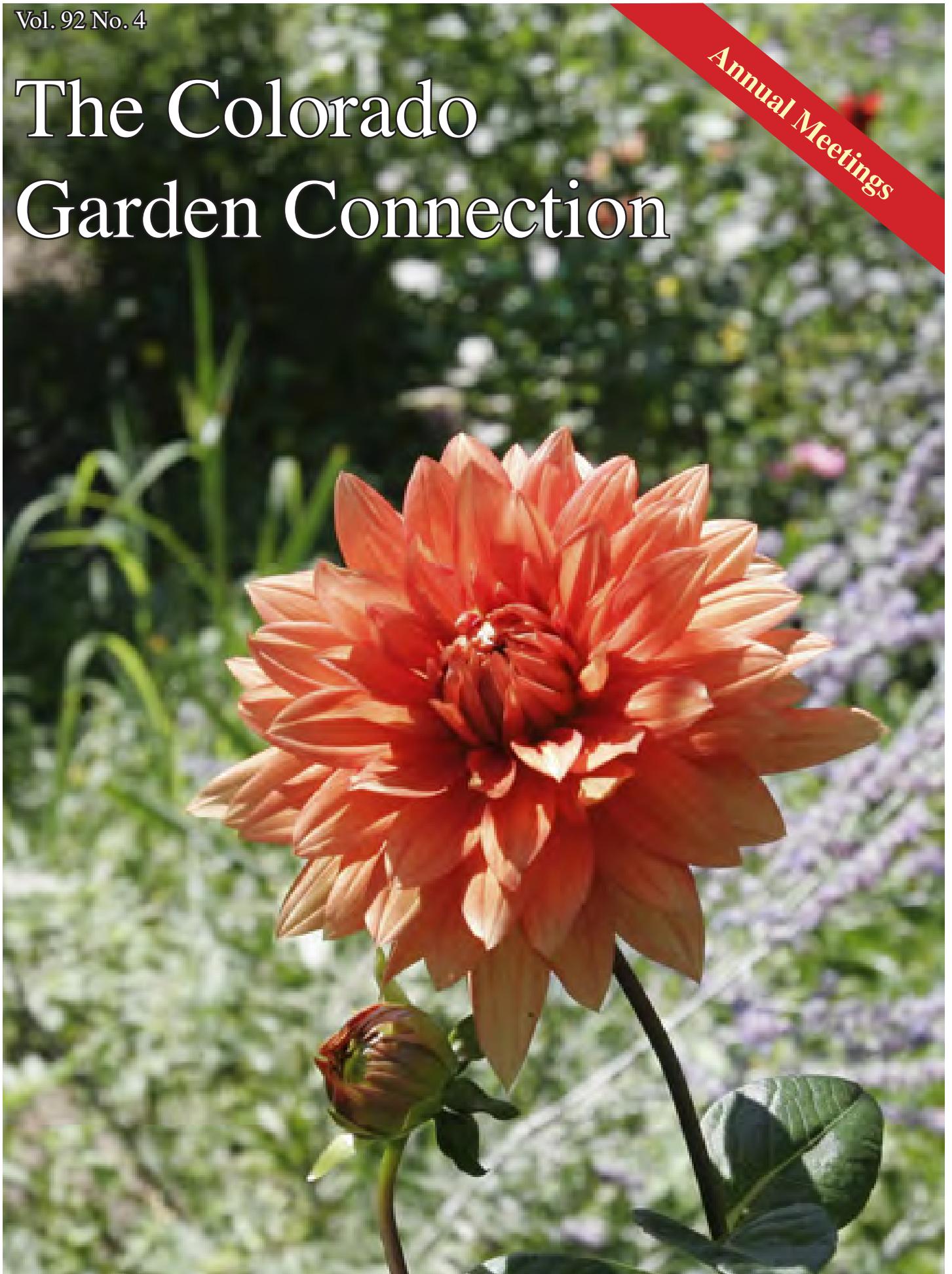


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Check it regularly for late news and changes to the Calendar and Events.

From My Garden to Yours

Happy Spring!

Hoping this finds you and your loved ones doing well, staying safe and healthy.

CFGC's most exciting news is that Colorado has been selected as the state to host the 2024 National Garden Clubs Convention! It's early days yet, but a committee is already at work. See more later in this issue.



the quarterly Leadership Round Table. If a President cannot make it to this meeting, they are welcome to pass the zoom link to another one of their club officers so that someone can attend from their club.

