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Cover: Lilies as a table arrangement at a Denver Restaurant.

Centerfold: Purple flowers in a garden in the Broadmore area, during a Garden Tour, years ago.

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To my Fellow Gardeners,

Well, it's 2:34 AM on a Friday morning. I can't sleep thinking of all the things that need to be done. We all have our normal daily routines, chores, obligations, and responsibilities. Added to that are the things and plans that we make with our friends and loved ones which require additional time and effort. When you think about it, time flies off into the wind as gracefully as the seeds from a spent dandelion do when you blow on it.



This will be my last President's message and I want to let you all know just how grateful I am for this opportunity. This special time led me into making new friends, establishing stronger current friendships, working alongside you and your clubs, celebrating some of your successes and getting to see the inner workings of your talented members and how they make their clubs so special.



I can remember exactly where I was and whom I was talking to when I was asked if I would take on this role. I enthusiastically said, "why yes, of course" and was brimming with excitement, new ideas, solutions to some observations that I had made prior and I thought what a great opportunity this was to give back to the organization and the group of people that I have come to know and love.

Fast forward to two years later and I'm glad that I felt that way and did what I did. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our members better. Getting to see the tapestry of life that resembles the seasons and the act of gardening. My eyes were opened to seeing the great many skills of so many of our members that keep these clubs alive, thriving, exciting and of course human. After all, humans are social beings and it's in these clubs and the activities that we do that we are allowed to be social. It was then that I realized what a blessing

we are to each other. While our group is diverse on many levels it is that diversity that resembles the planning, planting, caring, harvesting and final resting cycles we all know too well when we garden. That in itself is a comfort and provides us explanation as to why we experience some of the things we have to experience while we are here as mortal men and women. We also have our seasons. From maiden to crone, from birth to death. The plants teach us the whys, the reasons. Such valuable life lessons are there for the taking if we only listen, look and be mindful. I've made friends in garden club and have lost friends in garden club. They have shared their talents, time, their wins and losses all in the name of gardening and having fun.

I am a big believer and often tell people that if they see a problem or a circumstance that can be made better they should let the appropriate people know and bring with them a solution. I also truly feel that a person only gets out of something what they put into something. My love for gardening started when I was a small child, and it was my father who introduced me to planting flowers, marigolds to be exact. I loved being out there with him in the sunshine, feeling the soil between my fingers carefully placing the seeds in the holes that he made for me in the ground. I couldn't wait to see the fruits of my labor. Wondering if the bright colors shown on the seed packet were going to be even brighter on the ones that I was planting. What would they smell like? Oh, only if that seed packet had a scratch and sniff area on it!!! I was just trembling with excitement with all these thoughts. Waiting, holding my breath, running out there every morning and at night before bedtime to see what was going on. Watering carefully and dutifully. When the plants started poking their leaves out of the ground, it was miraculous indeed. What promise of beauty and life that patch of marigolds meant to me. Ironically, I had those very same feelings when I took on this role as your State President. I think it's every gardener's dream to close their eyes and envision their little slice of heaven here on earth. Where everything is perfect, where they can truly be themselves and be happy, where they can nurture something that only brings them joy and contentment. And that's the blessings I have

received from all of you, especially in the last two years.

I understand that CFGC cannot be everything to everyone that walks down its path. But I appreciate those that are willing to try. I appreciate even more the ones that continue to walk that path, to make it better, to be a willing participant, to help, to educate, to spread the news of how gardening can help heal. In today's world, we all need to heal, slow down, practice being calm and at peace with ourselves. Once we can do that, we may be more willing to accept those that don't quite fit into those parameters and help them find their own special garden.

In my life's story I now have a whole chapter dedicated to "my garden." All of you whom I have come to know, to call on, to eat with, to plan with, to fight with, to laugh and cry with are deeply rooted in that chapter, in my memory and in my heart. Thank you for being that brightly colored, lovely smelling flower in my garden.

