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Clamatis.



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Letter from the Editor

Well, folks, if you didn't attend Colorado's Annual Convention you missed out. It was very nicely done, well organized, with a variety of activities.

Business was conducted with a minimum of fuss and we had several people volunteer for vacant positions and needed help. (Yay!) Many thanks to Pat Smit, Tory Hurst, and Chuck Peltó for stepping up.

I'd heard of "Plant Select" for years, but never really knew who sponsored it, why, or how plants got on the list. Now I do, thanks to the featured speaker, Amy Poston Lentz of CSU's Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department.



One of the most fun parts of the convention was the Spring Garden Party Hats. Several attendees participated, with hats that ranged from funny to just elegant. (Is "decorated hats" a flower show category?) When

we do this again, we should have different categories, because they were all worthy of prizes.

Workshops on Google Apps, paper flowers, and centerpieces followed the business meeting. There were fabulous silent auction items and great door prizes.

Next year, the Convention will run for two days and will be hosted by the CFGC Board of Directors. Elections will be held, so start thinking about which office you might like fill and volunteer. It's much easier on the Nominating Committee if they have volunteers.

We have a new Awards Chair, Deb Martinez effective September. We are grateful to her for filling this important role focused on celebrating success.

See you next year at the Convention, if not sooner!

Susan Peltó





Garden Gadgets

Vining plants can do wonders for a garden, whether flora or vegetable in nature. Adding a vertical aspect to your blossoms, fruits and vegetables adds a new depth to your garden.

However, tying up those vines can be tedious—and painful for arthritic fingers—work.

Here’s a tool that can expedite the task of tying those vines up, while alleviating the task of twisting fingers to tie knots.



Culinary Corner

Tomato Curry Soup

Indian cuisine is one of the three great cuisines of the World, along with French and Chinese. Why, the only reason I suspect is because all three can use just about anything to make a great meal out of next to ‘nothing’. With the Indians, it’s mostly the herbs and spices.

It’s easy to cook an Indian dish. Often in only ten minutes or so, except for soups, which take a little longer.

In truth, getting the ingredients of herbs and spices together is the most time consuming part of Indian cuisine. I keep a largish set of smallish stainless steel bowls for getting them together. But the effort is worth the effort.

On the other hand, I’ve found that Indian dishes taste better the next day. Which means if you want it at its



best, make it the day before. Or make enough that there are leftovers.

The 'secret' to this—and other Indian dishes—is caramelizing the onions. It adds to the sweetness.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp oil
- 1 onion, large
- 2 tomatoes, large
- 1 tsp cumin seed
- 1 tsp fenegreek powder
- 1 tsp cardamon seed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cloves
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp chilli powder
- 1/2 tsp garam masala
- 1 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 tbsp cilantro leaves, chopped
- sour cream (Optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- [1] Heat oil in large pot and bring to medium heat.
- [2] Chop tomatoes and onions coarsely.
- [3] Add chopped tomatoes and onions to oil and sauté until onions are carmalized.
- [4] Grind cumin, cardamon, coriander, cloves into powder.
- [5] Add cardamon, coriander, cloves, cumin to hot oil. sauté sauté until they are aromatic.
- [6] Add other ingredients—less cream—to the pot and simmer.
- [7] When ready to serve, add sour cream.
- [8] Garnish bowls of soup with chopped cilantro leaves.

Be aware that as with many Indian dishes, the leftovers will be more flavorful the next day. Feel free to add more tomato puree or juice to mitigate, if it's too strong.



Book Review

Brave the Wild River: The untold story of two women who mapped the botany of the Grand Canyon

by Melissa L. Sevigny

In 1938, two young women botanists from the University of Michigan embarked on a scientific excursion down the wild Colorado River.