I am hoping that the near future brings an increased surge of energy not only to our daily lives, but also to our garden clubs, programs, outreach activities and, of course, to our gardens.

From my garden to yours,

Nancy

From the Editors

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Well. There's certainly a LOT going on in this crazy world since this last issue. Covid may be over, but now we've got inflation and turmoil in our supply chains. Not to mention turmoil in eastern Europe.

The price of fuels for cars and trucks is going up. And that means the price of everything else is going up along with it. That includes groceries. I've seen estimates of increases of 22%. And actually increases of almost 100% on bacon at Sam's Club. And that, last August. Thankfully, it's come down a bit since then.

Now I see reports of a bird flu killing over a million chickens and turkeys across the country. So I expect to see the price of poultry products to rise accordingly.

As gardeners, we might be able to help ourselves in the grocery area. I'm reminded of the World War II 'Victory Gardens'. And as Spring is upon us, some of us might consider returning to the lessons learned from that unfortunate period of American history.

If we have the necessary land, we can do traditional vegetable gardening. If we don't have that kind of land, we might be able garden in our homes, using hydroponic or just plain potted plantings. And I do believe we've touched on those sorts of matters in previous issues of the Connection.

I've been seeing reports that our usual sources of commercial fertilizer may be limited due to the activities in eastern Europe. Well, we've got an answer for that. It's called compost. And we've discussed that as well

I want to personally thank everyone who helped at the Colorado Home and Garden Show in February. We

received the names of a lot of people interested in joining a club and we earned a grant which goes towards our educational efforts. Kudos to those of you who had never done this kind of thing before.

So what types of "new" things does CFGC have for its members? I will break this down for you by month for the next six months.

March was the CFGC board meeting on the 8th at Emerson House and via Zoom. On the 18th a one hour zoom Leadership meeting was held for all Presidents, Officers and Committee Chairs. This is great time to get to know more about one another and share ideas so that we can take them back to our clubs.

On April 2, the Northern Front Range District held their annual meeting and then on April 23rd the Southern District will be holding theirs.

May brings the National Garden Club Annual Convention. Please see the either the CFGC or NGC websites for further information.

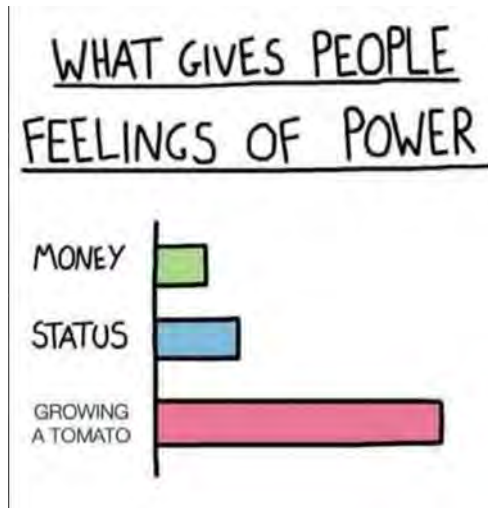
In June, I look forward to seeing you all at our own State's Annual Convention at the Botanic Gardens. This will be a one day event and promises to not only be eventful, but fun as well! Much attention, detail and concentration will be given on bringing value to those that choose to attend. More information is elsewhere in this issue on venue, date, time and cost.

On June 24th from 3-4 PM, all Club Presidents, Officers and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend



Some of our friends, neighbors, work associates and even our kids could benefit from learning how to grow their own vegetables and herbs, to save money. And in the process, learn the joys of actually growing something they can use and enjoy.

What was that cartoon about empowerment?



Chuck & Susan Pelto
Pueblo, CO

Garden Gadgets

Here's an interesting device for the square-foot gardener, a 'Seeding Square.' It's a heavy-duty plastic template configured for planting various kinds of vegetable seeds in dense square configurations. It's ideal for the apartment or small lot gardener who wants to save money in the current economic and supply chain crunch.

It comes with the template, a color-coded legend of what sort of plant goes in each of the color-coded holes for maximum productivity in a limited space, and assorted tools to aid in planting seeds at their proper depth.

There are even a series of videos to help the newbie with this sort of gardening.



