

February 2023

Garden Club of Denver



Cropped Gallanthus nivalis 'Flore Pleno'. Photo by Cindy Scott

President's Post: Dig In Together!

"When one realizes one is asleep, at that moment one is already half-awake." -P.D. Ouspensky

February is one of the *best* gardening months! Why? Because the gardener in us re-awakens. The days are suddenly growing longer, the light is returning to the landscape and the heart swells with hope for a new chance to design the "perfect" garden bed or favorite corner on the deck.

Seed catalogues and garden magazines come pouring into the mailbox or inbox and maybe there is a bit more time to sit down with that cup of tea and make some amazing plans for the growing season.

Legislative sessions have begun and there is time to write letters and meet with representatives to coax renewed support and solutions for our natural world. Our voices are strong!

In short, February is the Valentine month when hope expands, and we fall in love with our garden dreams. The garden can be perfect, at least in our minds, for a fleeting moment in time.

Enjoy this dreamy garden month! Cindy



From Cindy Scott, A Gardener's February Checklist:

Make a quick sketch of the perfect veggie patch layout and include some flowers for the bees.

Order seeds to start unique annuals that will bring filler flowers at the right moment next July when the perennials are quieter. Make it a joint seed order with friends and create a plan for sharing seedlings.

Experiment with that new camera and take some interesting lightbox, flat-lay photos.

Write down your priorities for the natural world around you. Then, send them off to your representatives in local and national positions. (Contact info is on our website!)

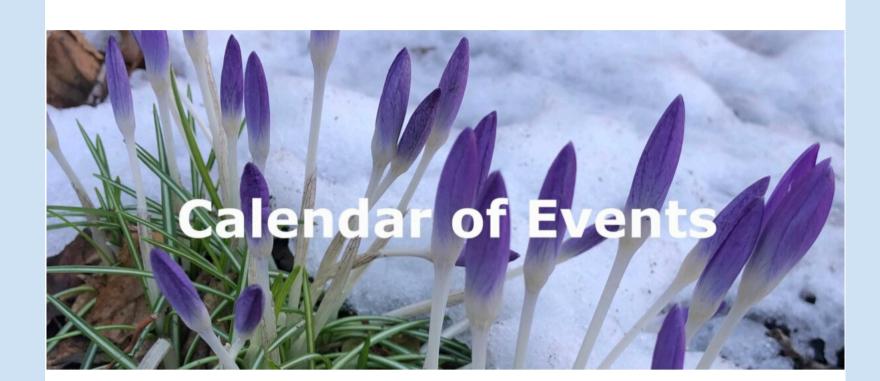
February is the month to peek under those leaves and evergreen boughs you placed on the garden last fall, checking for the first spouts of crocus shoots and intrepid snowdrops popping through. If you see one, snap a photo to share.

Sign up to make a terrarium and bring a miniature garden into your living room.

Walk through the DBG Conservatory and soak in the humidity of a tropical forest. Be cheered by the smiling faces of orchids and tropical blooms.

Join friends to watch and discuss a conservation film in the DBG Freyer Newman Center or at the Colorado Environmental Film Festival.

Treat yourself to fresh flowers every week, and practice making stunning arrangements for your kitchen table or others who need a boost.



February 6-9, Garden Club of America Judging Workshop. An online event.

Tuesday, February 7, 9 a.m. Executive Committee, 10:30 a.m. President's Council, Zoom meetings with Cindy Scott

Thursday, February 9, Conservation Field Trip to National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14, February General Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall, 10:30 a.m. Social, 11 a.m. Meeting.

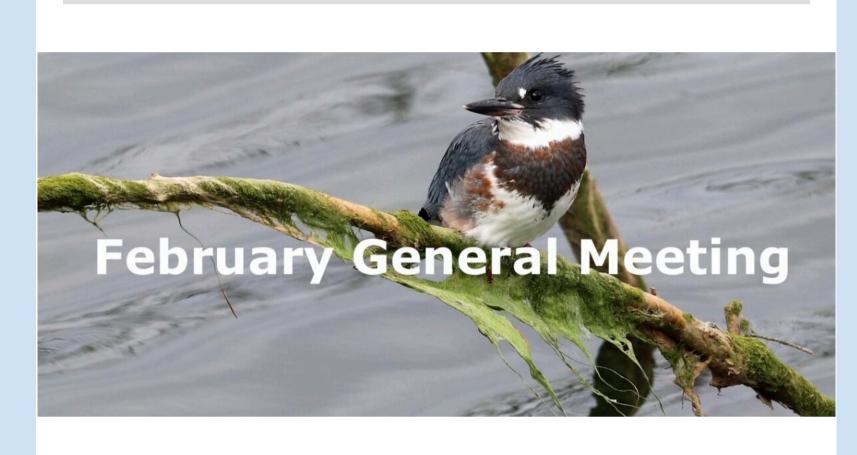
Wednesday, February 22, Conservation Committee Tour of Hydro at CSU Spur Campus, National Western Complex, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, Floral Design Workshop, 10-11 a.m., "Flowers I thought I hated, but now I Love!." Location TBD.