Forever grateful,

Nancy

From the Editors

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

We want to give a big thank you to all the folks who submitted items to the Connection this quarter: Lynn Cleveland, Jill Smith of Queens of Spades, Pam Dorsett of Greeley Garden Club, Margie Soileau, Nancy Griffin, Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club, Joy Kancir and others. It is truly heartening to see all that's going on. Check out the Calendar of events for lots to do.

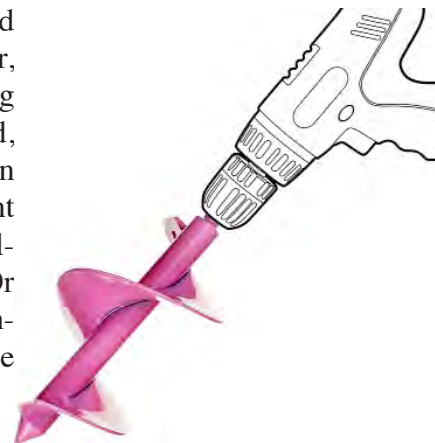
The coming year is going to be super busy with the National Convention being held here in Colorado in 2024. The Connection is an important communication tool for that event, so make sure everyone in your clubs is taking a look at it.

Remember, gardening is dirt cheap therapy.
 Chuck & Susan Pelto

Garden Gadgets

Here's a tool that can be used for many purposes, year round: a power drill auger.

At 12 inches depth and 3 inches in diameter, it's perfect for breaking up hard-packed ground, boring holes to aid in planting store-bought plants with well developed root structures. Or mixing in soil augmentation. And it makes the planting of bulbs easy.



Got one myself, years ago. I've used it for all those purposes.

Some advice...if the ground is densely packed, a powerful drill, e.g., a 1/2 inch bit size, will make things easier. Or spade-fork the ground initially, before applying the auger.

Cullinary Corder

The growing season is fast upon us. Fresh herbs, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit will be In the farmers' markets and in our gardens. Already, the best, sweetest, most flavorful, market-grown strawberries are showing up in stores. Ours will take a little longer to develop.

We have a number of great truck farms along the Arkansas River here. I'm looking forward to some great cucumbers in the farms' outlet stores.

Speaking of which, I really enjoy sweet pickle relish with my hot dogs. Heinz makes a good product, but I think mine is better.

Ingredients:

- 4 ea Cucumbers Chopped, Medium
- 1 ea Onion Large, Chopped, Medium.
- 1 ea Green Bell Pepper Chopped, Medium
- 1 ea Red Bell Pepper Chopped, Medium
- .25 Cups Salt Kosher or Sea
- 1.5 Cups Sugar
- 1 tsp Celery Seed
- 2 tsp Mustard Seed Yellow or Brown
- 2 Cups Apple Cider Vinegar

Preparation:

- 1 Put the chopped vegetables into a bowl with the salt and cover with water.
- 2 Let stand for 2 hours.
- 3 Put the vinegar into a large pot with all the other ingredients and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 4 Drain the vegetables and remove as much water as possible and add to the pot. Bring to a boil then remove from heat.
- 5 Divide among your prepared glass jars—preferably cup or pint—apply lids and bands and process in the manner you prefer.



The finished product looks like this..

If you want a tart relish reduce the sugar content.

That will make a suitable ingredient in a potato salad.

2023 CFGC Scholarship Award

It is our great pleasure to announce the winner of the 2023 Scholarship Award competition.

Laura Trout is an undergraduate student at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, Colorado, expecting to graduate this May with a degree in Biology and proceed immediately towards her Masters in Ecology to graduate in 2024.

She grows desert plants in her home and keeps a greenhouse for growing vegetables.

Her plan upon graduating from her Masters program is to begin working on ecological issues in a non-governmental organization.