Culinary Corner

Cabbage Soup Recipe

The ubiquitous, humble, and yet noble, cabbage. You see it in every grocery store. You pass it by because it is so bland. But it is chock full of important vitamins. AND it is inexpensive. So inexpensive that most of us don't bother raising it in our vegetable gardens. Maybe that is about to change, what with the world in turmoil.

So, here's an easy, healthy and delicious recipe that even non-vegans will enjoy. I stumbled upon it at one of the web-sites I frequent and it looked so delicious I gave it a try. And it IS delicious and surprisingly flavorful.

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 cups low sodium chicken broth, or vegetable broth is fine, too
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper or to taste
- 1/2 head cabbage chopped in 1 1/2" chunks
- 4 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 stalks celery, sliced thinly
- 14.5 ounces stewed tomatoes, including liquid

Directions:

- 1 - Saute the onions and garlic in the olive oil until the onions are transparent.
- 2 - Add all the remaining ingredients.
- 3 - Simmer until all the vegetables are tender.

If you want more starch, add some cut-up potatoes, at step 2.

If you wish to add meat to this soup, be sure to cook it separately before adding it.

Serve with good bread and cheese. I prefer good French baguettes and garlic-herb cheese spread. Boursin works, but it's expensive, so I make my own with cream cheese, fines herb, garlic and salt.

Yearly highlights report for NFRD Annual Meeting April 02, 2022

We have had most of our regular meetings except for January and our members are doing well. The group has explored many Horticulture programs online, created some amazing designs and had a Zoom meeting showing off our manipulated plants. Our Program Titles have included Hot Summer Nights, What's your Fancy, Slippery Slope, Teeny Tiny and A Moment in Time. We've used various techniques such as- Reflexing, Palisades, Weaving, Connecting and Twisting.

We participated in the Adams County Fair Flower Show last August where our members' beautiful and innovative designs won lots of ribbons. Some of our members also participated in the Flower Show Symposium where they were challenged by instructors and learned many ways to enhance floral art. We also donated designs at the CFGC Convention for the incoming Officers. Our budget has been enhanced by selling the "Vision of Beauty" Calendars and last summer we sold the last of our tools so we are able to maintain a healthy bottom line.

We are continually learning of updates to The Handbook for Flower Shows and NGC has revised the Flower Show Awards program so we will have to work to understand these. We hope that, as the pandemic eases, we will be able to participate in more shows and events.

Our continued emphasis on exploration, skills development, exhibiting and designing will guide us into the future as we look forward to a great spring to get out in our gardens, explore petite designs, have our workday at Emerson House, pass the torch to some new officers and host the NFRD Annual Meeting.

This club just keeps on going, no matter the obstacles and I am very honored to be a member.

Thanks, Michele Gustin, FASC President 2018-2022

Information you may not know about CFGC dues-- State dues from your club for the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs are due on June 1. Your garden club collects dues from you and then pays a portion of your dues (\$9 per member) to CFGC.

Your dues help support our state organization, our state clubs, and state projects.

For club treasurers:

Here are some suggestions for sending in dues and membership lists by June 1.

* In March, start reminding your members that dues are due in April and May.

* Collect dues in April and May. Make reminder phone calls and/or send emails to members who have not paid.

* Update any member information that may have changed over the year. This is easiest to do in a simple Xcel spreadsheet. If anyone needs help with this, contact me and I will be happy to send you a copy you can use. Also let me know if anyone will not be returning.

When your club has all the information and dues collected, the treasurer should send the following items to the CFGC assistant treasurer:

1) a check made out to CFGC or Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs for the correct amount (this will need to be mailed)

2) a current membership list, as of June 1. If you can, please highlight any new members and any changed information for continuing members. This can be emailed.

3) a list of officers for the coming year with their contact information. This is very important for state and national officers to be able to contact the individual clubs.

* If you have new members join after you have sent in your club information or you elect new officers, please send that information to the assistant treasurer.

Current assistant treasurer:

Sue Parker

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Phone: 303-699-2534

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Exciting News and Times. November 10 and 11, 2021 we had the very first NGC-sponsored Gardening School. The purpose of this school was to enable students and consultants to be able to take a Gardening School Course at an affordable cost due to some states not having the funding or manpower to accomplish this task. The school was administered via Zoom, and it was very successful. We had participants from coast to coast who enjoyed being part of a learning organization. There were seventy-two participants who attended, of whom sixty-two were new first-time students.

