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Honey Bee on Asters:
With Winter coming on strong, they've got to gather as much as they can before the flowers are gone. And the late blooming asters fit the bill perfectly.

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From the President

The NGC fall board meeting in St. Louis in mid-September was all and more than I expected. It's always beneficial to meet others who are facing the same challenges, and each time I attend a meeting, a few more faces become familiar. We are not scheduled every minute of each day, so there's time to have leisurely conversations over a cup of coffee or a meal. I was surprised to talk with the California president and learn that their membership is over 12,000!



The business sessions are run super efficiently and one dare not doze for fear of missing something.

This meeting was special for me because all the newly-elected presidents who were installed after the May convention had their special time as each was presented with a lovely certificate by Nancy Hargroves, NGC President. There were more of us in this line than I'd anticipated.

The programs are the icing on the cake, so to speak. So What's New?, an extraordinary design program by Julia Clevett, NGC Design Instructor and FSS Symposium Chairman, kept us on the edge of our seats. Not only is Julia a designer extraordinaire, but her sense of humor makes light of a design when its components don't "stay put." I could have watched all night.

Susan Yoder, Executive Director of Seed Your Future -- a new organization which promotes horticulture and encourages young people to pursue careers in this area, advocates moving the classroom outdoors with the opportunity to promote physical and emotional health.

The closing banquet was special for me as my good iris friend, Kelly Norris, Director of Horticulture at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, presented Planting for the Future. I came away with lots of different ideas and Kelly's book, *Plants with Style*. Kelly's slide program brought back memories of the Des Moines Botanical Garden, a stop on the iris tour at the last American Iris Society convention.

The state level also offers wonderful opportunities to meet many talented members dedicated to gardening. Thanks to each of you for sharing your time and expertise in helping to make this world a better place. Hopefully, we won't have as many conflicts when we have our next meeting and we can have a larger turnout than we had on Monday, September 18. I hadn't realized this is the regular meeting time for two of our garden clubs and will try not to have this happen again.

I'm making good progress with the Blue Book and hope that I have all orders for hard copies. If you have failed to notify me that you would like a paper copy, please do so ASAP. Don't forget to consider applying for a "Plant America" grant. You're doing good work for your communities, and a bit of financial aid can help with your projects. Read up on this on the NGC President's page in the Blue Book which will soon be on your computer.

In the meantime, I wish you good luck in putting your garden to bed. Temperatures have dropped drastically in the last couple of days, and it reminds us that the nice, warm days will soon be behind us. I have several books awaiting me, and I can hardly contain myself.

Your friend in gardening,
Betty

From the Editors

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

A big THANK YOU to all, for the kindly praise of our first issue of The Colorado Garden Connection. It's heartening to know that people actually read the product we turn out. It's all too often that we don't take the time to thank each other for the good things they do for ourselves and for others. That includes all those in positions of responsibility inside the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs. They spend so much of their time planning, organizing, getting ready for and conducting significant activities within the Federation and with other related organizations.

They deserve a hug and, even better, a helping hand.

We also appreciate the offerings submitted for future editions of The Connection. Please keep them coming. Especially discussion of what your group has been up to: civic projects, celebrations, tours, fund raising, work with other organizations, etc. Sharing experiences can be an inspiration for other people and groups to step out of their 'comfort zones.' Synergy can be a great think. [Pun fully intended.]

Be sure to include any photographs of the activity. Especially with smiling faces in them.

As an example of what we're looking for, this issue feature article is the story of how Flower Fad Garden Club developed a display garden on a heavily trafficked boulevard in Pueblo. We hope that this will provide an inspiration for other clubs to take on such an adventure. And it IS an adventure.

Please share with all of us what you have done. Send us your experiences so that we can share them with others.

Yours Truly,

Chuck & Susan Pelto
Pueblo, Colorado



Garden Gadgets

Robotic Weeders

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The problem of weeding has been with us since we learned how to domesticate plants, a.k.a., the First Agricultural Revolution of the [Neolithic period](#) [~10,000 BC].

Not-so-virtuous plants compete with the ones we prize. And so we remove them, discriminating creatures that we are. We gardeners and lawn tenders are all too familiar with the noxious little plant pests. Hands and knees, tool in hand and bucket beside us. It's boring. It's time consuming. It's hard on the knees. And patience. And anything that expedites the effort is appreciated. We may even resort to chemical warfare, should the situation become nigh on 'desperate.'