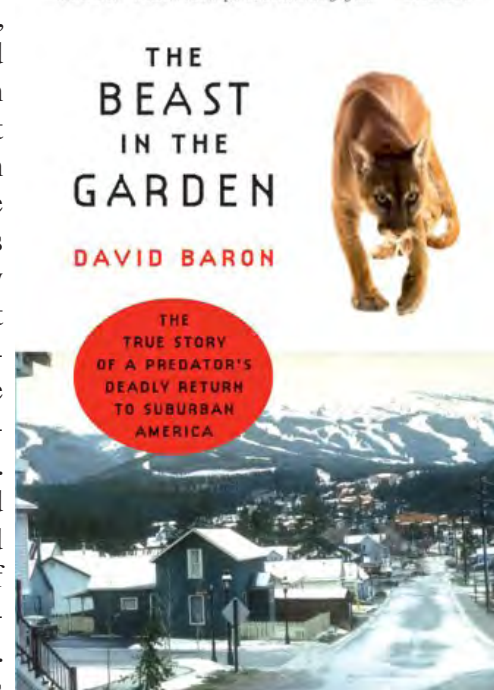
A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Book Review - The Beast In the Garden

The Beast in the Garden: A Parable of Man and Nature by David Baron

In the late 1980s residents of the foothills and canyons near Boulder started seeing mountain lions. For decades, Boulder had banned hunting in its open space, and as a result its deer population had exploded. Since mountain lions prefer deer to any other food, it was not surprising to occasionally glimpse the cats in the urban-wild interface area. People were excited to see them and enjoyed the idea of coexisting peacefully with wildlife. Furthermore, it was well known that these big cats do not attack humans, so there was nothing to fear as long as people observed the animals from a distance.

"Reads like a crime novel... each chapter ends on a cliff-hanging note." —Seattle Times



But then residents' dogs started disappearing. Mountain lions were the prime suspects. Some terrifying incidents involving mountain lions and humans followed. David Baron's suspenseful and thoroughly researched book follows these events, culminating in injury and death, like a detective novel. This is a gripping and highly informative book on the subject of one of Colorado's major predators.

Lynn Cleveland

[Editor's Note: Just the other day there was a report of a mountain lion attacking a couple soaking in their hot tub. The attack took place in Chaffee County.]

Dues are Due!

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 club adds its dues to this amount to support its activities.

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

There are several types of dues:

Individual \$9—includes membership in local club and NGC (National Garden Clubs)

Family (if your club by-laws allow) \$9 for 1st adult, then \$4.50 for each additional adult—includes membership in local club and NGC

Associate \$18—includes membership in NGC

Affiliate \$18—does not include membership in NGC

Supporting \$30 or more—does not include membership in NGC

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 to the current Assistant Treasurer)

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
5766 S Truckee Ct
Centennial, CO 80015-5913

Email: sbparker@besteffort.com

Phone: 303-699-2534

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sue Parker

BOTANY I - SOME WRONG ANSWERS:

DEW IS FORMED ON LEAVES WHEN THE SUN SHINES DOWN ON THEM AND MAKES THEM PERSPIRE.

MUSHROOMS ALWAYS GROW IN DAMP PLACES AND SO THEY LOOK LIKE UMBRELLAS.

THE PISTOL OF A FLOWER IS ITS ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST INSECTS.

GERMINATE: TO BECOME A NATURALIZED GERMAN.

RHUBARB: A KIND OF CELERY GONE BLOODSHOT.

Greeley Garden Club Tour



Greeley Morning Garden Club will be presenting the 30th Annual Greeley Garden Tour Saturday, June 24, 2023 8 AM – 2 PM at gardens throughout Greeley. This is a self-guided tour of five different gardens.

We have a GMGC member and non-member garden enthusiasts presenting this year.