February 23-26, Colorado Environmental Film Festival, The American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

Tuesday, February 28, Garden Club of America 2023 Floral Design Conference, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. ET. Register via GCA email or on GCA website.

Tuesday, March 14, March General Open Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens, Sturm Auditorium, Freyer-Newman Center, 10:45 a.m. Meeting (new time), 11:15 a.m Guests arrive and social with light refreshments. 12 p.m., Film Presentation, "Amache Rose."

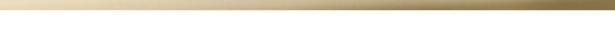


Ted Floyd will speak Tuesday, February 14 at our general meeting at Denver Botanic Gardens at Mitchell Hall on the effects of weather and warmer temperatures on birds in Colorado.

He is the Editor of Birding Magazine, the award-winning flagship publication of the American Birding Association. He has written five bird books, including the Smithsonian Field Guide to the Birds of North America (HarperCollins, 2008).







Behind the Scenes at DBG Orchids

Ten early weekend risers were escorted to three back-of-the-house grow areas at Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) where the tropicals are tracked and grown under the watchful eye of Nick Snakenberg, Curator...

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Member Spotlight: Meg Nichols

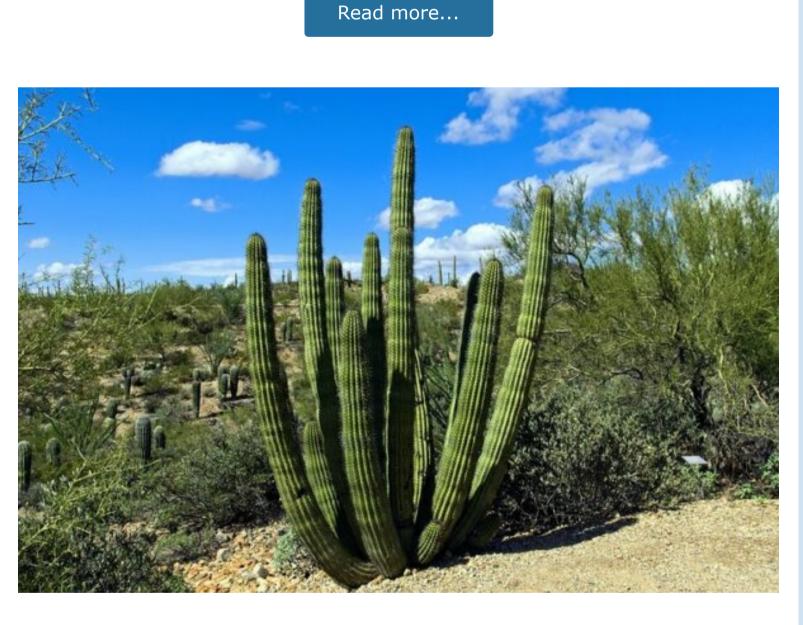
Meg Nichols has made her mark during her 15 years of membership with the Garden Club of Denver! She has served as our president, helped to launch our website (with...

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What do emperor penguins have in common with the Canoe Creek Clubshell? They all were protected this year through actions by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), based in Tucson,...



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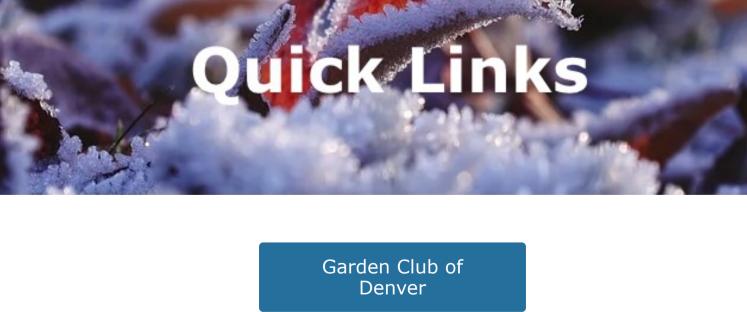


GCA Visiting Gardens Spring Trip to Healdsburg Want to get away from snow and cold? Consider a GCA Visiting Gardens spring

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trip to Healdsburg, California on April 30-May 5, 2023. Enjoy the beauty of Healdsburg and surrounding communities...







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

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