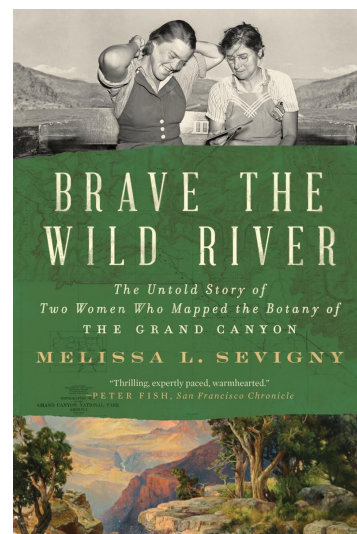
They ran the rapids of what was considered the world's most dangerous river together with four men in three small wooden boats. Their goal was to "botanize" the Grand Canyon, that is, to discover, collect, identify and describe the plant life they found.

However, the novelty of anyone, let alone two women, braving the dangers of the Canyon was the story that captivated the public. All six survived the 43-day experience.

The women had collected hundreds of plants, including four that were previously unknown. A half-century later, one of the women was invited back on a much calmer trip through the Canyon to observe the changes that had taken place due to the creation of the Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell.

Melissa Sevigny's thoroughly researched book weaves plants, scenery, history and individuals into this fascinating true story.

Lynn Cleveland





Minutes of the Annual Meeting

May 18, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn Denver South Park Meadows

The official opening of the convention was called at 9:31 am by Victoria Schmidt, President. Victoria thanked everyone who put the convention together and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Conservation Pledge read.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Victoria Schmidt.

Credentials Report: Pat Smit reported seven first time attendees, 39 members, and 11 presidents.

Adoption of Convention Rules: Sandy ? presented the rules.

Treasurer Report: Pat Smit will be taking over the Treasurer's duties for the summer. She reviewed the report, which was included in the packet. Sue Parker noted that we have more members than are accounted for in the dues portion of the proposed budget. We will consider raising the amount at the next quarterly meeting. Chuck Pelto moved to file the reports and proposed budget. There was a second and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were accepted with corrections.

Chair Reports: Debbie Martin reported for the Emerson House Trustees.

Doris Duckworth reported for the Smokey the Bear/Woodsy Owl youth programs and contest: we need sponsors for Elementary and Middle Schools.

Information and tips about signing up for the various NGC schools was shared.

Victoria reported on the Colorado Garden and Home Show. We had a good turnout and received a \$5000 grant for educational speakers. This money is available to clubs to help pay for speakers. We received the names of many people who are interested in joining a club. The Colorado Gardening Foundation sponsors the show.

Sue Parker reported that membership is up over last year, with 386 members. June 1 is the deadline to pay state dues and report membership.

NGC Convention: Victoria reported that we have a good turnout from Colorado. She has had to add buses

for the tours because of large participation. Close to 400 have registered so far. Workshops are full.

Victoria reported that Pat Smith has volunteered to serve as First Vice President. She has been appointed by the President. Chuck Pelto moved to ratify the appointment. There was a second and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business: Sue Parker mentioned that members in Gunnison (Top of the World Garden Club) have been greatly affected by a closed bridge which makes it difficult to reach services to the west. Michele Gustin mentioned that NGC has a disaster relief fund.

Victoria clarified that another club member can audit a club's books as long as they aren't on the board for the club.

Fort Logan is in need of a chair to coordinate one club a month to maintain the gardens. Some improvements are needed. Victoria pointed out that grants are available. A comment was that a map of what clubs need to maintain would be useful.

The contents of Emerson are being evaluated for storage needs, etc. Victoria's feeling is that most members would like to see money being spent in the clubs, not on Emerson House.

Memorial Service: Joy Kancir led the Memorial Service for members who have passed away during the past year.

Awards Ceremony: Michele Gustin, Awards Chair, presented Heart Warmer, NGC Grants, and other awards.

Michele announced that she will resign as Awards Chair in September 2024, so if you are interested, contact Victoria Schmidt and receive training from Michele.

There was a break in the proceeding while Judges Council met, lunch was served, and participants perused Silent Auction items.

Victoria announced that the 2025 meeting will be in June.

Amy Poston Lentz, CSU Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department, presented a program showcasing Plant Select.

Final Credentials Report: Pat Smit submitted the final report. 35 club members were in attendance.

Gail Fischer presented the Courtesy Resolution.

A drawing was held for door prizes.

There being no further business, the meeting was

adjourned at 2:03 pm followed by workshops on Google Apps, Paper Flowers, and Centerpieces for the NGC Convention.