To encourage a field trip for you and your club, we are inviting all members of the Colorado Federation of Garden Club members to the tour. Tickets for CFGC members will be offered at the reduced price of \$10.00. You can purchase your ticket booklet that includes descriptions of the gardens and a map on the day of the tour at 6600 20th Street #43, Greeley CO 80634. You will need to present your membership card for the discount. There is no limit to the number of participants, so tickets will be available on tour day



Directions to SD Annual Meeting

FROM THE NORTH TO CASTLE ROCK

Take I-25 south to Exit 181(Plum Creek Parkway). Turn left at the light (east) and proceed under I-25. Turn right at the stoplight onto Wilcox Street. This becomes I-25 Frontage Road. From Plum Creek Parkway continue about 3 miles on the East Frontage Road. You will pass an auto dealer, Crystal Valley Parkway, and Creekside Bible Church. Look for the sign that says “CALF Lowell Ranch” with a 4-H clover in the center. Turn left at the driveway just beyond the sign.

FROM THE SOUTH TO CASTLE ROCK

Take I-25 north to Tomah Road. Exit at Tomah Road, turn right (east) and, then immediately left (north) onto the East Frontage Road. Travel north approximately 4.3 miles past Columbine Open Space and Bell Mountain Parkway. The driveway is on the right-hand side approximately nine-tenths of a mile after Bell Mountain Parkway. You will see a round sign with a 4-H clover in the middle and the name, “CALF Lowell Ranch”. Turn right on the grave road just before the 4-H sign.

Hope to see you April 1, 2023!

Queens of Spades Donate Colorful Succulents Pots

The Queens of Spades Garden Club Donates Colorful Pots of Succulents To Nourish Meals on Wheels.

Jill Smyth

Queens of Spades Garden Club members donated pots of multi-colored succulents to the Nourish Meals on Wheels organization. Members decorated small pots and potted mini succulents as a community service project. Jeanne Faletta, Club President, noted, “This project is part of our mission in sharing the beauty of plants with the community as well as encouraging the love of gardening and providing education to protect our Colorado environment.”

Nourish Meals on Wheels serves approximately 500 clients and provides hot lunches, weekly breakfast, frozen weekend meals and a monthly grocery program. Olivia Servaes, Community Engagement Coordinator, explained, “Our clients are all seniors and homebound adults who are at risk of experiencing social isolation and loneliness. Donations from the community like the mini potted succulents from Queens of Spades remind our clients that they are valued and have not been forgotten.”

About The Queens of Spades: The Queens of Spades Garden Club, organized in 1960, has members from Littleton and Centennial. The Queens of Spades is a member of the National Garden Club and the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs. The club welcomes new members and information can be found on Facebook -Queens of Spades Garden Club Littleton.

Southern District Silent Auction Baskets

Silent Auction of Gift Baskets to be Featured at Southern District Meeting

A silent auction will be held at the Southern District Annual Meeting on April 1 in Castle Rock. Each club in the district has been asked to provide a themed gift basket for this event. Proceeds will go to the Southern District and the sponsoring club.

Board of Directors Minutes

March 8, 2023, ZOOM Meeting

Present: Nancy Griffin, Chuck Pelto, Susan Pelto, Kim (Loveland), Joy Kancir, Audrey Coyle, Ben Parker, Debbie Martin, Deborah Trujillo, Jeanne Ricci, Margie Soileau, Victoria Schmidt, Michele Gustin, Stacy Shockley, Sue Parker, Annie Mollock.

The quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 11:27 am.

President Nancy Griffin welcomed everyone. Chuck Pelto was introduced as the new State Scholarship Chair. Other officers who were present were introduced.

Annual State Convention 2023: Audrey Coyle, Chair, described events and speakers. The registration form will be going out around March 17, 2023. There will be no refunds. Rooms will be \$148/night. Registrations must be in by May 10. Significant others are welcome to attend meals and other events. Contact Margie, Audrey or Nancy if you have questions.

Butterfly and Bird Photo Contest entries are due May 15 to Audrey.

