The Garden Club of Denver

December 2022/January 2023

Bee and Papyrus Hieroglyphics at Karnak Temple, Luxor. Photo by Cindy Scott

President's Post: Dig In Together!

While I knew that honey was found in the tombs of the Pharaohs, I learned much more about bees and their importance in ancient Egypt on my recent trip with the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Egyptians were beekeepers at least 4,500 years ago, tending them in clay pipes and moving them up and down the Nile on special rafts to pollinate their crops. Honey and wax were used by everyone in Ancient Egypt as food, for cosmetics, for treating wounds, and in the mummification processes. And of course, honey was left in the tombs to give sustenance in the afterlife. Most famously, a pot of honey found in the tomb of Tutankhamun was unspoiled after thousands of years! I often saw the bee and papyrus hieroglyphics on temple walls and columns. The bee was a symbol of the King of Lower Egypt, while the papyrus or reed represented Upper Egypt. Some believe that the "ka" or soul of a person took the form of a bee. When the sun-god Ra wept, according to the

"Salt Magical Papyrus," his tears fell to earth and transformed into honey bees. "When Ra weeps again the water which flows from his eyes upon the ground turns into working bees. They work in flowers and trees of every kind and wax and honey come into being."

Even from the very beginning, the bees have proven to be fascinating and useful partners for us in everyday life as well as mythology.

As you can imagine, the Egypt trip gave us a lifetime of memories! We visited the Great Pyramids, the Great Sphynx, many colossal temples and tombs from Aswan to Thebes. We sailed the Nile and flew in a hot air balloon over the amazing Valley of the Kings... at sunrise!

over Boulder, heralding the holiday season. I wish each of you a wonderful holiday and hope your homes are full of stories of rich times on this planet and dreams of the gardening season that is just around the corner. Cindy

Gardens. Thursday, January 26, GCA Photography Workshop. More information and

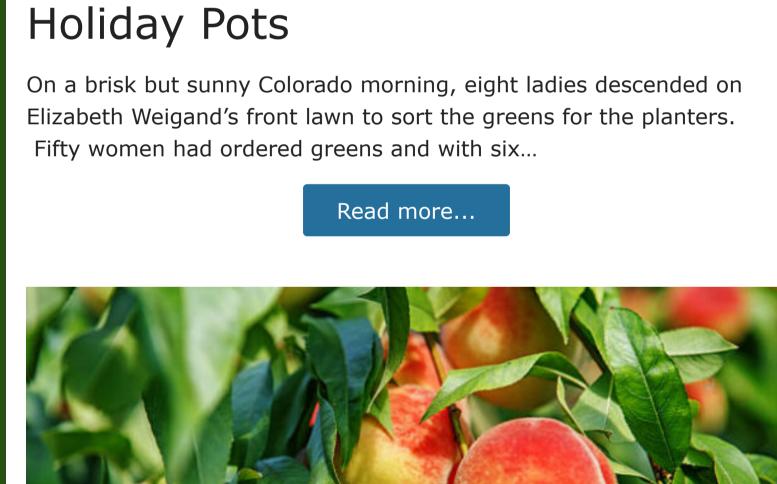
January General Meeting **Horticultural Therapy Heals Hearts and Minds**

Tuesday, January 10, January General Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens, Gates Hall, 10:30 a.m. Social, 11 a.m. Meeting. This is a coffee meeting.





Holiday Wreaths



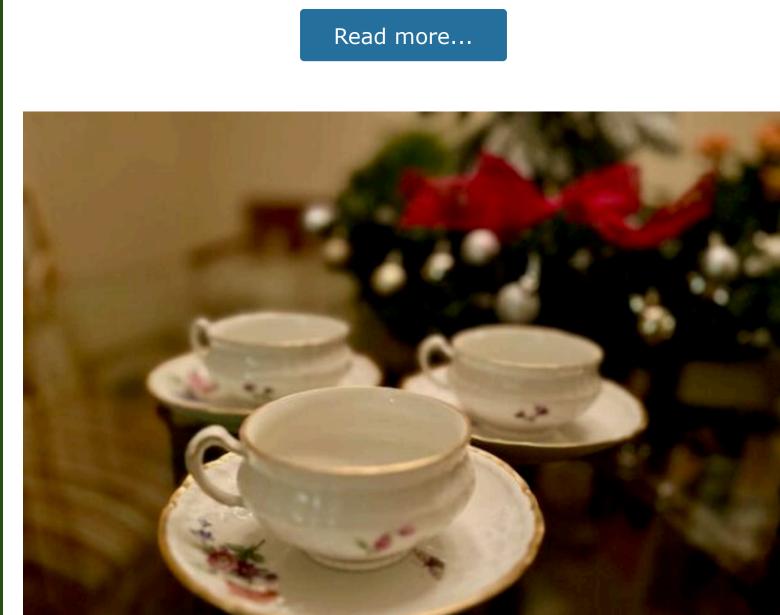
Gardens in Hiawatha, Kansas, "the... Read more...