Submitted by Susan Pelto
Secretary

Awards

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards List 2024

- #2 a. Special Achievement Certificate Dig and Dream Maintenance of Legacy Gardens \$25.00
- #4 President’s Project Queens of Spades “Growing our Pollinators” \$50.00
- # 7 Pollinators Queens Of Spades for making Bee Houses \$25.00
- #12 Garden Club Program Dig and Dream for various programs on habitat conservation, trees and pollinators
- #27 Website 1st place Douglas County douglascounty-gardenclub.org
- #27 Website 2nd place Dig and Dream diganddream.com

Heart Warmer Recipients

Northern Front Range

- Boulder - Patty Rhodes
- Dig and Dream- Patti Cochran
- Evergreen Moonlight- none
- Floral Art Study- Margaret McCandless
- Greeley Morning- Mary Fagerberg
- Happy Transplants- Deb Judin
- Durango- none
- Top 0’ the Hill - none

Southern

- After Hours- none
- Cheyenne Mountain -none
- Douglas County- Marla Leggette
- Harveyette Harvesters- none
- Manitou Springs - Racahel VanScoy
- Queens of Spades- Heidi Riedel
- Pikes Peak Designer’s Guild- none

#25a. Yearbook

- 20 and under members
- Queens of Spades - 1st Place
- Floral Art Study - 2d Place
- Durango - Honorable Mention

- 21-29 members
- Happy Transplants - 1st place
- Dig and Dream - 2d Place

- 30-44 members
- Douglas County 1st place

- 45-69 members
- Boulder 1st Place

September Midnight

By Sara Teasdale

“Lyric night of the lingering Indian summer,
Shadowy fields that are scentless;
but full of singing,
Never a bird, but the passionless;
chant of insects,
Ceaseless, insistent.
The grasshopper’s horn,;
and far-off, high in the maples,
The wheel of a locust leisurely;
grinding the silence
Under a moon waning and worn;
broken,
Tired with summer.
Let me remember you’
voices of little insects,
Weeds in the moonlight;
fields that are tangled with asters,
Let me remember, soon will the winter be on us,
Snow-hushed and heavy.
Over my soul murmur your mute benediction,
While I gaze, O fields that rest after harvest,
As those who part look long in the eyes they
lean to, Lest they forget them.”



Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of the Colorado Garden Connection, September 23, 2024.**
- RMR Annual meeting in Sioux Falls, SD, August 30-31.
- Fri, September 6, 9:30am – 2:00pm CFGC Exec. Board, Ways & Means, BOD Mtg (Virtual and In-Person)
- Sep 18 – 20, 2024 NGC Fall Board Meeting (Sept 19)
- Tue, October 8, 9am – 1pm Emerson House: Setup for Flower Show
- Oct 9 – 10, 2024 Emerson House: CFGC Flower Show Symposium
- Tue, October 22, 10am – 12pm EH Trustees Meeting
- Mon, November 11, 2024, 9am – 1pm CFGC Judges Council Meeting
- Fri, December 6, 2024, 9:30am – 2:00pm CFGC Exec. Board, Ways & Means, BOD Mtg (Virtual)
- Fri, January 3, 2025 Suspense for submitting CFGC Columbine Scholarship Applications
- Mon, January 27, 2025, 9am – 1pm Emerson House: Trustees
- Mon, February 24, 2025, 9am – 1pm Emerson House: Trustees Meeting
- Fri, March 7, 2025, 9:30am – 2:00pm CFGC Exec. Board, Ways & Means, BOD Mtg (Virtual)
- May 17 – 25, 2025 NGC National Convention (Omaha, NE)
- Mon, May 26, 2025, 9am – 1pm Emerson House: Trustees Meeting

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CFGC
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2024