Gardening School Course 2 is scheduled for April 5 and 6, 2022 via Zoom. You can register on the NGC Website and pay online. Course 2 will consist of Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruit, and Growing Vegetables. We have an excellent group of presenters who are experts in their field on the subject matter.

It will soon be spring, and when this course is completed, it will be spring, the time will have changed, and the days will be longer. You can go play outside and put this gardening knowledge to work. Whether it's your flower garden or vegetable garden, you can get your hands in the soil and that is proven to be good for our mental health. With everything happening in our world today, with supply and demand of everything, store shelves empty, what if we grew some of our own fruit and vegetables? Remember, Grandma survived the depression because in her backyard she had her own supply chain.

I encourage you to come and attend our schools, be part of a learning organization. Gardening School will help you become an accomplished horticulturist and provide educational information to those who are especially interested in gardening and related subjects.

During Gardening School, participants will learn all aspects of Planting America.

Thank you for supporting our schools.
Charles McLendon,
NGC Gardening School Chairman

Prospective students need to aware that the courses are self contained, not continuous, so Course 2 may be taken without having taken Course 1.

Cost for Course 2 is \$55 per the NGC website, www.gardenclubs.org

2021-2022 Annual Report

Focusing on Membership beginning in July 2021, Lyn and Bruce Carlisle held an informal garden party and tour at their home for supporters of our annual Plant and Bake Sale to encourage them to join our club. Lyn's efforts, as GMGC Membership Chair, have resulted in the doubling of our membership from 10 to 20 in 6 months.

In addition to our presence on Facebook and Instagram, GMGC purchased a domain name and website. Alex Rodriguez, GMGC Vice President, designed the site and updates it regularly. This has made a difference in communicating with people interested in joining the club and people who want to volunteer to work with us on our community projects.

Our 2021-2022 community projects include:

Guadalupe Community Center.

Prep and plant the four raised vegetable beds.

The produce raised is used to feed the residents of the shelter.

Linn Grove Cemetery, prep, plant and maintain:

Memorial Star at Soldiers Field at Linn Grove Cemetery (red, white and blue annuals). Four new gardens at the newly constructed ossuary Circle perennial bed

In spring, placed red, white and blue floral baskets at our newly dedicated Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers; replaced with chrysanthemum baskets in autumn.

Plant four urns and one small garden in trade for stones placed at our community projects stating the site is planted and maintained by Greeley Morning Garden Club along with a smaller size for our members to place in their personal gardens stating their membership in the club.

Update the plantings and maintain the Centennial Park Garden Library.

Plant and maintain three memorial urns at Veterans Memorial in Bittersweet Park.

Donate four trees at the newly redeveloped site at the former Greeley Fire Station No. 2 using the NFRD

Tree Grant and GMGC funds.

Maintain the Pearl Usher Memorial Garden at Madison Elementary School.

Other projects:

Annually members and residents of Bonell Retirement Center create floral room décor using dried flowers from members' gardens. As we were unable to go to the site, at our November meeting members created and delivered 70 lovely arrangements for the residents. Unfortunately, Bonell's is closing so we will be seeking another project to replace this one in 2022-2023.

GMGC was asked to continue the Greeley Garden Tour (a self-guided tour of five gardens throughout Greeley) beginning in June 2022. We agreed and are in the planning phase of the tour. We are offering discounted tickets to CFGC members.

Planning is underway for our 62nd annual Plant and Bake Sale. We are returning to our full-scale operation including online purchases through our website, along with all of the usual plants, bake sale, gift baskets, and discounted gift cards, which will be available on site, Saturday, May 7, 2022.

CFGC to Host 2024 National Convention

It was announced in January that Colorado has been selected as the host state for the National Garden Clubs Convention in 2024. Victoria Schmidt is the Chair for our committee assigned to coordinate with NGC and the company organizing the event. Audrey Coyle is Vice Chair and Margie Soileau has agreed to act as Treasurer. Ben and Sue Parker are also on the committee. Convention sites are being reviewed and, once location and dates have been selected, planning for programs and tours will take place. Watch for more information via the Connection and email. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

*Sweet May hath come to love us
Flowers, trees, their blossoms.*

Observing National Arbor Day!!!

