



Simple Native Bee Bundle with beeswax wrap
Photo by Cindy Scott

President's Post: Dig In Together!

March is the time for shamrocks, planting peas, and making native bee houses!

I love the garden tradition of planting peas on St. Patrick's Day. Why not start a new tradition of getting a bee house ready each year by April 1st so you will have a welcome home waiting for the first mason bees that emerge with the flowering fruit trees in your yard.

Native bee houses make great observation hubs and are so easy to make. They can be a simple bunch of hollow stems from your own garden or bamboo straws that you can buy or cut yourself from old hollow bamboo garden stakes. Tie a few together, protect from the elements with a little A-frame roof made from cardboard or recycled lawn signs or even an old license plate bent in half. Hang facing South or East, then wait and watch. A 5/16" hole is the perfect size for mason bees and leaf-cutter bees. Larger holes might attract the fuzzy *Svastra* bee and later on in the summer, the slender, elegant, *Isodontia* wasps that leave tiny brooms sticking out of the nesting cavities. The tiniest holes will attract the yellow-faced (*Hylaeus*) bees or the minuscule aphid wasps that will be such a help to you in your garden. Remember, the most important thing to increase biodiversity in your yard, including a healthy population of bees and pollinators, is to eliminate the pesticides.

I am excited about our newly formed Civic Project Task Force's Call-to-Action for Earth Day! We are encouraging all members to get out in the community to make the Earth a better place. Ideas for outreach opportunities will be posted in next month's eNews. Wouldn't making a Native bee house and putting it up be an excellent way to celebrate Earth Day this year? Or, how about uploading some observations to iNaturalist as buds begin to burst this spring? Contact Amy Mower if you have volunteer ideas. I am looking forward to seeing photos and hearing about all of your projects in April.

In enthusiastic anticipation of spring,
xo
Cindy



Calling all Citizen Scientists!

Some of you may remember our citizen science project a few years ago with the University of Colorado and the "Bees Needs" Project. Many of us hung wooden bee blocks in our backyards and in teams, we gathered data every two weeks to present to the CU Entomologists. While that project has ended, our much-needed data was carefully collated and supports ongoing research.

If you are looking for a citizen scientist challenge for this spring, as we heard from Hannah Floyd at the February meeting, try the iNaturalist app on your phone or go to inaturalist.org. We can participate by entering data into iNaturalist. It is easy to observe bees in our environment. While you are on a hike, out in your yard or at the DBG, snap a photo when you see a bee or pollinator nectaring on a flower. Find out what it is by sending the photo to iNaturalist. It will automatically make a guess for you and an "Identifier" will confirm or suggest another species. When identified as research grade, it is included in the database and available to all.