Audrey Coyle reminded everyone to plant trees. Please report number of trees planted to Audrey.

Correspondence not requiring action: Susan Pelto reported none.

Officers Reports:

President- Nancy Griffin: Asked for volunteers for the NGC Convention.

Vice President- Victoria Schmidt, discussed grant monies.

The minutes of the December 7th, 2022 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer- Margie Soileau: Margie reviewed our finances. A meeting will be held May 16 to discuss the next fiscal year's budget at Emerson House and via Zoom.

Historian- Michele Gustin reported that she will send in the Historian's report to NGC later this month. She gave highlights from the report. Award applications are due today.

Assistant Treasurer- Sue Parker: Membership report: 18 clubs, 389 members. Dues for next fiscal year are due June 1, 2023. She will send reminders for distribution via email and The Connection.

District Presidents:

Marge Koerner (report given by Jeanne Ricci): The Southern District Annual Meeting will be held on April 1 at the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation in Castle Rock. We have 35 registered so far. They need a count by March 10.

Victoria Schmidt, Northern Front Range District: The Annual meeting has been moved to August or September. However, a Zoom meeting will be held in April so they can conduct business.

Jane Pedersen- Southwestern District: Not present
Sue Van Houten- Western District Not present

Executive Committee Report: The Secretary reported no items for action from the Executive Committee.

Special Committees: 2023 RMR Regional Meeting- Chair Audrey Coyle: Every member should get a copy of the newsletter forwarded by the club president.

The Rocky Mountain Region Annual Meeting for 2023 will be held in Colorado Springs August 25-26, 2023. Aug 25 will be at the Flying W Ranch. Aug 26 luncheon and meeting will be held at the historic Patty Jewett Golf Club, 900 E Espanola Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907, 719-385-6934.

Margie thanked everyone for the support she's received as RMR director. Her tenure ends June 1. Nancy said she hopes for a good turnout at the RMR meeting.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

State Scholarship Award Winner announcement- Chuck Pelto: Laurel Trout has been selected for the scholarship. She is working on Master's in Ecology at Western University. Looking forward to a career in Environmental management. The State Scholarship information packet has been updated and there will be better promotion of it via Club Presidents to their membership. We hope for more applicants next year.

2023 Garden and Home Show Update: Nancy commented that we did not participate this year, but we did receive the grant for education. If you would like to help establish guidelines for using the money, please

contact Margie.

Correspondence Requiring Action: None.

New Business:

Margie Soileau announced the slate of officer candidates for 2023-2025. The committee was successful in finding candidates for every office except Vice President/President Elect. President: Victoria Schmidt, VP: open, Treasurer: Margie Soileau, Assistant Treasurer: Sue Parker, Secretary: Susan Pelto. Please ask club members if they would like to volunteer for VP.

Chuck Pelto suggested that our tech committee look into expanding our presence on the web, such as podcasts and whatever else, with a view to bringing in younger members.

Chair Reports:

Annie Mollock from Judges Council reported that she needs Judges for the Adams County Fair. She encouraged people to follow us on Facebook.

Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunities:

Chairmen needed: Chaplain and Hospitality. Volunteers are needed for the 2024 NGC Convention to be held in Colorado. Please talk this up at clubs so we can start having a list.

Helping hands are needed at Fort Logan and Emerson House gardens. To help with Fort Logan please call Carol Lang, 720-933-6069. To help with Emerson House please call Carolyn Grant, 720-394-2040.

Please let Joy Kancir know if you're interested in adding something to the calendar.

Next scheduled Board meeting is June 14-15, 2023, at the Monarch Hotel in Blackhawk. See flyer and registration form.

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

Margie announced that Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club will meet at Peele House at 10 am, May 19, with a special program, "Sex in the Garden." All are invited. Call Marge for more info.

Ways and Means will meet Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 am

to prepare the budget for 2023-2024.