This important date on your calendar, is the perfect occasion to celebrate the wonder of trees and encourage others, especially children, to share in the care of our environment. Trees are the mainstay of a healthy environment. In all 50 states, and abroad, NGC's PAT program and the Arbor Day program will be preserving an American tradition that will cheer your spirits and create Earth friendly benefits to touch every living creature!!!! Here is a quote from the Arbor Day Foundation encouraging our similar objectives for planting trees.

"At the Arbor Day Foundation, part of our aim is to inspire people to plant trees," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We truly enjoy when we get to do this with other organizations. Having every member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. plant a tree (PAT), is a great way to remind all of us that we can each effect positive change with the simple act of planting a tree."

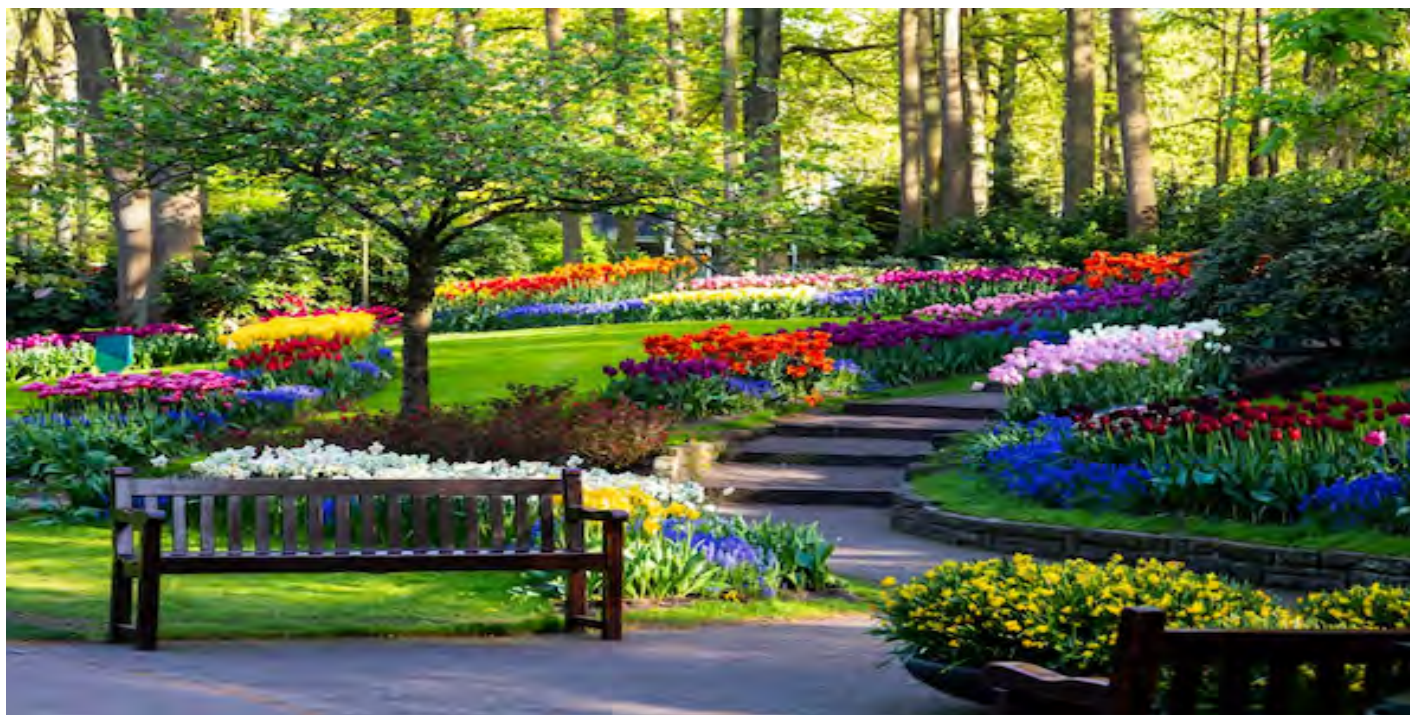
Dan Lambe, President, Dec. 2020

This last fall, I visited the Arbor Day Foundation Site in Nebraska and was blown away by the Arboretum and grounds of the home of J. Sterling Morton (founder of Arbor Day). I even climbed and made my way thru the 50 foot high Canopy Tree House. It was an incredible experience! We stayed in the beautiful Lied Lodge & conference center, hiked the trails and enjoyed fresh apple cider from their own Arbor Day farm. This beautiful and educational place was established on a site near the Missouri River, Lewis and Clark's Expedition Highway. At the beginning there were few trees there and now it is a lovely forest providing for the wildlife and protecting the adjacent waterways.

