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From the President

It's That Time Again

It's that time of year when Mother Nature keeps us guessing as we anxiously await the arrival of pleasant weather which stays around more than just a day or two. I'm amazed at how the delightful little Tête-à-Tête daffodils defy every snow-storm that comes along and covers them up for a day or two. They then emerge to greet the sunshine, and the cycle repeats itself several times over.



I haven't seen bees around and am wondering what the neighborhood population will be (bee population, that is). My neighbor lost hundreds of her bees and doesn't know why this happened. Most of you know that my project for my term of office is "Befriend Our Pollinators", and it thrills me that people are becoming more and more aware of the importance of these little creatures. I have been seeing lots of bee messages on Facebook, and every time I do, I don't hesitate to share the post. I see items of what to do, what not to do, and what to plant to attract our fuzzy friends.



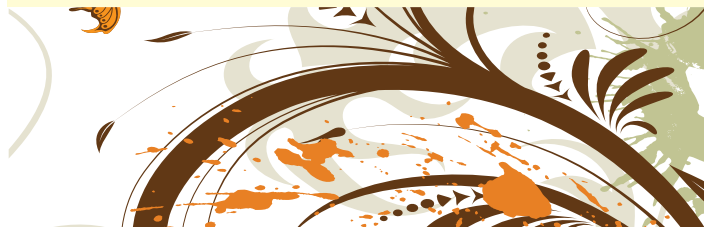
It's been gratifying to note that our members have been sharing lots and lots of seeds. Thanks for promoting "Grow and Share Colorado". My own Cheyenne Mountain Garden Club is planning a sale that will include plants that we'll share from our gardens. We are including plants along with other items for what we hope will be a gigantic yard sale.

Our district meetings will be taking place very soon. Northern Front Range District will celebrate on Sunday, April 8, while Southern District will celebrate on Saturday, April 21.

Our state convention will be held in Denver on June 2. We look forward to having Jackie Watts, our Rocky Mountain Region Director, in attendance, but we'll miss Nancy L. Hargroves, our National President.

Hopefully Mother Nature will be kind to our district and state meetings and our attendance will be outstanding. It's always fun to see our friends in a relaxed setting and know that we keep pushing forward with our state, regional, and national goals. Thanks to each of you for making gardening fun and worthwhile!

Your friend in gardening,
Betty



Garden Gadgets

Pesky Critter Chaser — Using Lawn Irrigation

Automated irrigation systems have been around for a long time. And they sure beat the heck out of dragging hoses all over the lawn.

There are all kinds of them about. Some that hang on your water spigot with simple manual or fancy digital timers going to hoses and sprinklers you've laid out. Some you hang on a wall, with wires going to controllers and underground pipes with pop-up sprinklers. And even some that have a computer serving as your household manager to do all kinds of things, including turning on and off the sprinklers.

This is going to be a piece on an aspect of the latter form, the household computer running things.

Personally, we use a Macintosh computer to manage the household. It deals with turning lights on and off, waking us up to gentle music in the morning, watering the lawns and gardens, detecting the uninvited and telling us about them—including pictures—among other tasks that make running our home easier.

Here is something that might be of use to gardeners who have problems with pesky animals that munch on plants.

As with the detecting of the 'uninvited', we have what are known as Passive Infra-Red (PIR) sensors. These little devices run on a couple of AAA-cell batteries for about a year. They can be weather resistant, i.e., they don't mind rain, but don't put them in a bucket of water.



These, in conjunction with a transceiver that can detect their signal when they are activated and tied into a computer-driven household control system, can activate sprinklers to come on and target specific areas of a garden with high-pressure water pulsing sprinkler heads that can drive off the critters.



It's been successful in driving off large, long-legged cranes from going after fish in koi ponds. It'll do the same for rabbits, racoons, squirrels, whathaveyou. Maybe even deer, given a powerful enough stream of water.

Just program the PIR sensor to a given signal output. Configure the transceiver to the same settings. Then set up your sprayer head oriented at the target area with the PIR looking at the same place. The sprayer head will need to be on a computer-controlled device that will cause the valve for the water supply to be opened and closed by the computer.