Well, we gardeners are not alone. Those into big-time 'gardening,' i.e., farmers, have been struggling with the same issue. Albeit they'll resort to chemical techniques earlier than most of us care to. But chemicals are getting more and more expensive. What cost \$25 a few years ago has skyrocketed to \$75. Three times as much. Farming is a narrow-profit-margin business and that sort of added expense is horrible.

So they've been working towards mechanical alternatives. Or rather computerized-mechanical. Sort of an 'aggressive' driverless automobile. But the pedestrians are weeds and they are out to get 'em.

This effort combined with the success of the automated household sweeper systems from outfits like iRobot, generated the synergy to create a small Roomba-like robot to go after weeds like the Roomba does dirt and dog hair around the house.

[Editor's Note: We've owned iRobot Roombas since we moved into this big—7100 sq ft, 4-level—old house. The thought of lugging a heavy vacuum cleaner up and down all the stairs was a tad much. It has done a great job of keeping the place clean while we're doing other things.]

Titled—pardon the pun—the 'Tertill,' it's compact, solar-powered, relentless and ruthless. Most garden weeds don't stand a chance to compete with your plants,



CNET has an [excellent review](#) of the Tertill.

The creators have a web-site touting their invention. And you can even pre-order the device, if you're an Early-Adaptor.

I'm not sure that Tertill will work on lawns.

***Should I weed the lawn or say it's a garden?
— Unknown***

But it's a start for vegetable and formal display gardens.

Memorial Honor for Joan Franson

The Colorado Garden Foundation is a non-profit that generates funds from the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show in order to make horticultural-related grants and scholarships statewide.

According to an article in the Denver Post 9/3/17, the Foundation awarded a major grant called the Joan Franson Memorial Grant to Englewood Schools in the amount of \$74,341 to fund a new greenhouse at the school.

This is a fine memorial to CFGC's long-time member Joan Franson.



My Garden Prayer

Ø Lord, I love the house, my garden, where you dwell, where your glory abides. I see you everywhere and your smile is in every place. I also see You in the bunnies, and hummingbirds, and woodpeckers in the morning.

The flowers that you created while I was asleep have opened this morning with such joy! What a gift You send to me with great love. The colors are unbelievable and they smell so good, too.

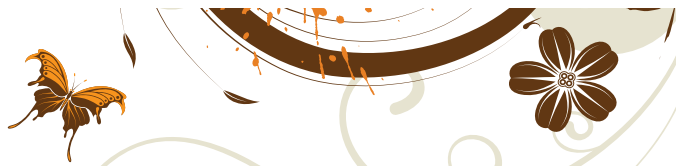
You have thought of everything as You are so wise and good. I love Thee with all my heart. You are the joy and sustenance of my life. You are the praise and glory of every gardener.

Thank you, dear Lord, for your love. You are the Creator and Father of all. I find you in my garden every day of my life.

Written by:

Mary Schmitt,
CFGC Chaplain and CMGC
Garden Club Member

[Editor's Note: This lovely prayer was offered at the September CFGC meeting.]



The Abriendo Garden Project

The Flower Fad Garden Club civic project on Abriendo Avenue boulevard in Pueblo has been an on-going activity of the club since 2006. It began when former member and president Ivadell “Ivy” May suggested the club adopt an unsightly traffic island on the busy street as our own. Years before, it had been a display garden maintained by the city’s Parks and Recreation Department. But times were hard and the city—for want of monies—had stopped supporting it.



The club adopted the idea and began negotiations with the city for establishing a display garden and maintaining it. The city manager’s office, with the city Parks and Recreation Department, met with the club leadership and it was agreed that the club would begin working on the traffic island while the city would provide logistical support in the forms of soil augmentation, hunter-orange safety vests and water.



The club began preparing the island in April 2006. Removal of the weed population was difficult because of the vast quantity of bindweed that had dominated the

area. But it was done with utter ruthlessness.

Once the weeds had—for the most part—been eradicated the soil augmentation began. The city provided several tons of what was called ‘zoo do’: composted animal waste from the city



zoo. This was worked into the soil using a gasoline rototiller machine. It was not disturbed for several weeks. [NOTE: Since that time, the city has stopped the zoo do, I suspect because various companies were

complaining it ate into their profits. I’ve seen that sort of ‘activism’ before.]

After all that, the plantings began. The plan was for a somewhat formal array of various plants: petunias, miniature roses, moss rose, asters, lavender, others and the obligatory Red Hot Pokers, Pueblo’s official flowering plant. The idea was to see which varieties thrived and which did not do as well, sort of ‘And to the Victor go the soils.’