	Apr 30, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	4,958.63
GFMMA	
Awards	716.80
Blue/Gold Star Memorial	337.15
Butterfly	59.00
Environmental Studies	4,715.88
Flower Show Schools	12,767.38
Fort Logan	718.49
Garden Study	5,127.24
Garden Therapy	477.14
Garden Tour	895.90
Judges Fee & Travel	465.61
Landscape Design School	3,917.37
Scholarship Fund	4,271.07
Trees Fund	466.38
GFMMA - Other	8,785.56
Total GFMMA	43,720.97
Total Checking/Savings	48,679.60
Other Current Assets	
Vanguard	
Emerson V-4486	24,844.13
Gibson V-2851	73,165.16
Scholar V-1114	61,755.09
Total Vanguard	159,764.38
Total Other Current Assets	159,764.38
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HDQ BUILDING	97,500.00
HDQ Land	107,500.00
Total Fixed Assets	205,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	413,443.98
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	429.50
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Total Accounts Payable	429.50
Other Current Liabilities	
Lazlo Rent Deposit	2,386.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,386.00
Total Current Liabilities	2,815.50
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	217,676.25
Retained Earnings	117,826.84
Unrealized Gain/ Loss	56.82
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	Jun '24 - May 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
CFGC	
Contributions	
Club donations	0.00
Colorado Gives Day	
Colorado Gives mail	3,230.00
Colorado Gives Day - Other	3,801.32
Total Colorado Gives Day	7,031.32
Contributions - Other	0.00
Total Contributions	7,031.32
Dues CFGC portion	
Dues family	3.00
Dues single	2,310.00
NGC portion	463.00
President's travel	1,391.00
Total Dues CFGC portion	4,167.00
Federal income tax refund	18.68
Fundraising	
2023 CFGC Convention Donations	10,388.00
Total Fundraising	10,388.00
Grant	
Education	5,000.00
Grant - Other	0.00
Total Grant	5,000.00
Interest income	0.00
Other Income	480.00
Total CFGC	27,085.00
Emerson House	
Contributions	194.00
Facility Rental	
Laszlo and Associates	7,130.00
Rocky Mountain Judging Center	720.00
Swallow Hill HO Assoc	200.00
Total Facility Rental	8,050.00
Other Income	3,210.00
Total Emerson House	11,454.00
Special Funds Accounts	35.00
Uncategorized Income	700.00
Total Income	39,274.00
Gross Profit	39,274.00
Expense	
CFGC expenses	
2023 CFGC Convention	
Courtesy-memorial	0.00
State convention VIP gifts	107.38
Support	0.00
2023 CFGC Convention - Other	9,236.92
Total 2023 CFGC Convention	9,344.30
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Accounting	1,328.13
Bank charges	114.00
CFGC Technology Expenses	560.00
State-city fee	10.00
US Income tax	0.00
Zoom	149.90
Administrative - Other	77.55
Total Administrative	2,239.58
CFGC Web site	
hosting	441.75
CFGC Web site - Other	210.00
Total CFGC Web site	651.75
Chairman	
Membership	0.00
Total Chairman	0.00
Columbine scholarship award	0.00
Fundraising	
CFGC board hospitality	101.07
Total Fundraising	101.07
NGC dues	400.00
President Elect expenses	
President elect's Nat'l life me	0.00
President elect's travel	0.00
President Elect expenses - Other	0.00
Total President Elect expenses	0.00
President Expenses	
President's gift	0.00
President's state pin	0.00
President's travel	1,677.46
Total President Expenses	1,677.46
Speakers	327.86
Supporting donations	
Denver Botanic Gardens	200.00
Rocky mountain region	100.00
Total Supporting donations	300.00
Total CFGC expenses	15,042.02
Emerson House expenses	
Building maintenance	
Exterior	
Garden	2,600.50
Gutters and roof	0.00
Lawn Care	4,612.50
Repair	925.00
Snow removal	330.00
Exterior - Other	414.16
Total Exterior	8,882.16
Interior	
Cleaning	1,530.00
Maintenance	0.00
Total Interior	1,530.00
Total Building maintenance	10,412.16