Plug in the transceiver into an outlet within range of the PIR sensor and have the computer looking for a signal. And when it receives such a signal, set it to turn on the water.

The PIR sensor can be programmed to shut itself off, i.e., stop transmitting an alert signal, after a specified period of time. Thus turning off the water.

You can program the system to NOT turn on unless certain conditions are met. For example mornings, when you would likely be out gardening in the area. Wouldn't want to get wet while it's still cool out.

How you program the system will depend on what automation software you're using. There are several out there for Microsoft- and Apple-based systems.



Of God and Lawn Care

by an Unknown Author

God said: “St. Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.”

St. FRANCIS: It’s the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers ‘weeds’ and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it’s so boring. It’s not colorful. It doesn’t attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It’s sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren’t going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It’s a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch.. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don’t want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you’re in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: ‘Dumb and Dumber’, Lord. It’s a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis

Pollinators

by Becky Elder

Heading to Denver is really a treat when time allows for going up the back road. The Hayman fire scars are healing; people have rebuilt homes and the landscape is so interesting with the acres of standing dead trees, exposed boulders and rock faces and the vast sweep of grass and flora blanketing the ground. Clear blue sky and no traffic. Amazing! And beautiful!

I was asked to present on Colorado Pollinators to the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs in Denver. There is a lot to say about the situation of our beloved pollinators. And there is a big reason for all to join in the work of conserving habitat and providing a clean environment for them. Our very lives may depend on preserving the littler lives on this planet.

Most everyone knows that bees and pollinators are necessary for plants to reproduce: over 90 percent of plant species depend on them. Many of our favorite foods and nuts are dependent on insect pollinators. But, did you know that native pollinators are far superior in pollination services? 200 native bees will out-perform 10,000 honey bees. Native bees work more hours in a day and will even work in bad weather. So, yes, we love our honey bees, but our native bees and pollinators are even more deserving of our love and support.

Who are these native pollinators? Bees, of course, but also butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, bats, flies, beetles, wasps, ants and even high-altitude mosquitos. Wow. Lots of little creatures moving around helping to provide the food on our plates. So, what is the problem? Well... climate change for one. The weather has begun to take some massive and unexpected swings. No such thing as "normal" in the weather anymore.

All pollinators can benefit from just a little help from people. Number one on the help list is: Organic practices. Going organic protects the environment, the water, the soil and the air from toxic chemicals. And going organic doesn't just help pollinators, but also birds, reptiles, mammals and the plants as well. It's

easy. Just don't use chemicals and do use natural, non-toxic methods to accomplish your goals.

Number two: Provide shelter through dead wood home sites, including dead trees or little "homes" created by drilling holes into a chunk of wood. These are used by many pollinators, including the popular mason bees. Shelter from the wind is another aspect... these little creatures cannot manage exposed to winds. These sheltered areas tend to be warmer as well. Another shelter aspect: Allowing wild areas where the plants can grow tall and stand through the winter gives butterflies, moths and others a safe place to get through to spring. Cutting everything down takes away chrysalises and hidden winter homes for pollinators. Mowing and weed whacking are not good for pollinators.

Step number three: Become a native plant person. Planting native plants helps native animals. And, when thinking about pollinators, work to provide food all season long, from spring to late fall. There are many plant lists to help us get there. When planting for butterflies, be sure to plant for the caterpillars first... feed the caterpillars to have the butterflies. These will be different plants and we must allow them to be EATEN by caterpillars. That is part of the patience and tolerance needed in gardening.

Drought is a large facet of our life here in Colorado, so providing water is beneficial for most life. For tiny pollinators, allowing water to be available – shallow water – is a big attractant. Step number four - Provide water. From wet sand to a rock in the bird bath, they will find it. Water is life.

There is more depth and detail to protecting pollinators, but these steps are good starting points. If we all keep taking baby steps towards a sustainable life, caring for the rest of the natural world, the people of the future will thank us. It is really pretty easy, with the hardest step being the first one. Just do it. Take a step.