As we come together these next two years to plant trees across our world, we need to engage the next generation of tree planters. Inspiring today's youth is critical to this important work. Today's youth will inherit a world full of challenges. Trees are one important part of the environmental solution. Planting a tree can be a positive result that connects children with nature and makes a lasting impact on their lives and on the future of the Earth.

Please, you can celebrate this Day reflecting the diversity of your environment. Some states celebrate on their own distinct state Arbor Day which coincides with the planting season of that region. That date can be found on the internet.

*Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs
Presents the 2022 CFGC Annual Meeting
A Day in the Garden*



Location: Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver, CO

When: June 05, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Included with your reregistration are the following:

- Free entrance to the Garden with Art Exhibits throughout including the Freyer-Newman Center Galleries*
- Light breakfast, Wine and Cheese reception and Lunch*
- Program by Annie Borrow, Manager of Horticulture Outreach Programs*

**The Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
91st Annual Meeting, June 5, 2022**



**“A Walk in the Gardens”
Hosted by CFGC
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Located at Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York St, Denver, CO 80206**

**Registration Fee: \$45.00* per Garden Club Member
\$50.00* per Guest or Spouse**

***The Registration fee includes:**

Entrance to Denver Botanic Gardens

Access to the Freyer-Newman Art Galleries

A delicious lunch with beverages

Time to stroll through the gardens

A wine and cheese reception in the afternoon

**Speaker, Annie Barrow, Manager of Horticulture Outreach
Programs**

Please PRINT-----1 form per attendee-----

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

GARDEN CLUB _____

Credential Status: (Please circle all that apply to you)

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| First Time Attendee | Gardening Consultant | State Life Member |
| Club Member | Flower Show Judge | Regional Officer |
| Club President | Landscape Consultant | Regional Representative |
| District President | Environmental Consultant | Regional Life Member |
| District Officer | Emerson House Trustee | National Officer |
| State President | State Chairman | National Life Member |
| State Officer | Past State President | National Chairman |
| Gardening Consultant | Guest or Spouse | |

Please complete and mail with your check payable to “2022 CFGC Annual Meeting” to the Registrar, Margie Soileau, 8555 Freemantle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

Contact information: margie@soileau.org or 719-648-8025

A late fee of \$10.00 for registrations received after May 25, 2022

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
2022 Southern District Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 23, 2022
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Rhythm of the Rocky Mountain Spring



Historic Community Congregational Church
103 Pawnee Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO

Hosted by

Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club, Colorado Springs, CO

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00 – 9:30

Southern District Meeting: 9:30 – 11:30

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Program: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. “What’s New in 2022”

Presenter: Debi Borden-Miller, Welby Gardens

3:00 p.m. Closing



Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club cordially invites you to the
2022 Southern District Annual Meeting
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 9am to 3pm
Historic Community Congregational Church
103 Pawnee Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO

Rhythm of the Rocky Mountain Spring



There will be a Silent Auction and a White Elephant table for your enjoyment & Sale.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (with area code): _____

Registration fee: \$30.00

A light continental breakfast will be served along with a box lunch. Please choose one of the options below for your lunch. Please indicate any food allergies as well.

Lunch selection: (will include Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Pasta Salad, Cookies)

_____ Ham Sandwich

_____ Turkey Sandwich

_____ Roast Beef Sandwich

_____ Veggie Sandwich

Please mail your registration form and meal selection no later than April 15th, 2022.
Make your Checks payable to Southern District/CMGC, and mail to Margie Soileau,
8555 Freemantle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920-4912.
Cell Phone: 719-648-8025, E-mail: margie@soileau.org
Thank You

Plant America Month



April 2022

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



My Garden with Wall
by William Brooks

*The path runs straight between the flowering rows,
A moonlit path, hemmed in by beds of bloom,
Where phlox and marigolds dispute for room
With tall, red dahlias and the briar rose.*

