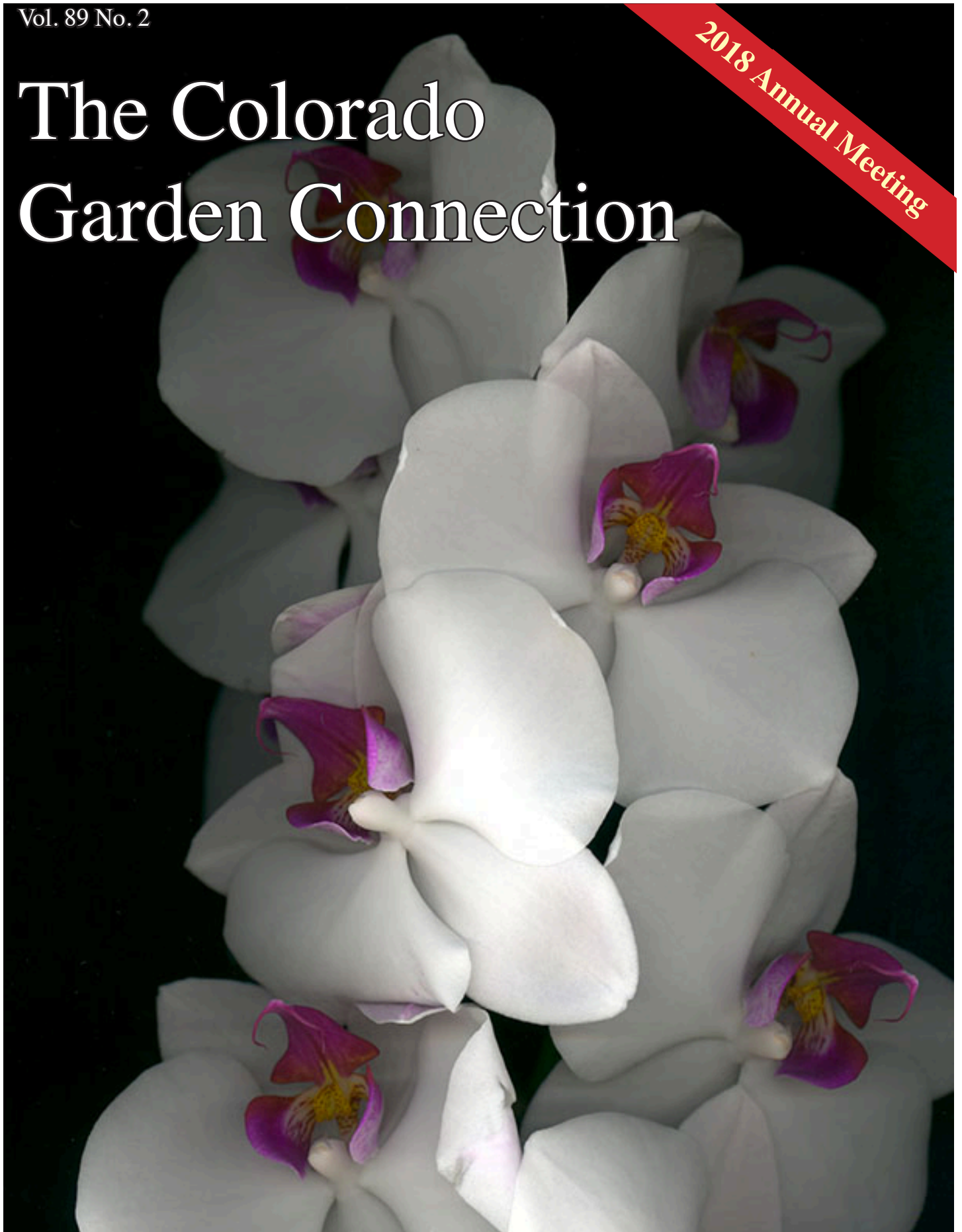


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Check it regularly for late news and changes to the Calendar and Events.