Coming back from the presentation in Denver, we took



a scenic and nostalgic loop around Evergreen, Colorado. We recalled “old days” of the ‘70’s and dancing at the infamous Little Bear bar... how our toes were smashed by the mountain boots of our dance partners. Ow! Evergreen was such a little gem of a mountain town. Now it is a mountain metropolis. Hardly anything left to recognize, but the lake is still there. And the Little Bear is still there. Bet they are still serving the mountain’s best pizza too!
 Next time, we may stop in and order up. Peace.

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Now fades the last long streak of snow

by Alfred Lord Tennyson

*Now fades the last long streak of snow,
 Now burgeons every maze of quick
 About the flowering squares, and thick
 By ashen roots the violets blow.*

*Now rings the woodland loud and long,
 The distance takes a lovelier hue,
 And drown'd in yonder living blue
 The lark becomes a sightless song.*

*Now dance the lights on lawn and lea,
 The flocks are whiter down the vale,
 And milkier every milky sail
 On winding stream or distant sea;*

*Where now the seamew pipes, or dives
 In yonder greening gleam, and fly
 The happy birds, that change their sky
 To build and brood; that live their lives*

*From land to land; and in my breast
 Spring wakens too; and my regret
 Becomes an April violet,
 And buds and blossoms like the rest.*

“...winter darkness has a positive side to it. As we gather to celebrate the first turn from winter to spring, we are invited to recognize and honor the beauty in the often unwanted season of winter. Let us invite our hearts to be glad for the courage winter proclaims. Let us be grateful for the wisdom winter brings in teaching us about the need for withdrawal as an essential part of renewal. Let us also encourage our spirits as Earth prepares to come forth from this time of withdrawal ... into a season filled with light.”

-- from The Circle of Life bt Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr







JUNE 02, 2018 SATURDAY

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Emerson House – March 12, 2018

Call to Order by President Betty Roberts at 10:00 a.m. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report. Treasurer Kathy Petersen had reported earlier at the Ways & Means meeting that as of February 28, CFGC's income for the fiscal year exceeded expenses by about \$9,800. Margie Soileau had also reported that Colorado Gives Day (Dec. 5, 2017) resulted in income of \$7,657.70 to CFGC, including matching funds. Members are reminded that individual or club donations mailed directly to Treasurer Kathy Petersen do not qualify for matching funds; donations must be made through Colorado Gives.

Corresponding Secretary Lynn Cleveland read a cheerful note from Shauna Sparks, the cleaner for Emerson House.

Emerson House. Chair Joyce Cassidy submitted a written report. Two clubs have already signed up for a workday (Happy Transplants in June, and Cheyenne Mountain in September.) Other clubs are encouraged to volunteer. The next Trustees meeting will be April 23.

Awards Chair Michele Gustin reminded clubs to submit their award applications, including Heartwarmers, at once. Michele asked for volunteers to assist with judging in April. Sandy Kuark will assist. Members are urged to wear all of their pins to show pride in their accomplishments.

CFGC Annual Convention. A new flyer will be sent out including the times for the Convention (9:00 to 3:00 June 2.) A drawing will be held for some nice garden art, and the Rocky Mountain Region Director will attend, Michele Gustin announced.

Social Media. Trudie Layton and Michele Gustin would like to see clubs use Pinterest, Flickr, Instagram and other services to share accomplishments and find new ideas.

Blue/Gold Star Marker. Audrey Coyle said that Fort Logan has a new director. Funds for the marker there have been obtained, and a dedication ceremony

is planned for September 24, Gold Star Mothers Day. Additionally, a Blue Star memorial marker can be erected at a pre-approved site at the Air Force Academy overlook, but the Fund lacks the money to do so. The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: To transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Blue/Gold Star Fund.

The motion passed.

Northern Front Range District Annual Meeting will be April 8.

Membership chair Nancy Griffin was unable to attend but submitted a report. 47 members signed up to hostess for the Home & Garden Show. 25 visitors expressed interest in garden clubs, and are being contacted. Nancy wants more tri-fold color brochures made up to give away at the Adams County Fair and other events. Joy Kancir emailed the brochure to Nancy so that more can be produced.

Webmaster Lorayne McGovern submitted the question of whether a login requirement is still necessary. Only the network administrator (Lorayne) and a couple other authorized people can make changes on the website. We will eliminate the login requirement.