Getting water to the plants was awkward at first, because the city had not installed the necessary anti-siphon assembly. Watering was accomplished by hand. Two 55-gallon barrels were filled with water and brought



to the project site. Then water was siphoned from the barrels into a deep yard cart and buckets were filled from it and water was distributed to the plants.

Finally, the city put in the necessary anti-siphon assembly and we could get water into an irrigation network of hoses. But there were problems. The plastic parts on the assembly kept breaking. So we still had to water by hand. The city finally relented and used copper pipes and connectors for the assembly. After that, irrigation was a breeze.



Ground cover in the form of wood chip mulch and pea-sized gravel has been used to help keep down the weed population, with the mulch in the middle and the gravel on the perimeter.

The mulch is replaced every two-to-three years, the gravel every four.

Through the continual mulching, the soil in the garden has been further augmented by the actions of grubs, fungus and other fauna and flora breaking the old mulch down to the point that it is the richest soil within a mile of the project.

Over the years, and with a change in leadership, the garden has become something of a 'wild thing.'



The 'victors' do enjoy the soils. They thrive and grow dense. So dense that towards August one has to wade through them. The miniature red rose bush keeps trying to dominate one end of the garden. The red hot pokers the center. And the marigolds the perimeter, where they can wave at the traffic. Other blooms lend their splash and flash to the riot of colors. The asters stand out particularly well against the marigolds in late September.

Today, the garden is worked once a week by club members who enjoy the early morning cool in this semi-arid environment with coffee, pastries, comradeship and the occasional appreciative horn honk of passing vehicles. Now and then, we get requests to come work on someone's yard or do another such project in another part of town. To which we reply, "join our club" for the former and "start a club" to the latter.

Notifications

Correction of the Summer 2017 issue of the Garden Connection:

- Lyn Veretta is no longer the Chairman for Awards. Michele Gustin has taken over this responsibility. Her name is listed under the Heart Warmer Awards for 2017 on page 7.

- The Douglas County Garden Club as a beautiful web site. You can access it at....

<http://douglascountygardenclub.org/>

- The Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs 2018 Annual Convention is scheduled for 2 June 2018. The location is yet to be determined.

- Landscape Design Course 1 is to offered 17-18 November at Emerson House. See registration form, curriculum and speakers list on page 12.

- Please do not send material to be published in The Colorado Garden Connection that is protected by United States copyright laws. We cannot publish such material without the owner's specific permission to do so. Here is [an excerpt from Wikipedia on copyright laws](#) that can help you decide what can be submitted:

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Thank you.....





Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Emerson House – September 18, 2017

Call To Order by President Betty Roberts at 11:25 a.m. A quorum was present. Betty introduced the new Chaplain, Mary Schmitt of Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club, who provided an inspirational message. The minutes of the June meeting were previously approved and published. Corresponding Secretary Lynn Cleveland read two gracious thank-you notes from Louise Niekerk and Nancy Hargroves.

Financial Report. Betty presented highlights from Treasurer Kathy Petersen's report. As of the end of August, CFGC's income for the quarter exceeded expenses by \$3,239. Checking account contains \$27,450 and Special Funds total \$36,146. The report was filed.

Emerson House. Joy Kancir presented Joyce Cassidy's report. The Trustees thanked Doug Curley for donating lawn-care services, and Douglas County G.C. and Dig 'n' Dream G.C. for spending a day weeding and dead-heading. Clubs are invited to volunteer a day's work at headquarters. The City required a backflow preventer on the water line, which has been installed at a cost of \$1,170. There are currently 7 Trustees; another volunteer is needed. The report was filed.

Colorado Garden Connection Editor Chuck Pelto reminded members of the deadline for submissions for the next issue, now extended to September 26th. Susan Pelto has been appointed as Co-Editor. Chuck and Susan urge members to submit articles for the publication.

Parliamentary Procedure. Betty noted that under the Rules, reports should not conclude with the words "Respectfully submitted." Only the author's name and position should be signed.

New Clubs. CFGC welcomes its newest club, "Groundbusters," in Brighton, Thornton and Northglenn. We hope to advertise and promote a new club in Denver as well.

Blue/Gold Star Chair Audrey Coyle explained that Blue and Gold Star markers are a National Garden Clubs

project to honor military veterans. Plans are underway to add a Gold Star marker at Fort Logan. Jeanette Hunt is working on this with Audrey.