From the President

Kudos to Michele Gustin and her team for a great convention. It's good to hear from the Club Presidents and the committee chairs and learn about the accomplishments of the past year.



High on the list of several garden clubs is creating and maintaining public gardens.

Dig and Dream Garden Club members maintain a welcome garden at the Ronald McDonald House in Aurora and a rose garden at Pickens Tech School. The club has researched, designed, and implemented a national Butterfly Garden at the Sandy Hill Library and will partner with the library to provide tours for the general public and children. I visited with this club in June and was impressed by the enthusiasm of its members.



Boulder Garden Club's public landscape project is at the World of Wonder Museum. Greeley Morning Garden Club approved funds to support the Greeley West High School Horticulture class with the creation of community gardens and student education plots. They added a fence to surround and protect the gardens at the school for the second year. Members work with the science teacher at Prairie Heights Middle School by funding amendments for their raised vegetable beds and "lasagna beds" at the school. They also help maintain gardens at Lynn Grove Cemetery, Madison Elementary School, and the Centennial Library, and they plant vegetable beds at the Homeless Shelter and the Red/White/Blue Star Cemetery.

When Table Mountain Garden Club was formed with seven members in 2000, their first project was the creation of the Friendship Garden at 11th and Illinois. They maintain this garden, the Loveland Garden, the gardens surrounding the History Center, and the beautiful rose garden started

in 1952 by ladies from Golden. They also help to maintain the gardens at the Colorado School of Mines.

Wow! These are only a few of the many projects undertaken by Colorado Garden Clubs. Our members are generous with their time, effort, and talents. They share with those less fortunate and make this world a better place.

Your friend in gardening,
Betty

From the Editors

My Dear Fellow Gardeners,

We're at the height of the hot summer days and no doubt some of your friends are asking for gardening advice. That's an opportunity to invite them to the next garden club meeting, emphasizing the educational and informational aspects of the group. Because in Colorado, you have to learn how to garden.

My mother, a garden club member for 40? 50? years, moved here from Iowa. In Iowa, you put seeds in the ground and they grow. Gardeners in Iowa have more tomatoes, zucchini and cucumbers than they know what to do with. Miss a week of mowing the lawn and you'll have to borrow haying equipment to get it cut.

Colorado is a different story. Many people move here from out of state because they love the outdoors. They get frustrated when their dreams of outdoor barbecues surrounded by lush flowers don't happen in a single growing season. They need help.

Garden Clubs are the perfect place for them to get help, but we need to do a couple of things to make potential members aware of them. First, we need to emphasize the educational and informational aspects of garden clubs. Too often potential members assume they have to be experts to join a garden club. That is hardly the case. I know very few garden club members who consider themselves "experts." There is always something to learn.



Garden Gadgets

Second, we need to make our educational activities more available to the public. We need to partner with extension offices, community colleges, parks and recreation departments and other organizations offering community education and personal enrichment classes. Offer a flower arranging class, a vegetable growing lecture, etc., through these agencies and be prepared with a business card or brochure for your garden club.

Third, we need to be welcoming when the friend of a member or a stranger shows up at a meeting. Several years ago my club published a notice in the paper about the meeting, noting that all were welcome. Some of the ladies nearly fell out of their chairs when a man walked up the sidewalk and said he was there for the meeting. Ron turned out to be a very nice man, passionate about ornamental grasses, who wanted to learn more about gardening in general. He was a good club member for several years.

In other words, we need to dispel the popular vision that garden clubs are places where ladies in big flowered hats sit around sipping tea and eating cucumber sandwiches. Actually, we do that, but after we've weeded the civic project or watched a presentation on how to plant the cucumbers in the first place. And we do it in our jeans and t-shirts.

People don't join organizations like they used to. Make sure potential garden club members see the value, understand the benefits, and feel welcome.