Bylaws Amendments. Lynn Cleveland, Organizational Studies chair, detailed the changes that have been suggested for updates to our Bylaws. The final version (see separate list attached) will be published in Colorado Garden Connection and voted on by the membership at the Annual Convention Meeting in June. A 2/3 vote is required to pass a Bylaws amendment. The Standing Rules are also being updated and will be finalized at the next Board meeting.

Insurance. Betty relayed an idea from Rocky Mountain Region: National should furnish insurance for all clubs. So far there are no details on the type and cost of such insurance. CFGC's situation may be unique; we buy our own homeowners/ liability insurance because we own a building. Kathy Petersen and Trudie Layton have worked to obtain good coverage at a reasonable cost. Therefore it is unlikely that this RMR proposal will work for CFGC. Kathy reminded clubs that whenever an event such as a garden tour or sale is held, the signs and all promotional material must say "[name of club], a member of Colorado Federation of Garden

Clubs” in order to be covered by CFGC’s liability insurance. Kathy should be notified of all such events so that she can obtain a Certificate of Liability from our insurance company.

Delegates to National. Betty Roberts, Audrey Coyle, and Doris Duckworth will attend the NGC Convention. Others are welcome.

Fort Logan Cemetery. Jeanette Hunt submitted a report listing the workdays for 2018:

- Boulder Garden Club, April 23 (27 as a snow date) 10 a.m.
- Queen of Spades, May 18, 9 a.m.
- Dig and Dream, June 14, 9 a.m.
- Moonlight Evergreen, July 21, 8 a.m.
- Douglas County, August 13, 9 a.m.
- Harveyette Harvesters, September 12, 9 a.m.
- Black Forest Gardeners, October 13, 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., followed by lunch and a “New For Your 2018 Garden” program by Debi Morden-Miller of Welby Gardens.

Lynn Cleveland, Recording Secretary

Proposed ByLaws Amendments (with brief explanation)

To be voted on by those registered and qualified to vote at the Annual Convention Meeting in June 2018. A 2/3 vote is required to pass an amendment.

Note: The Bylaws currently appearing on CFGC’s website are missing Articles XVI through XVIII. This will be corrected.

(A) Bylaws Article III, Section 1, A, B, C, D, E; Article V, Section 7; Article VII, Section 7; Article VII Section 9; Article VIII, Section 4; Article IX, Section 5; Article XI, Section 1; Article XII, Section 2; Article XV, Section 1; and Article XVI, Section 1:

Replace “The CFGC Gardener” with “The Colorado Garden Connection”.

Rationale – update to current title of the CFGC Newsletter.

(B) Art. IV, Structure, Sec. 2:

Delete first paragraph and replace with: In order to facilitate the work and strengthen interest in CFGC, the State shall be divided into districts. As of 2018, there are four districts: Northern Front Range, Southern, Southwestern and Western.

Rationale – Reduce problems created in amending the bylaws every time there is a change in number of districts and eliminate those constraints.

(C) Art. V, Dues and Contributions, Sec. 6:

Delete entire Section.

Rationale – Headquarters income and expenses are all included in our bookkeeping under General Fund now. There is no Headquarters Fund, since Art. V, Secs. 2 and 3 were amended in 2017.

(D) Art. V, Dues and Contributions, Sec. 7:

Revise first sentence as follows: The expenses of publishing and mailing or distribution of The Colorado Garden Connection shall be defrayed from the General Fund.

Rationale -- Anticipate email or other distribution of the newsletter.



(E) Art. V, Dues and Contributions, Secs. 10A, 10B, 10C and 10D:

Revise as follows:

10A (second sentence). Per capita dues for new Garden Clubs admitted at the March State Board Meeting shall be four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) allocated as follows: one dollar and eighty cents to the President's Travel Fund, and the balance to the General Fund.

10B (second sentence). Change "11A" to "10A."

10C. Change "11A" and "11B" to "10A" and "10B."

10D. Change last word from "11A" to "10A."

Rationale: Correct typographical errors in Bylaws (there is no Section 11A or 11B.) Match allocations for half-year memberships to the allocations for full-year memberships that were revised in 2017.

(F) Art. VII, Officers and Duties, Sec. 2.