Design a dried arrangement for your Thanksgiving table! This year

modern container to design at home. Inspiration pictures were...

members were provided a pre-selected bundle of dried material and a

Thanksgiving arrangements



Emerita and Associates Holiday Tea

On November 22, guests gathered at Meg Nichols' house for an

members. A special thank you goes to Meg for organizing...

afternoon tea party honoring GCD's esteemed Emerita and Associate

Holiday Decorating at Denver

Botanic Gardens

On November 14, seventeen Garden Club of Denver volunteers helped decorate the Romantic Garden at Denver Botanic Gardens. Club members kept the annual festive tradition alive as they filled pots... Read more...

Garden Club of Denver

Denver Botanic Gardens Garden Club of America

Colorado, the Garden Club of Denver seeks knowledge and expertise in horticulture, conservation, floral design and photography, and shares these ideas and skills with its members and the community. Vision: Dig In with Us!

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Talbot Recording Secretary: Lynn Dolven Treasurer: Sally Obregon Director: Meg Nichols **President's Council** Conservation and NAL: Stephanie Tryba and Suellen White

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GCA Awards and Founders Fund: Jane Davis and Courtney Marsters GCA Bulletin & Communications: Nan Procknow History and Bylaws: Sheilagh Hudon Hospitality: Sarah Alijani and Tracy Zarlengo Judging: Missy Eliot Nominating: Meg Nichols Programs: Kelly Stava with Mary Fowler and Lise Woodard Scholarships: Lindsay Dodge

Wheeler DBG Flower Arranging: Floral Design Committee and Elizabeth Weigand DBG Holiday Decor: Linda Zinn **The Garden Club of Denver**

As I write this, the snow is falling hard and the star is lit on Flagstaff Mountain Read much more here: Ransome, Hilda M. "The Sacred Bee in Ancient Times and Folklore." London: George Allen & Unwin, 1937. Pp. 19-41.

Calendar of Events

Council, Zoom meetings with Cindy Scott

Hall, 10:30 a.m. Social, 11 a.m. Meeting. This is a coffee meeting.

Tuesday, January 3, 9 a.m. Executive Committee, 10:30 a.m. President's Tuesday, January 10, January General Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens, Gates Saturday, January 14, Horticulture Orchid Workshop, 9-10 a.m., Denver Botanic

registration through the GCA website.

Angie Andrade, Associate Director of Therapeutic Horticulture and a registered Horticultural Therapist, has created a wide range of therapeutic programs at DBG. She will share her passion on the deep connection people have with plants, through interactive demonstrations using sensory plants.

- and gardening extends back even further. Janet... Read more...
- horticulture...

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Our December General Meeting has always been followed by a Christmas Greens workshop, and this year was no different! This is truly one of our club's workshops that is loved...

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Hot Hort Tip

Have you heard the term "mast year"? This refers to when there are

bumper crops of acorns or fruits from our trees. According to Grimm's

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Garden Club of America

GCD Mission and Vision Statement

Mission: Founded on a mutual love for gardening and the natural beauty of

Publications

GCD Board and Committees 2022-2024

Floral Design: Elizabeth Weigand with Martha Veldkamp and Lisa Duke

Visiting Gardens: Lisa Gould Website: Alice Hughes **Denver Botanic Gardens Committees** DBG Cutting Garden: Nancy Schotters DBG Fete Liaisons: Nina Sisk, Nancy Jones, Mary Schaefer, Missy Eliot with Cora

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