Chuck & Susan Pelto
Pueblo, CO



Tumbler Compost Bins

Many of us make our own compost. Using the right materials and given time, nature gives us the greatest augmentations for our plants

There are many ways to develop compost. Everything from a pile of decomposing vegetable matter under a tarp to a large tub with red wiggler worms to sophisticated mechanical devices.

I've used all three techniques. My first was the tarp folded over and loaded with kitchen cuttings, from summer through winter. That was in Denver. And when I uncovered it in the spring, it was the blackest, richest material for our garden. But that was where there was ample moisture.

In a semi-arid environment, we need to make up for what doesn't come naturally..

For a several years, I've used the large tub with little red worms to generate it. It worked very well. The worms did wonderful work. We even had squash coming up from seeds cast into the tub. But for some reason the worms didn't winter over. It had been a very harsh winter. So bad that the euonymous plants died back rather badly. They recovered. The worms did not.

So, remembering my experience in Denver, but not having the area in which to lay out a large tarp—let alone the dryness of my environment—I decided to try the 'sophisticated mechanical device.' Fortunately, the device made itself available at an estate sale in Colorado Springs. A large, dual bin, independently tumbling bin system from Lifetime.

It's BIG. More on that later.

I highly recommend the dual bin approach to composting over all others. Why? Because it takes time for nature to take its course and work its wonders by bugs, grubs, fungus and bacteria. One can be

loading one bin with fresh material from the kitchen and yard while the other is decomposing to the richest natural material one can use for gardening. Once a bin



is properly composted, it can be dumped and loaded with fresh material while the other is allowed to decompose.

There are a number of such devices available. Their prices, utility and reliability vary widely. So choosing the right one takes judicious evaluation. Budget, capacity and—in some cases—strength should be considered. The strength factor comes into play when tumbling the bin in order to stir up the material. Too big a bin and it's difficult to tumble.



The Lifetime bins are BIG. And I doubt if Susan could work them, when they get to be full. So some might prefer something smaller. And, if you don't do a lot of cooking, e.g., a family of two, or you don't have a large yard or garden project from which to collect grass clippings or other green material, the smaller ones could be ideal.

I recommend the Lifetime device for large needs. But the Miracle Grow one is ideal for smaller ones.

Garden Club Donates “The Saved Seed” Youth Books to Douglas County Elementary Schools

Misty Durante and her 1st grade class at Sand Creek Elementary School in Highlands Ranch show “The Saved Seed” book that was donated to their school. Douglas County Garden Club (DCGC) placed this youth book in 22 Douglas County Elementary Schools to support the Plant America Initiative developed by National Garden Clubs of America.

The book was written to educate elementary children about the life cycle of seed plants. The smiling pumpkin seed from a Halloween pumpkin becomes a seedling, then a vine and finally a new pumpkin!

As children journey through the book with the seed, they will learn how to care for their own pumpkin seeds and become successful pumpkin gardeners!

“The Saved Seed”, written by Brenda Moore, provides a tool for educators to introduce children to the joys of gardening.

DCGC received funding from the Tetta Johnson Family for the purchase of the Saved Seed books. Tetta was a founding member of the garden club in 1985.

DCGC meets monthly at the Philip S. Miller Library in Castle Rock. More information is available on their website at www.DouglasCountyGardenClub.org





MINUTES OF
COLORADO FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
88th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING

Summit Events Center, Aurora
June 2, 2018

President Betty Roberts called the Annual Convention Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2018, in the Summit Events Center, Aurora, Colorado. She introduced our VIP guest, Rocky Mountain Region Director Jackie Watts.

Michele Gustin, Convention Chair, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Northern Front Range District. Lowanna Morgan gave the initial credentials report.

The following officers and committee chairs gave reports:

* Chuck Pelto, Editor of Colorado Garden Connection. He and his wife/co-editor are saving CFGC money by printing the Connection themselves. The deadline to submit items for publication is two weeks after this meeting.