Directory (Blue Book). Betty is still awaiting the last updates to finish this year's Directory, which will be available online. Members desiring a hard copy of the changed pages should contact Betty (bettytroberts@gmail.com); the cost of a hard copy will be \$8.00.

Colorado Gives Day will be December 5th. Ways & Means Chair Margie Soileau urged clubs to increase their participation and really support this fund-raising opportunity.

Nominating Committee for next year will be chaired by Audrey Coyle; she needs two more volunteers.

Flower Show School I will be September 27–28 with instructor Mary Huntoon. There have been many changes to the rules, so even experienced judges are urged to attend.

There will be no postage charges on orders for items such as "Visions of Beauty" calendars from NGC until the end of September.

Club Yearbooks. Betty reminded Club Presidents to send her a copy of their yearbook.

Membership. Assistant Treasurer Sue Parker reported 389 active (dues-paying) members, 10 family members, and one affiliate member. We have 20 clubs plus the new Groundbusters G.C.

Awards. Margie Soileau presented the following awards from Rocky Mountain Region:

- * Cheyenne Mountain G. C. – writing and yearbook (created by Nancy Daly)
- * Boulder G.C. – writing and yearbook
- * Southern District – Pollinator garden at Colorado Springs Red Shield Center (created by Trudie Layton)
- * Gardeners with Altitude – conservation and native plants – seed libraries
- * Greeley Morning G.C. – Special achievement, 60 years as a club
- * Douglas County G.C. – website

In addition, Adams County Fair awarded a ribbon to the Penny Pines committee for their exhibit.

News from the Cornhusker State

Grants. Betty urged clubs to request grants for their projects. She will provide further information.

New Book. Audrey Coyle announced NGC's new children's book, "The Saved Seed." She has ordered a case of the books and urges clubs to buy one (\$10) to donate to a local elementary school. NGC has also published a trifold pamphlet, "Be Proactive About Membership", containing many useful ideas. The National Theme for 2017-2018 is "Plant America." The next Rocky Mountain Region meeting will be at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, in August 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m. Following the meeting and lunch, guests were treated to "Betty's Garden," with pictures of many plants that Betty grows, as well as useful tips and amusing tidbits.

Lynn Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Erased by Fire

*Erased by fire,
The sere, unyield land awaits*



Life's little green spark.



— — *Haiku, Susan Pelto*

[Editor's Note: From the Hayden Pass Fire of 2016, Susan won 'Honorable Mention' at the 2017 Colorado State Fair Poetry Competition with this haiku.]

Nebraska Garden News Jul-Sep 2017

Good Afternoon:

I have attached this quarter's edition. It may look slightly "tilted" to one side, and it is. I printed out a copy to review and edit and somehow the original was lost. Accordingly, I scanned in the copy I had printed in order to NOT have to redo the whole thing! And it looks like the scan was slightly off-center.

One last edit I wanted to make was the location of the FGCN Annual meeting, noted on page 2 under "Dates to Remember" on April 13-14, 2018. The location will be the Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE. Further information, registration form etc. will be in upcoming newsletters.

Also, as noted on page 1 over the SAVE THE DATE notice, FGCN will be hosting the 2018 RMR meeting at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. This will be a great event and we want as many of our FGCN members as possible to attend and to show the other seven state RMR member attendees that we know how to host a great event!!!

THAT SAID, as also noted on page 2 under "Dates to Remember", the 2017 RMR meeting is next weekend, hosted by the North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., at Jamestown, ND. This will be a fun event as well and there is still time to register for this event as well. Donna and I hope to see you there.

Finally, as also noted in the "Important Notice" box on page 2, this is the first edition of the Nebraska Garden News where members will be receiving the issue solely by email. As decided at the FGCN annual meeting last spring, I will no longer mail hard copies of the newsletter. As also discussed at that meeting, club presidents or courtesy chairs are encouraged to print copies for their members who may not have email technology.

Jim Rouch

Landscape Design School — Course 1

Curriculum for Course 1:

November 17 & 18, 2017
At Emerson House
1556 Emerson Street, Denver, CO

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

GARDEN CLUB: _____

COURSE FEES:

_____ FULL COURSE \$55.00

_____ ONE DAY \$35.00

LUNCH:

_____ BOTH DAYS \$20.00

_____ LUNCH ONE DAY \$10.00

NOVEMBER 17 ONLY

NOVEMBER 18 ONLY

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I WILL BE TAKING THE COURSE EXAM.