Nancy thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pelto, Secretary

CFGC Slate of Officer for 2023-2025

Here is the current slate of officers—as it exists at this time—for the CFGC years of 2023-25:

Victoria Schmidt, President
Margie Soileau, Treasurer
Sue Parker, Assistant Treasurer
Susan Pelto, Secretary

We lack a candidate for Vice President.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the General Meeting at the forthcoming convention, in June.



May 19th
Program:
Sex in Your Garden
Presented by author, Angela Overy

*The location is the Peele House,
1515 Cascade Ave, CSC*
Starting time is 10:00 am
*Parking on Cascade Ave,
& Tefon St.*
*There will be light snacks,
coffee, and tea.*
Donation of \$10.00 per person
*There will be a table with garden items
and small giftbaskets for sale.*

Presented by
Cheyenne Mountain
Garden Club

BUTTERFLIES, OTHER POLLINATORS AND BIRD PHOTO CONTEST CFGC 2021-2023



Always wanted to enter a photo contest and you love butterflies and birds? Enter the CFGC Butterflies, other Pollinators and Bird Photo Contest for 2021-2023. Here are the rules:

1. Photo must be taken between May 2021 and May 2023.
2. Photo may be of any stage of their life.
3. Butterflies, other Pollinators, or birds must be the focus but any stage of life, other items or people may be included.
4. Photo must be no less than 8x10 inches and no greater than 11x14 inches.
5. Photo may be black and white or color print (digital or film).
6. Photo may not be retouched or "photo-shopped" for effect.
7. Location and date taken must be on entry information on back.
8. Photo must be matted: mat cannot be wider than three inches.
9. Photo must be sent or delivered to CFGC Chairman for judging before May 15, 2023.
Photo Contest Chairman: Audrey Coyle, 484-459-9052 or atlorca@saramsq.net
10. Photo may not have been entered in any other photographic competition.
11. Photographer may be any non professional photographer, member of CFGC or non member.

Prizes will be awarded at the 2023 State Convention.

1. First Prize-Category: Bird
2. First Prize-Category: Butterfly or other Pollinator
3. Second Prize-Category: Bird
4. Second Prize-Category: Butterfly or other Pollinator



COLORADO GARDENING IS A GAMBLE

LEARN HOW TO BEAT THE ODDS!

REGISTRATION

TO ARRIVE IN MID MARCH

Robin Pokorski NGC "exuberant" MEMBERSHIP SPEAKER full of great ideas and inspiration.

Michael Guidi Manager of Horticulture Research at the DBG overseeing scientific research for the Horticulture department, ranging from landscape ecology to plant tissue culture. He is interested in developing resilient and ecologically oriented landscapes that connect people with nature. He holds a bachelor's degree in plant biology and is currently a graduate student in the Ecology program at CSU.

"Design Off" Starring 3 of our own Flower Show Design Master Judges

Becky Elder BREAKOUT "Permaculture" Workshop, Becky is a certified Permaculture designer and instructor/teacher. She is owner of "Blue Planet Earthscapes", a Master Gardener, a nationally and locally published writer and was inducted into the Pikes Peak Green Hall of Fame in 2010.

"Scent" Sensation Hands-on Breakout Workshop

ANNIE B! Our own DBG Musician for our Dinner entertainment. She is a Denver based musician who plays guitar, piano, composes and sings. Interpreting popular songs as well as performing original music, she brings genuine heartfelt vocals and original compositions to her performances. Annie B! began her career as a solo artist in Chicago 2003. Relocated in Denver in 2015 and has performed as a solo artist and with friends at many local venues.

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and GARDEN "UNIQUES" TABLE**

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MONARCH CASINO IS EXPECTING US FOR OUR CONVENTION!

"COLORADO GARDENING IS A GAMBLE"

JUNE 14/15 2023

Sponsored by CFGC Southern District



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Guest Name: _____
 Address: (City, State, Zip) _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 CFGC Club: _____ District: _____

Please complete all and mail with your check payable to "2023 CFGC Annual Convention" to Margie Soileau, 8555 Freemantle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920-4912 Or for questions call 719-648-8025.