* Nancy Griffin, Membership. We had a great response at the Home and Garden Show. Many people are interested in joining a Garden Club but sometimes there is no club in their area. Nancy continues to work to help form new clubs and connect people with existing clubs. She suggested "mentoring" new clubs. Audrey Coyle will be the first mentor.

* Mollie Sue Morton, Scholarship, read a thank you letter from this year's winner, Clarinda Wilson, whose current project is the Northern Leopard Frog near Gunnison, CO.

* Doris Duckworth, Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl. One school is currently participating; Doris would like to get more schools involved.

* Website. On behalf of the webmaster, Betty stated that a password is no longer needed.

* Gail Fischer, Landscape Design School. This year's school was successful; the next one will be November 16 and 17.

* Margie Soileau, Gardening School. This year's school in May was successful; another one will be held next May.

* Jessie Boyer, Trees. Each club in the District hosting the Convention may apply for a \$125 grant to plant a tree in a public place. Four clubs in the Northern Front Range District applied.

* Penny Pines. Margie reported on behalf of Nancy Daly that Penny Pines is being promoted to all clubs.

Some clubs pass a bucket at the beginning of each meeting to collect loose change.

* Reports were also heard from Southern District, Douglas County Garden Club, and Flower Fad Garden Club.

* Other reports were printed and contained in the bag each attendee received.

Following a group photo and cupcake break, the meeting continued with a Memorial by Louise Niekerk to recall seven members who died during the last year: Gail Barton, Beth Parchesi, Naomi Rider, Karen Mlady, Win Taylor, Barbara Burke, and Barb Cornell.

Betty led the assembly in the recital of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees."

Rocky Mountain Regional President Jackie Watts, from Kansas, urged members to attend the Regional meeting in Nebraska August 24-25. Michele Gustin presented gifts to Jackie and Betty.

Lynn Cleveland, Chair of the Organizational Study Committee, presented the twelve proposed Bylaws amendments that were published in the Spring edition of the Colorado Garden Connection. The group voted on each amended Bylaw in turn. Amendments A-E and H-L (as published) were approved. Amendments F and G, upon motion by Chuck Pelto, duly seconded and approved, were tabled.

Michele announced National, Heart Warmer, and State awards. (See separate list.)

Lowanna Morgan gave the final credentials report. Fifty-seven people attended this year's convention, 15 of whom were first-time attendees. Gail Fischer offered the closing Courtesy Resolutions.

Audrey Coyle, who will be President of Southern District next year, extended an invitation to next year's Convention, tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2019. Aurora Glaze will chair the Convention Committee. Audrey reminded the group of the Bird and Butterfly contest for next year's Convention.

The meeting adjourned. Following the meeting, guests enjoyed a presentation by Mikeala Mullins about Denver Urban Gardens (D.U.G.)

Lynn Cleveland, Recording Secretary

STANDING RULES [REVISIONS]

Revised June 2018

1. a. In even-numbered years, CFGC shall serve as Host to the Annual State Convention. The President shall appoint a Convention Chair, who shall select a Convention committee representing all areas of the State. CFGC shall be responsible for the finances of the Convention.

b. In odd-numbered years, Northern Front Range and Southern Districts shall serve, alternating turns, as Host to the Annual State Convention, which need not necessarily be held within the hosting District. The District President shall be responsible for the organization of the Convention and may appoint a Chairman. (May 2018)

2. Deleted (May 2018).

3. Any reduction in fees offered for CFGC activities shall apply to individual, Family, Associate, and Supporting Members.

4. A professional accountant shall prepare the annual tax return. A copy of the tax return shall be available for review by members. Amended 2013.

5. The Directory may not be used by other persons and/or organizations for any purpose without the written consent of the CFGC President, upon approval by conference call or at a special meeting with the majority of the elected officers. Amended August 30, 1999.