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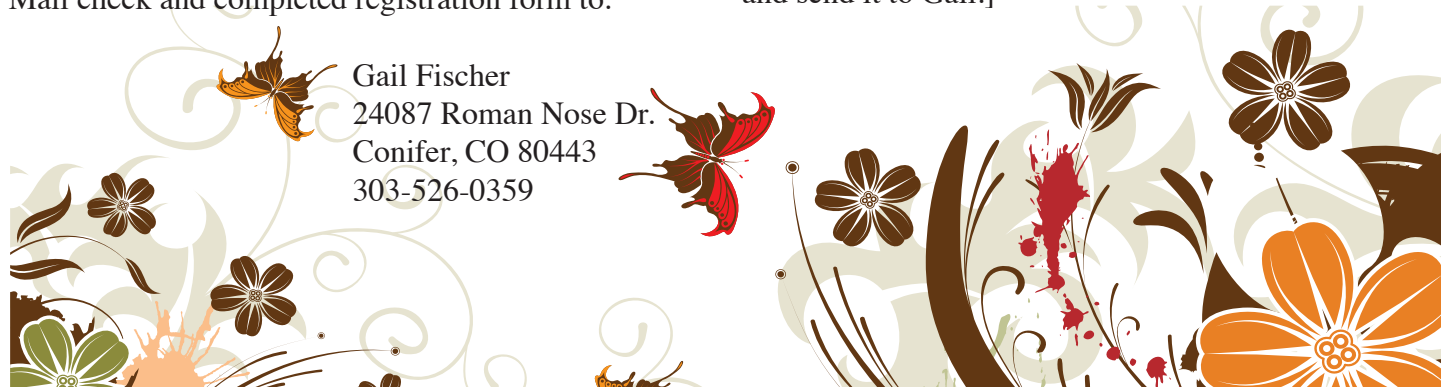
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- SPECIAL INTEREST LECTURE ON XERISCAPING AND WATER CONSERVATION

Instructors::

- Joan Sapp, Landscape Designer, BS landscape Architecture from Colorado State University with experience with the City of Longmont, City of Las Animas, Colorado Native Plant Society, Associate American Society of Landscape Architects and American Horticulture Society.
- Tom Stephens, owner of Common Sence Landscaping from Tucson AZ, BFA in Landscape Design firm University of Illinois, has taught many classes in many states for our Federated Garden Clubs and is published in many articles including our own publications.
- Bradley Goetz, Director and Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design, Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

[Editor's Note: If you want to attend, but don't care to damage your issue of The Garden Connection, please consider getting a photocopy, i.e., Xerox, of this page and send it to Gail.]



SumerLynn In the Garden

SummerLynn opened the front door early on a Sunday morning to look into the Break a Leg Bambi Garden. Sun rays were just pushing through the foliage. To her delight, there were three cabbage moths flitting and whirling around in their morning sunshine celebration. They tumbled and spiraled around each other in some insect song and dance routine. "Look, Meemaw!" she cried with her four-year-old wonderment. She came this weekend with her insect book tucked under her arm. Insects are one of her primary infatuations in nature... ranking right up with picking flowers. And baby animals of any type.

While standing in the doorway, we watched the resident wren bringing an insect to her babes in the little bird house. It is the second clutch and our neighborhood has wrens all over the place... Those charming little house wrens sing and scold while prowling the understory of the bushes and vines. With both father and mother feeding the little ones, they are doing the garden quite a service. Every few minutes they return with a nice morsel of insect in their little beaks. The business of a summer's day is their life and our pleasure.

Watering in the Anna Maranna Gardens, one can look through a jungly undergrowth and see the silhouettes of smaller birds hopping around in the chokecherries. Raptor protection for sure! Bet they all know about the sharp-shinned hawk in the neighborhood. Another day we watched a small garden snake move from the arms of the nepeta up into a Western Sand Cherry, climbing up in the shrub limbs as a green tree snake would in the Amazon rainforest. A shrub is a perfect place to relax. I know snakes like shrubs for protection from dogs, cats and other perhaps not so friendly critters. Yes, we know that, but we rarely see a snake up in a shrub. It is Wild America Live... starring garden snakes in a shrub!

With the relief of watering on a hot day, the entire ecosystem comes out. An enormous wood wasp spooked with the water droplets and hid behind a trunk to escape. With their giant "stinger" they create an immediate thrill for onlookers. Whoa! Good to know they only "sting" larvae within dead wood, not four-year-olds. A very big beautiful beneficial insect! We thanked her.