Revise final phrase following semicolon as follows: and the President shall contract with a professional accountant with this contract subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Rationale -- In 2013 Art. VII, Sec. 7 was amended to remove the requirement for an Auditor to audit the Treasurer's books twice annually; instead, a professional accountant shall review the tax return.

(G) Art. VIII, Elections, Terms of Office, Sec. 3.

Delete "and an auditor who is a professional accountant."

Rationale -- Auditor is no longer required.

(H) Art. XI, Finance - Ways and Means committee, Sec. 1.

Delete the word "Study" from Environmental School and Gardening School.

Rationale – comply with the NGC's new standards for School names.

(I) Art. XII, Districts, Sec. 1.

Delete the word "seven" from the first sentence.

Rationale – Eliminate constraints of defining number of districts.

Delete the word "five" and change to "three".

Rationale – there are usually only 5 members on a district board.)

(K) Article XV, Committees, Sections 1A and 1B.

Delete the word "Study" from Environmental School and Gardening School.

Rationale – comply with the NGC's new standards for School names.

Add "Social Media" to list of chairmanships.

Rationale – Social media has become an important means of communication and marketing.

(L) Article XVII, Indemnification, Sec. 1.

Change 7-3-101.5 to 7-129-101.

Rationale -This Colorado Statute has been replaced and renumbered.

Colorado Gives Day December 2017

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. participated in Colorado Gives Day which was held on December 5, 2017. This is the largest fund raiser for CFGC. The total amount donated by garden clubs and members total is \$7657.70. Through the Colorado Gives web site there were 24 donations totaling \$6,015.00 and matching funds from First Bank of \$96.70. Kathy Petersen, CFGC Treasurer, received \$1546.00 through the mail.

Margie Soileau,
CFGC Vice President

Is Your Club Planning a Public Event? Remember Liability Insurance

Treasurer Kathy Petersen reminds clubs that whenever an event such as a garden tour or sale is held, the signs and all promotional material must say "[name of club], a member of Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc." in order to be covered by CFGC's liability insurance. Include the CFGC seal as well, if possible. Notify Kathy ahead of time (kcpetersen303@gmail.com) of all such events so that she can obtain a Certificate of Liability from our insurance company.



**Ways & Means Committee
Minutes of Meeting -- December 4, 2017**

Ways & Means Committee met Monday, December 4, 2017 at Emerson House. Attendance: Margie Soileau (Chair), Betty Roberts, Kathy Petersen, Joy Kancir, Sue Parker, Trudie Layton, Janet Tettemer, Michele Gustin, Louise Niekerk, Lynn Cleveland. A quorum (6) was present. Margie called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. Lynn read the minutes from September, and one correction was made: gifts for garden tour homeowners are not purchased from the Library Fund, but rather from the garden tour fund.

Financial Report. Treasurer Kathy Petersen held the financial report until the Executive Committee meeting. She stated that CGGC's income taxes were paid and that a refund of \$453 has been received; however, a larger refund was expected. CFGC's accountant will look into it. The accountants Zarlengo & Roberts issued the necessary letter August 31, 2017 for CFGC as a tax-exempt organization, and advised that the tax return should be made available for members to review.

Colorado Garden Connection. Margie reported that the committee to consider printing and mailing costs had not met, but Editor Chuck Pelto stated that he spent \$103.60 to print and mail the summer and fall issues. This figure did not include summer mailing cost. Thus, to mail 30 to 35 copies to members lacking email costs about \$285 a year or \$7 per person per year. Should we charge members for printing and mailing? Seven of the members to whom it is mailed are life members; they should get it free.

MOTION made and seconded: To continue to print and mail the Colorado Garden Connection to members who cannot receive it by email, but to give notice that printing and mailing will be phased out in 2019.

Following discussion, the motion passed.

Annual Meeting Registration Fee. Michele Gustin from Northern Front Range District announced that the annual convention will be held at the Summit Conference Center in Aurora.

MOTION made and seconded: That the registration fee for the annual meeting be \$25.

The motion passed.