*'T is reckless prodigality which throws
Into the night these wafts of rich perfume
Which sweep across the garden like a plume.
Over the trees a single bright star glows.*

*Dear garden of my childhood, here my years
Have run away like little grains of sand;
The moments of my life, its hopes and fears
Have all found utterance here, where now I stand;
My eyes ache with the weight of unshed tears,
You are my home, do you not understand?*



COLORADO FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022 via ZOOM/In Person at Emerson House Start at 11:15

Invited: All Past Presidents, Officers, Historian, Parliamentarian, All Committee Chairmen, All District, Presidents, All Headquarter Trustees, All Club Presidents', All NGC Officers Chairmen/Committee Members, Regional Officer/Chairmen/Committee Members (14 quorum)

Special Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Nancy Griffin, President. She welcomed every one. There were 11 present and 6 via Zoom.

The minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved as modified with a motion by Chuck Pelto.

Financial Report: Margie Soileau reviewed and highlighted items of interest. She clarified how the Awards line item works. Chuck Pelto moved that the report be filed as presented. There was a second and the motion passed.

Michele Gustin announced that she needs awards applications and yearbooks, etc., for Awards to be presented at the Annual Convention. She needs them by the end of the month.

New Business

The CFGC 2022 Annual Convention will be June 5 at the Botanic Gardens. The registration fee will \$45. Benefits of attending are entrance to the Gardens and Art Exhibits, lunch and a wine and cheese reception and program by Annie Barrow of the Horticulture Outreach Program. The time on the announcement may change. Club presidents are encouraged to pass the information on to their members.

The 2024 NGC Annual meeting in Colorado: Nancy announced that Colorado has been selected as the host state for the NGC convention in 2024. A committee has been formed to work with NGC, consisting of Victoria Schmidt, Margie Soileau, and Audrey Coyle.

Plant America month is April 2022 (read on CGFC blog) Audrey Coyle is the state and the national chair for this. A flyer was sent to club presidents.

NGC Zoom Gardening School, Series 1, Course 2, will be held April 5-6 (under education tab on CFGC website) This is an Outreach program to all members. Students need to register for it by the end of March. Nancy talked about upcoming schools and where information could be found.

Nancy read an Arbor Day announcement. Report club tree plantings to Nancy to pass on to Audrey Coyle by May. Arbor Day in Colorado is April 29.

The 2022 Northern Front Range District meeting will be April 2 at Emerson House, hosted by Floral Arts. Business meeting starts at 9:30 and Zoom attendance will be available. Speaker will discuss youth gardening. She clarified budgeting for the Northern Front Range District. There will be a \$25 registration fee, which includes lunch for those attending in person.

The 2022 Southern District meeting will be held April 23, hosted by Cheyenne Mountain, from 9-3 pm at the Historic Congregational Church in Manitou Springs. The registration fee of \$30 covers light breakfast, lunch and snack. A speaker will cover what's new in 2022 from Welby Gardens.

Emerson House Report. Debbie Martin, Chair of the Emerson House Trustees, announced meeting dates along with giving a report. She thanked folks for coming to Emerson to help with maintenance and clean up. An urgent need is that three more trustees are needed.

Club/Chair reports were given by Michele Gustin, Floral Arts; Ben Parker, Dig and Dream; Mary Fagerberg, Greeley Morning; Ellen Fernandez, Loveland; Mary Stewart, Boulder, and Lynn Cleveland, Queens of Spades.

Release Forms (see attachment in Call to Meeting email): If you're publishing anything involving a minor, a release needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. This is NGC's form, but it is a resource for you. The Executive Committee decided to leave the decision to use the forms to the clubs and the club keeps them on file, which is the responsibility of the president. This form meets NGC's requirements for the state it is incorporated in. State organizations are autonomous and can make their own decisions.



Chuck Pelto, co-editor of the Connection, announced that the due date for articles is March 22. While the editors have been sending hard copies to members without email, this will no longer be done. Presidents are asked to print copies for members without email.

Unfinished Business:

Sue Parker, Assistant Treasurer, reported we have 17 clubs and 386 members. Please send new information about members to her so they can be included in emails, etc. Dues are prorated after January (half price.) Dues are due June 1 and sent to her. Make checks out to Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs.

Colorado Gives Day 2021: Victoria Schmidt reported that we received a total of \$9288.57 from 45 individual donations. Thank you cards have been sent to donors.