6. Location and dates of the Annual Convention and availability of accommodations shall be published in the first issue of the Colorado Garden Connection after the December Board Meeting. A summary of this information shall also appear in the following issue of the Colorado Garden Connection. (Amended May 2018)

7. The CFGC Official Seal is kept by the State Awards Chairman.

8. Prior to the December Board Meeting, the upcoming Convention Committee shall recommend to the Finance - Ways and Means Committee the amount of the registration fee and fees for guests for the next year's Convention. The recommended amount of the registration fee from the Finance- Ways and Means Committee shall be voted upon at the December Board Meeting. (May 1994; Amended May 2018)

9. The President-elect shall be allowed up to \$200.00 in the odd-numbered years toward the expense of the National Garden Club package plan for the annual convention. (June 1989.)

10. Life Members who are not dues paying members of a Federated Garden Club shall indicate their desire to continue receiving the Colorado Garden Connection by completing the form which shall be published annually in the Colorado Garden Connection following the December State Board Meeting and return it as indicated on the form. If this form is not returned, their name will be dropped from the distribution list. (March 1991; May 2018)

11. Special Committees which further the interest of CFGC may include any of the following: Archives, Blue/Gold Star Memorial Highway, Chaplain, Colorado Garden Connection, Courtesy Resolutions, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, Hospitality, Legislation, Protocol, Publications, and Trees. Also refer to Bylaws, ARTICLE XV, Standing, Special, and Other Committees, Section 2. Special Committees may also change from term to term depending upon the direction of goals set by the NGC President.

12. The President, the Treasurer and the Editor of the Colorado Garden Connection shall be sent a draft copy of the minutes by the Recording Secretary within three weeks following the Board of Directors and Annual Meetings; and the President and Treasurer shall be sent a draft copy of the minutes by the Recording Secretary within three weeks following all Executive Committee Meetings. (adopted June 1, 2002)

v13. Chairmen responsible for specific funds (such as Blue Spruce Awards, Blue/Gold Star Memorial Highway, Columbine Scholarship, Flower Show Schools, Gardening Study Courses, Landscape Design Schools, Library, Operation Wildflower/USDA Forest Service Project, Trees, etc.) shall only approve for payment the expenses from that fund for purposes of that fund. Administrative expenses for specific funds shall be taken from that fund. All other Chairmen expenses shall come from the budget item 'Chairman Expenses.' (adopted March 3, 2003)

14. Upon the death of a Past State President, the current State President (or in the absence of the State President, the First Vice-President) is responsible for seeing that a letter is sent as soon as possible to the family noting that a contribution has been made to an appropriate area of interest. Contribution not to exceed \$150.00.(adopted March 1, 2004)

15. Each month a request for permission to park at Wendy's is submitted to Denver Events Parking after



parking needs are ascertained. The request includes the parking dates, approximate time parking is needed, and number of spaces requested. Parking passes for those dates are then printed 3 to a sheet and left for duplication at the headquarters building. The first person arriving shall duplicate the Parking Passes to create the (up to) 12 spaces which are allowed. (Adopted December 2004; revised May 2018)

16. Headquarters Trustees shall seek competitive bids for expenses over \$500.00. Expenses estimated to be over \$500.00 and not in the budget shall need approval by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. (adopted May 2007)

17. Deleted. (May 2018)

18. Standing Rules for E-Meetings:

a. Regular and special meetings of boards and committees may be held via E-Meetings.

b. Once a quorum is established, the quorum remains in effect until the e-Meeting is adjourned.

c. Background noise should be kept to a minimum.

d. All participants must be able to simultaneously hear in order to participate and will be counted in the quorum.

e. When joining or leaving the meeting, and when seeking recognition, members address the chair and state their names.

f. If several members seek recognition at one time, the presiding officer will note their names and call on each one in turn.

g. Members using cell phones need to be sure phones are fully charged. If a cell phone call is dropped, the member needs to call back.