Now in Zee Bird Garden, dryness has taken quite a toll as the Maximilian sunflowers are just a short foot tall. With plenty of water, they can be six feet or taller. Yep, pretty hot and dry. Of course, this is the plan for Zee Bird Garden - to survive the weather without too many additional inputs - to not be babied or dependent on unnatural systems and patterns. Each year brings in a little more shade for the lowest layer of understory and more conservation of water. It is easy to see how the hugelkultur provides more water to the trees planted close by. Many of the Siberian pea shrubs are curled leaf in dryness, while those hugging up to the hugelkultur are fully leafed and shiny! Zee Bird lost the persimmon tree in the May cold snap this year, (Aw nuts!) but the two year old PawPaws are going gangbusters! "Picking up pawpaws and putting them in my pockets" an old song goes... maybe we can do that in a few years. A good water session for Zee Bird takes at least three days of dragging hoses, weeper hoses and walking tractors. But then again, we only water once or twice a month. That garden always surprises and amazes me ...and always in different ways. So full of life and so hardy. It is a teaching garden for anyone who would ask.

In the Edge Nursery, watering is a daily ritual during excessive heat. We do tend as many trees as we can, including seedlings from older local trees, sending some down to a Huerfano County permaculture ranch. Down there, they have been over 100 degrees many times since early June. They want shade! They want all the elms, cottonwoods, golden rain trees, locust and Russian olives they can get. We also nurture silver maple babies for my neighbor who loves them. Ongoing, we coax the sumacs into the back gardens and away from the ever-present Bambi pressures. Just today a doe slipped into the west gardens to nibble and gobble plants. Time for more deer barricades.

Planting trees soothes the soil and creates a milder, moister climate for the understory. Trees pump water up in the soil and breath moisture into the air. Trees create an improved habitat. Trees work together to do many things and create beneficial climate for the rest of nature. Witness the incredible coolness of the shade on a hot day... It is blessed. Trees are blessed beings. Benevolent beings. Mysterious and wonderful beings, whether just one tree or the whole forest.

In the Mesa Top Forest Gardens gardeners are always willing to help the plants work together, conserve their water and help the soil to hold water. Chop and drop from the comfrey helps other plants enjoy cooler soil. Cutting back spent nepeta catmint, we lay the slash around young plum tree whips knowing that, should it seed in, the catmint would bring more pollinators for the trees. Every plant in a forest garden has a job to do. Even weeds are proven soil builders, insectary plants and often edible or medicinal for people. Dutifully, gardeners mix up manure tea for the annual food plants to help them build strength and put on more growth. Already the golden plum trees are showing their fruits, coming ripe this fall. We can hardly wait.

SummerLynn may someday care for her own gardens; tending the soil, loving the insects and, yes, picking the flowers. In the eye of the future, I can see her clear blue eyes looking up under a tree and feeling deep gratitude for the shade. She will know how to grow food, how to interpret the nature around her and to understand where she fits in. In the coming future, climate will most likely be a lot hotter than what we have today. She will be prepared. SummerLynn will thrive with the gardens!

Calendar

Coming Events of Interest:

- Landscape Design School at Emerson House in Denver, CO, November 17-18-2017 call Gail Fischer at 303-526-0359.
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd & BoD meeting Emerson House, December 4, 2017, 9am.
- Colorado Garden and Home Show Flower Show, Denver Convention Center, February 23-March 4, 2018
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd & BoD meeting, Emerson House, March 12, 2018, 9am.
- **Deadline for submissions for the Winter issue of the Colorado Garden Connection is December 11, 2017, one week after the meeting of the BoD.**
- CFGC Northern Front Range District meeting, Emerson House, April 8, 2018, 9am-3pm.
- CFGC Southern District meeting, Colorado Springs, April 21, 2018.
- CFGC Garden Study School at El Paso County Extension office, Colorado Springs, May 2-3, 2018.
- CFGC Flower Show Symposium, Emerson House, May 15-16, 2018
- NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA, May 21-24, 2018
- CFGC Annual Convention Meeting, June 2, 2018
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd & BOD meeting Emerson House, September 4, 2018, 9am.
- NGC National Fall Board meeting Orlando, Florida, September 25-30, 2018
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd & BOD meeting Emerson House, December 3, 2018, 9am.

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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