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CFGFC
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25
Fire inspection	258.52
Insurance	3,396.00
Property taxes	3,850.36
Supplies	
Copier	534.02
Supplies - Other	0.00
Total Supplies	534.02
Utilities	
Back Flow test	0.00
CenturyLink	60.00
Denver water	618.92
Storm water drainage	300.80
Trash removal	60.00
Waste water management	616.18
Xcel	
Electric	543.68
Gas	3,241.03
Total Xcel	3,784.71
Total Utilities	5,440.61
Emerson House expenses - Other	114.60
Total Emerson House expenses	24,006.27
Special Fund expenses	
Awards Fund	0.00
School	
Gardening Study School	95.57
Landscape Design	0.00
Total School	95.57
Trees	0.00
Special Fund expenses - Other	35.00
Total Special Fund expenses	130.57
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	39,178.86
Net Ordinary Income	95.14
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Colorado Gives Day - Other	1,551.23
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District donations	0.00
Contributions - Other	175.00
Total Contributions	3,925.63
Dues CFGC portion	
Dues family	9.00
Dues single	1,205.00
NGC portion	247.00
President's travel	735.00
Total Dues CFGC portion	2,196.00
Fundraising	
2023 CFGC Convention Donations	1,477.00
Fundraising - Other	619.00
Total Fundraising	2,096.00
Grant	
Education	-125.00
Total Grant	-125.00
Other Income	36.00
Total CFGC	8,128.63
Emerson House	
Contributions	64.00
Facility Rental	
Laszlo and Associates	8,670.00
Rocky Mountain Judging Center	480.00
Swallow Hill HO Assoc	190.00
Total Facility Rental	9,340.00
Other Income	3,090.00
Total Emerson House	12,494.00
Total Income	20,622.63
Gross Profit	20,622.63
Expense	
CFGC expenses	
2023 CFGC Convention	
Support	800.00
2023 CFGC Convention - Other	4,328.46
Total 2023 CFGC Convention	5,128.46
Administrative	
Accounting	75.00
Bank charges	119.00
CFGC Technology Expenses	660.00
State-city fee	250.00

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Laszlo and Associates	8,670.00
Rocky Mountain Judging Center	480.00
Swallow Hill HO Assoc	190.00
Total Facility Rental	9,340.00
Other Income	3,090.00
Total Emerson House	12,494.00
Total Income	20,622.63
Gross Profit	20,622.63
Expense	
CFGC expenses	
2023 CFGC Convention	
Support	800.00
2023 CFGC Convention - Other	4,328.46
Total 2023 CFGC Convention	5,128.46
Administrative	
Accounting	75.00
Bank charges	119.00
CFGC Technology Expenses	660.00
State-city fee	250.00

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	Jun '23 - Apr 24
Total Administrative	1,104.00
CFGC Web site	
hosting	197.86
CFGC Web site - Other	275.15
Total CFGC Web site	473.01
Chairman	
Membership	402.19
Total Chairman	402.19
Columbine scholarship award	2,000.00
Fundraising	
CFGC board hospitality	157.62
Total Fundraising	157.62
NGC dues	360.00
President Elect expenses	
President elect's Nat'l life me	200.00
President elect's travel	200.00
Total President Elect expenses	400.00
President Expenses	
President's travel	1,139.00
Total President Expenses	1,139.00
Speakers	617.97
Supporting donations	
Rocky mountain region	100.00
Supporting donations - Other	75.00
Total Supporting donations	175.00
Total CFGC expenses	11,957.25
Emerson House expenses	
Building maintenance	
Exterior	
Garden	225.03
Snow removal	378.00
Total Exterior	603.03
Interior	
Cleaning	1,350.00
Maintenance	1,571.45
Interior - Other	510.00
Total Interior	3,431.45
Total Building maintenance	4,034.48
Insurance	4,080.00
Supplies	
Copier	281.05
Total Supplies	281.05
Utilities	
Denver water	394.15
Storm water drainage	239.41
Trash removal	108.00
Waste water management	327.74
Xcel	
Electric	444.44
Gas	2,226.02

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Total Xcel	2,670.46
Total Utilities	3,739.76
Total Emerson House expenses	12,135.29
Income taxes	185.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	93.00
Special Fund expenses	
Awards Fund	125.00
Judge's Council	35.00
School	
Flower Show	150.49
Total School	150.49
Trees	900.00
Total Special Fund expenses	1,210.49
Uncategorized Expenses	3,090.00
Total Expense	28,671.03
Net Ordinary Income	-8,048.40
Net Income	-8,048.40

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