Hotel Reservation: (room \$119 & resort fee \$29 = \$148.00) We will be registering as a GROUP INC. BLOCK so that there will be NO State tax. **No Registrations taken after May 10th 2023. No Refunds**

- June 14: CFGC EX Board Meeting 3-5:00pm _____ \$148.00
- June 15: CFGC Full Day Meeting _____ \$148.00

Total _____

FREE VALET AND PARKING

Member Convention Registration Fee \$ 35.00

June 15, 2023 Lunch (chose and circle one):

Salad: Turkey Cobb _____ \$ 30.00

Sandwich: Black Forest Ham _____ \$ 30.00

June 15, 2023 Dinner (chose and circle one) *Live music by Annie B!*

Dress: business casual or semi-formal

Chicken: _____ \$ 45.00

Ribeye: _____ \$ 55.00

GRAND TOTAL (Indicate any dietary restrictions) _____

! Be green and bring your personal water bottle for refill !

Please circle all that applies to you:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>First Time Attendee</i> | <i>Flower Show Judge</i> | <i>Regional Life Member</i> |
| <i>Club Member</i> | <i>Gardening Consultant</i> | <i>Regional Officer</i> |
| <i>Club President</i> | <i>Headquarters Trustee</i> | <i>State Life Member</i> |
| <i>District Officer</i> | <i>Landscape Consultant</i> | <i>State Officer</i> |
| <i>District President</i> | <i>National Chairman</i> | <i>State Past President</i> |
| <i>Environmental Consultant</i> | <i>National Life Member</i> | <i>State President</i> |

There will be a Silent Basket Auction and a "Garden Uniques" Table for fun and sale

Calendar

Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of the Colorado Garden Connection**, June 30, 2023.
- April 1, 2023 CFGC Southern District Meeting, Lowell Ranch, Douglas County GC to host
- April 1, 2023 The Western Landscape Symposium, www.westernlandscape.org
- April 10, 2023 CFGC Judges Council Meeting
- April 24, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- May 2-5, 2023 NGC Annual Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV
- May 13, 2023 Greeley Mountain GC Plant Sale
- May 16, 2023 CFGC Budget/ Ways & Means Meeting – EH & Zoom
- May 22, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- May 23, 2023 Douglas County GC work EH gardens
- June 14-15, 2023 CFGC 2023 Annual Convention, Monarch Casino Resort, Black Hawk, CO
Southern District Host, Audrey Coyle, Chair
- June 14-15, 2023 CFGC Judges Council Meeting at Convention
- June 26, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- June 30, 2023 Queens of Spades GC work EH gardens
- July 10, 2023 CFGC Judges Council Meeting
- July 12, 2023 Dig & Dream GC work EH gardens
- July 24, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- Aug 2, 2023 Adams County Fair and Flower Show
- Aug. 25-26- 2023 CFGC to Host the RMR meeting in Co. Springs (Flying W Ranch &
Patty Jewett Golf Club)– Audrey Coyle, Chair, Margie Soileau, RMR Director
- Aug. 28, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- Aug./Sept., 2023 CFGC Ways & Means, EX BD and BOD meeting at EH – Date TBD
- Sept. 11, 2023 CFGC Judges Council Hosting Flower Show at EH
- Sep. 20-23, 2023 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Marriott, St. Louis Air Port, St. Louis, Missouri
- Sept. 25, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 11, 2023 Harveyette Harvesters GC Work EH gardens
- Oct. 23, 2023 CFGC Trustees Meeting
- Nov. 13, 2023 CFGC Judges Council
- June 2-5, 2024 CFGC to host the National Garden Club Annual Convention, The Westin Hotel
Resort, 10600 Westminster, CO 80020

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