Funds for Educational Speaker. Trudie Layton described a project that the Gardeners with Altitude club has been working on. They want to encourage people in rural

Teller County to grow their own food and save seeds. To do so, they wish to engage a speaker from Denver Botanic Gardens for three classes (total 8 hours) in February and March, to be offered free to the public with a suggested donation. They need \$2,000 for this and have requested various grants including a Plant America grant. They are requesting a \$500 grant from CFGC.

MOTION made and seconded: That CFGC contribute \$500 to support the "High Mountain Educational Event being planned by Gardeners with Altitude.

Following discussion, the motion passed.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee will be March 12th. The meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Lynn Cleveland

**Ways & Means Committee
Minutes of Meeting -- March 12, 2018**

Ways & Means Committee met Monday, March 12, 2018 at Miller Library in Castle Rock. Attendance: Margie Soileau (Chair), Betty Roberts, Kathy Petersen, Joy Kancir, Sue Parker, Trudie Layton, Michele Gustin, Mary Schmitt, Lynn Cleveland. A quorum (6) was present. Margie called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. The minutes from the December 4th meeting were previously distributed by email. One correction was made: the educational speakers who Gardeners with Altitude were working with were not from the Denver Botanic Gardens; they are Penn and Cord Parmenter. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report. Treasurer Kathy Petersen reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. As of February 28th, CFGC's income exceeded expenses for this fiscal year by about \$9,800. Kathy reported that Colorado has notified CFGC that, because of our rental income from Mr. Laszlo for one-sixth of the building, our property tax exemption will be reduced by 16%. This will result in a tax bill of \$1,300 to \$1,400. The bill has not yet been received. Kathy will check to make sure the bill comes in time to pay it before April 30th. The report was filed.

Colorado Gives Day. Margie reported that we received a total of \$7,657.70 from Colorado Gives Day, Dec. 5, 2017 (including matching funds minus processing fee.) Donations were acknowledged by written thank-you notes from President Betty Roberts. Margie would like to form a committee to promote this -- our major fundraiser -- more actively in 2018. She is setting a goal

of \$10,000 this year. Members are reminded that donations sent by mail directly to Treasurer Kathy Petersen do not qualify for matching funds; donations must be made through Colorado Gives.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43.

Lynn Cleveland

Southern District Annual Meeting Information

The upcoming 2018 Southern District Annual Meeting is set to be a day of fun. It will start off with a continental breakfast and a viewing of the lovely items available for the Silent Auction.

Our Southern District Garden Clubs have worked hard to make these lovely baskets. Other items will also be on display. Along with the Silent Auction, there will be surprise items to be given away periodically during the day.

The guest speaker, Jean Morgan, will give a wonderful and enlightening presentation on "Xerically Speaking". The end of the day will finish with a tour of Penrose House and gardens.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The flyer/registration form is included with the e-mail version for all members and as a 'blow-in' in the US Postal Service version for Southern District members. If you are a hard-copy receiving member outside of the Southern District and wish to receive the hard-copy flyer/registration form, please call me at 719-543-4502.]