h. Until adequate electronic equipment is available at CFGC Headquarters, members attending by phone must make prior arrangements with a member attending in person in order to call that person who has speaker phone equipment. (5/24/10)

19. Any amount remaining of income over expenses after the Annual Convention Meeting shall be split between the hosting District and CFGC, with 70% going to the Hosting District and 30% to CFGC. (May 2011) (“NOTE” deleted May 2018)

20. All fund raising reports are due within 30 days after the end of the event. 8/26/11

21. Deleted. (May 2018)



Heart Warmers Awards for 2018

Here are the wonderful people who add so much more to our gardening pleasure:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Heart Warmer</u>
Boulder	Rose Persichetti
Cheyenne Mountain	Kathy Shafer
Dig and Dream	Gayle Slover
Douglas County	Ann Bozeman
Floral Art Study	Lowanna Morgan
Gardeners With Altitude	JenRunnels Musgrave
Greeley Morning	Maureen Kazmer
Happy Transplants	Madeleine Carmichael
Loveland	Leone Person
Manitou Springs	Stephanie Parker
Pikes Peak Designer’s Guild	Audrey Coyle



Trees

By JOYCE KILMER

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs
Awards Chair report 2018

In Memoriam

Here is a list of the awards presented during the CFGC Annual Meeting:

- **#1 Civic Achievement** —
Gardeners With Altitude 3rd Prize \$100.00 -
Seed Library
- **#2 Special Achievement** —
Dig and Dream - Digital Scrapbook
- **#2 Special Achievement** —
Gardeners With Altitude- Brochure
- **#4 CFGC President’s Project** —
Queens of Spades - Bee Blocks
- **#7 June Wurtsmith Bluebird** —
Dig and Dream-Bird Houses \$25.00
- **#11 Garden Club Program** —
Dig and Dream- Showcasing Tours \$25.00
- **#19 Increase in Membership** —
 - a. Dig and Dream
 - b. Boulder
 - c. Loveland
- **#24 Yearbooks** —
 - a. Greeley Morning
 - b. Happy Transplants
 - c. Cheyenne Mountain
 - d. Douglas County
- **#26 D Newsletters** — Boulder
- **#27 Website** —
 - 1st Place Gardeners With Altitude
 - 2nd Place Boulder
- **#28 Facebook** —
 - 1st Place Boulder
 - 2nd



These are the seven members we will miss in the coming years:

- Table Mountain Garden Club –
Win Taylor and Gail Barton
- Queens of Spades Garden Club –
Karen Mlady
- Dig and Dream Garden Club –
Barbara Burke and Beth Parchesi
- Loveland Garden Club -
Naomi Rider
- Greeley Morning Garden Club –
Barb Cornell

Of Our Missing Friends

*Until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of his hand.*

*And Though I am gone
Please remember,
t'is with Him I now stand.*



Coming Events of Interest:

- **Deadline for submissions for the Winter issue of the Colorado Garden Connection, September 28, 2018.**
- “The Way It Was” Standard Flower Show at Adams County Fairgrounds, August 2-5, 2018 Sandy Dennis POC
- Rocky Mountain Region Convention, Fort Robinson, Nebraska, August 24-25, 2018
- 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.
- Front Range Designers Small Standard Flower Show, Westminster, CO Oct. 12-13, 2018 Rose Persichetti POC
- Landscape School II, Emerson House, Denver, November 16-17, 2018. 8am Gail Fischer POC
- CFGC Ways & Means, Ex. Bd. & BOD meeting, Emerson House, Denver, December 3, 2018, 9am.
- CO Garden & Home Show Design Specialty Flower Show at Denver Convention Center, Denver, February 8-17, 2019 Joy Kancir POC
- CFGC Garden School IV classes at El Paso County Extension office, Colorado Springs, CO. May 8-9, 2019. Margie Soileau POC.
- NGC Convention, (Installation) Biloxi, Mississippi; April 30-May 5, 2019

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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