Technology Update: Victoria Schmidt reported that the internet is working well at Emerson House. A new printer has been purchased. A CFGC YouTube channel has been set up. Please give ideas for content to Victoria.

Chair Vacancies: We need an Environmental School Chair, Chaplain, Hospitality Chair, Membership Chair and Emerson House Trustees, Scholarship Chair.

Nancy Griffin-announced that we also need Nominating Committee members, 5 total, 3 quorum, 2 not on the Board.

Save the Date/Announcements/Reminders: The NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar can be ordered at <https://gardenclub.org> or buy for \$6 from Floral Arts, Michele Gustin, President.

Don't forget to sign up for the free NGC newsletter at www.gardenclub.org.

Set your calendar for the March Leadership Roundtable Zoom call open to all Committee Chairs, Officers, Presidents and District Presidents, to be held on 3-18-22 @ 3 PM.

Need helping hands at Fort Logan and Emerson House gardens.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Submitted by Susan Pelto

Loveland Garden Club Report

The Loveland Garden Club continues to increase membership and fulfill our community service obligations throughout Larimer County. We've added 10 new members since end of May, 2021, with two new membership additions at our February 16th meeting. We are up to 45 active dues paying members. We continue full meetings and programs through May, 2022.

We also doubled up with with business matters from January and February and were able to approve grant awards to 4 deserving non-profits. Members vote on grant awards as recommended by our Grants Committee after review of all applications supporting horticultural or gardening related services or education in these fields.

Grants awarded this year went to Thompson Valley Preschool, Mulberry Community Garden, The Grow-

ing Project, and Loveland Youth Gardeners.

We are beginning our plans for our large fundraising Plant Sale in May. This event will be May 3rd in the JAX parking lot at the corner of Wilson & Eisenhower Blvd (34) in Loveland. We raise funds to support horticultural related majors through the FRCC Foundation.

We awarded two scholarships last year.

We hope to help with the NFRD Annual Meeting in April with the "Basket Brigade" plans, join in to visit our local garden club members in Greeley as they sponsor the Greeley Garden Tour in June, and look toward our own revitalization of Loveland Garden Club community activities, such as tree planting, and our sponsored LGC maintenance in the Benson Sculpture Garden Children's Garden when the weather warms.

Ellen B. Fernandez, President 2021-2022

Colorado Home & Garden Show

Many people contributed to the success of this years Colorado Home & Garden Show. The Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is pleased and proud of its members help to make this another success.

We thank each and every one of them for their efforts to support this wonderful event. Here are some pictures of some of the participants....



Calendar

Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Winter issue of the Colorado Garden Connection, June 21, 2022.**

- April 11 Judges Council meeting – EH Canceled
- April 21 Floral Arts Study Club work EH Gardens
- April 23 Southern District Annual meeting – Cheyenne Mountain GC
- April 25 Trustees meeting – EH
- May 7 Boulder Garden Club Annual Sale, POC Barb Gardner
- May 10 Annual Budget/Business Meeting – EH & Zoom
- May 15-21 NGC Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida
- May 23 Trustees meeting – EH
- June 5 Sunday, (1 day) Annual Convention meeting – Denver Botanic Gardens
- June 7 Ex. Bd., Ways & Means and BOD - EH & Zoom
- June 24 Leadership Round Table – Invitation & Zoom Only
- June 25 Saturday Dig & Dream GC to work EH Gardens
- June 27 Trustees meeting – EH
- July 11 Judges Council meeting – EH
- July 25 Trustees meeting – EH
- August 3-7 Adams County Fair Flower Show
- August 22 Trustees meeting – EH
- August 26-27 Rocky Mountain Region Annual meeting, Park City, Utah. Info: Margie Soileau
- September 12 Judges Council Meeting – EH
- September 19-22 NGC Fall Board meeting, Saint Louis, Missouri
- September 26 Trustees meeting – EH
- October 24 Trustees meeting – EH
- October 12 Harveyette Harvesters Work EH Gardens
- April 1, 2023 Southern District Meeting
- June 9-10, 2023 2023 Annual Convention, Southern District, Audrey Coyle
- Aug. ??- 2023 CFGC to Host the RMR meeting in Denver – Margie Soileau, RMR chair

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.