The Garden

by Andrew Marvell

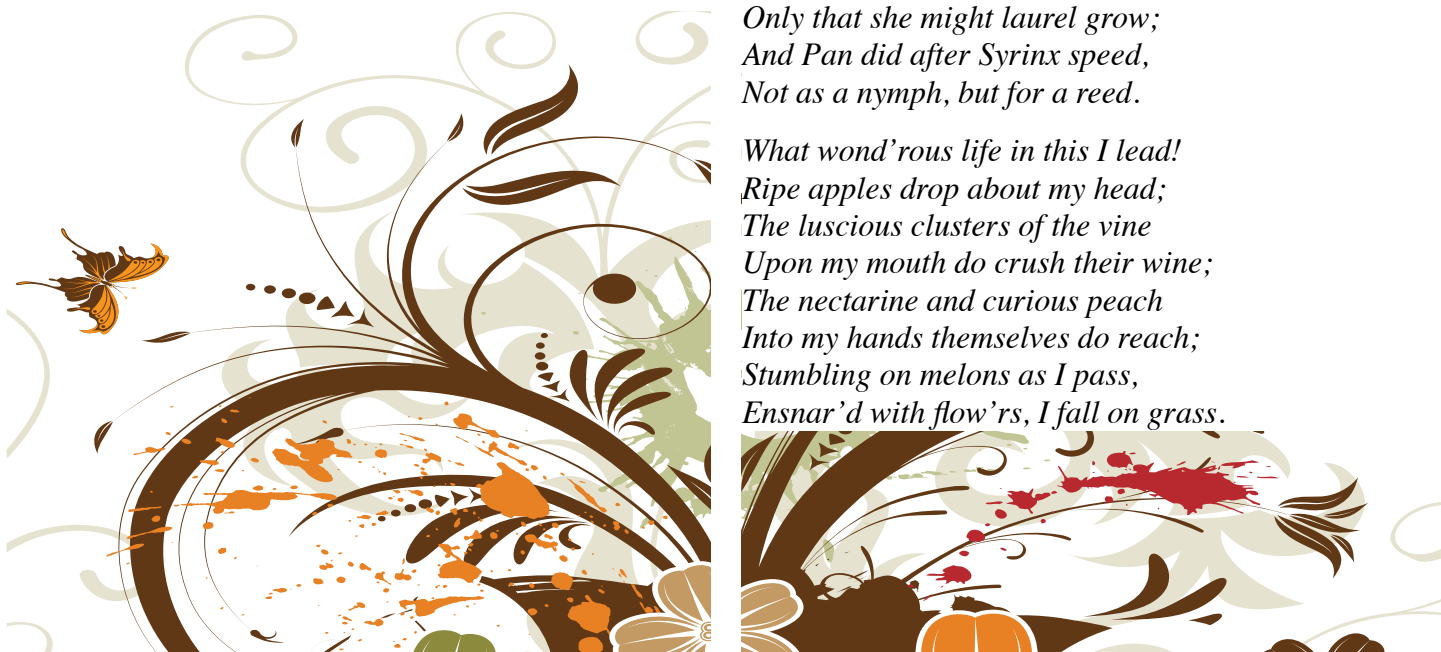
*How vainly men themselves amaze
To win the palm, the oak, or bays,
And their uncessant labours see
Crown'd from some single herb or tree,
Whose short and narrow verged shade
Does prudently their toils upbraid;
While all flow'rs and all trees do close
To weave the garlands of repose.*

*Fair Quiet, have I found thee here,
And Innocence, thy sister dear!
Mistaken long, I sought you then
In busy companies of men;
Your sacred plants, if here below,
Only among the plants will grow.
Society is all but rude,
To this delicious solitude.*

*No white nor red was ever seen
So am'rous as this lovely green.
Fond lovers, cruel as their flame,
Cut in these trees their mistress' name;
Little, alas, they know or heed
How far these beauties hers exceed!
Fair trees! wheres'e'er your barks I wound,
No name shall but your own be found.*

*When we have run our passion's heat,
Love hither makes his best retreat.
The gods, that mortal beauty chase,
Still in a tree did end their race:
Apollo hunted Daphne so,
Only that she might laurel grow;
And Pan did after Syrinx speed,
Not as a nymph, but for a reed.*

*What wond'rous life in this I lead!
Ripe apples drop about my head;
The luscious clusters of the vine
Upon my mouth do crush their wine;
The nectarine and curious peach
Into my hands themselves do reach;
Stumbling on melons as I pass,
Ensnar'd with flow'rs, I fall on grass.*



Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of the Colorado Garden Connection**, May 21, 2018.
- CFGC Southern District Meeting, Penrose House, Co Springs, CO. Saturday April 21, 2018.
- CFGC Garden Study classes at El Paso County Extension office, Colorado Springs, CO. May 2-3, 2018.
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd. & BOD meeting, Emerson House, Denver, May 7, 2018 9am.
- CFGC Flower Show Symposium, Emerson House, Denver. May 15-16, 2018 8 am.
- NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA, May 21-24, 2018
- CFGC Annual State Convention, June 2, 2018 in Aurora, CO
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- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd. & BOD meeting, Emerson House, Denver, September 4, 2018 9am.
- NGC National Fall Board meeting Orlando, Florida, September 25-30, 2018.
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd. & BOD meeting, Emerson House, Denver, 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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