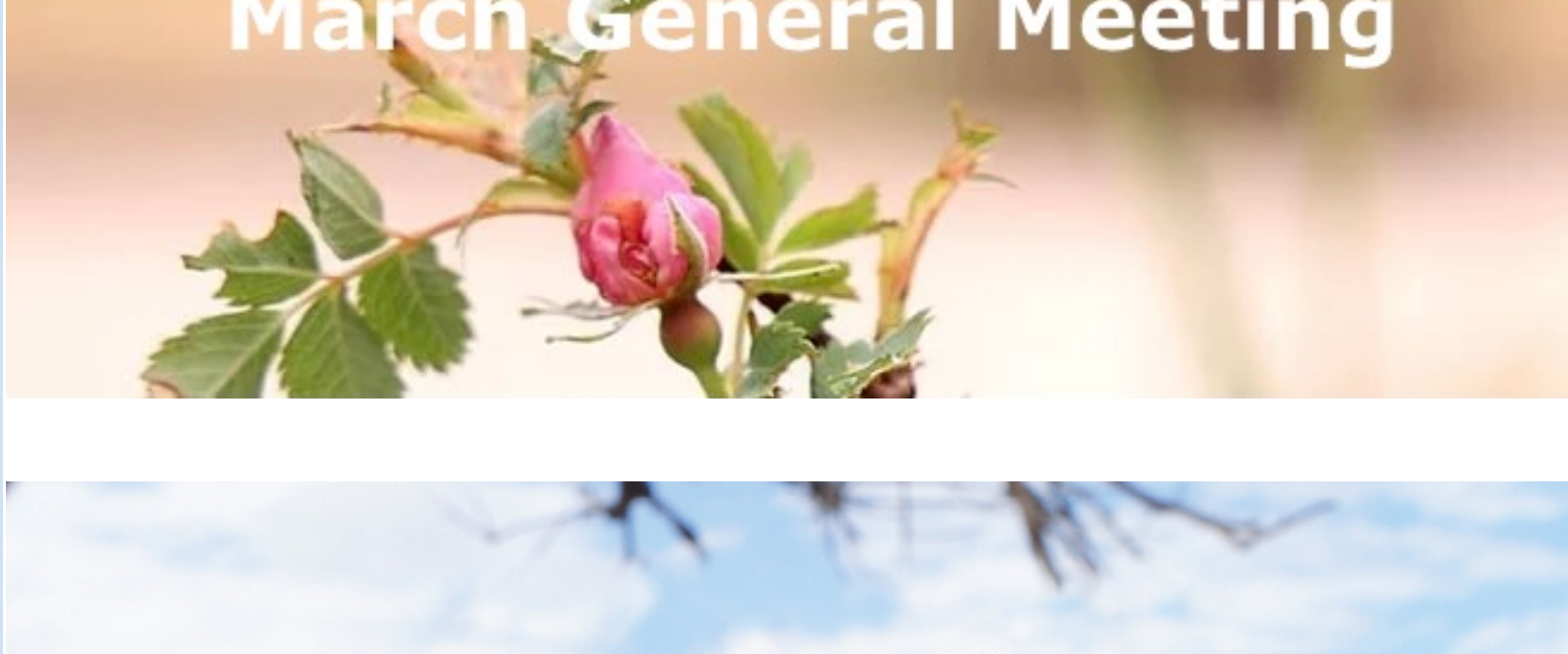


Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, March 7, Deadline to vote for the Founders Fund Finalist
- Tuesday, March 7, Winter Photo Submission Deadline for display at March General Meeting. Send to Liz Walker.
- Wednesday March 8, 10 a.m., Horticulture Terrarium Workshop, Veldkamp's, 9501 W. Colfax Avenue, Lakewood.
- Wednesday, March 8, 9 a.m. Executive Committee, 10:30 a.m., President's Council, **in person** with Cindy Scott, Waring House, Denver Botanic Gardens.
- Monday, March 13, National Affairs and Legislation Education Event via Zoom, Register on the GCA website by Saturday, March 11.
- Tuesday, March 14, March General Meeting. Denver Botanic Gardens, Freyer - Newman Center, Sturm Auditorium, 10:45 a.m. GCD Business Meeting 11:15 a.m., Open Meeting with light refreshments, 12 p.m. Film Presentation, "Amache Rose," 12:30 p.m. Q & A with Brian Vogt and Billy Kanaly.
- Wednesday, March 15, Deadline for eNews articles.
- Tuesday, March 21, 11:00 a.m., Talk by Andrew Bunting - Vice President of Horticulture at the Philadelphia Horticultural Society-Denver Botanic Gardens, Freyer - Newman Center, Sturm Auditorium.
- Thursday, March 23, Photography and Floral Design Workshop, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., "Flowers I Thought I Hated, but Now I Love!"; Village Club, 4601 E. Bellevue Avenue, Cherry Hills Village.

GCD EARTH DAY CHALLENGE APRIL 22 SAVE THE DATE!

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March General Meeting



A FILM BY BILLY KANALY
AMACHE ROSE
presented by Anthony Malasa, Executive Director, Brian Vogt

Billy Kanaly, Film Director and Brian Vogt, Executive Producer and CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens, will introduce the first film created by Denver Botanic Films, "Amache Rose". The half-hour documentary tells the story of a rose bush planted 80 years ago by a prisoner at Camp Amache, the internment camp in Granada, Colorado, that incarcerated Japanese Americans in the early 1940s. The roses are still living in the desert without any care or additional water.

Please invite friends, partners and spouses to this event sponsored by the Garden Club of Denver and Denver Botanic Gardens. 10:45 a.m., GCD Business Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Open Meeting with light refreshments, 12 p.m. Film Presentation, "Amache Rose," 12:30 p.m. Q & A with Brian Vogt and Billy Kanaly. At the conclusion of the 30 minute film, Brian and Billy will answer questions from the audience. Please RSVP by March 7th.

[Click here to register](#)



Field Trip to Colorado State University SPUR Campus
The Colorado State University SPUR campus is a place for science, research and education and is open to the public. One of the most impressive features of SPUR is the...

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Member Spotlight: Amy Mower
Amy Mower is not only the Vice President of the Garden Club of Denver, but she is also an accomplished at metal soldering! More on that later. . . Amy...

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Photography Workshop with Photo Pad and Light Pad
The recent Photography Committee explored taking photos with a light pad for backlit photos and a photo box for still photos. With trial and error, participants succeeded in creating new...

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Conservation Committee Studies Renewable Energy Research at NREL

On a sunny, cold day in February, 18 club members toured the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden with the Conservation Committee. One of 17 national laboratories, NREL is...

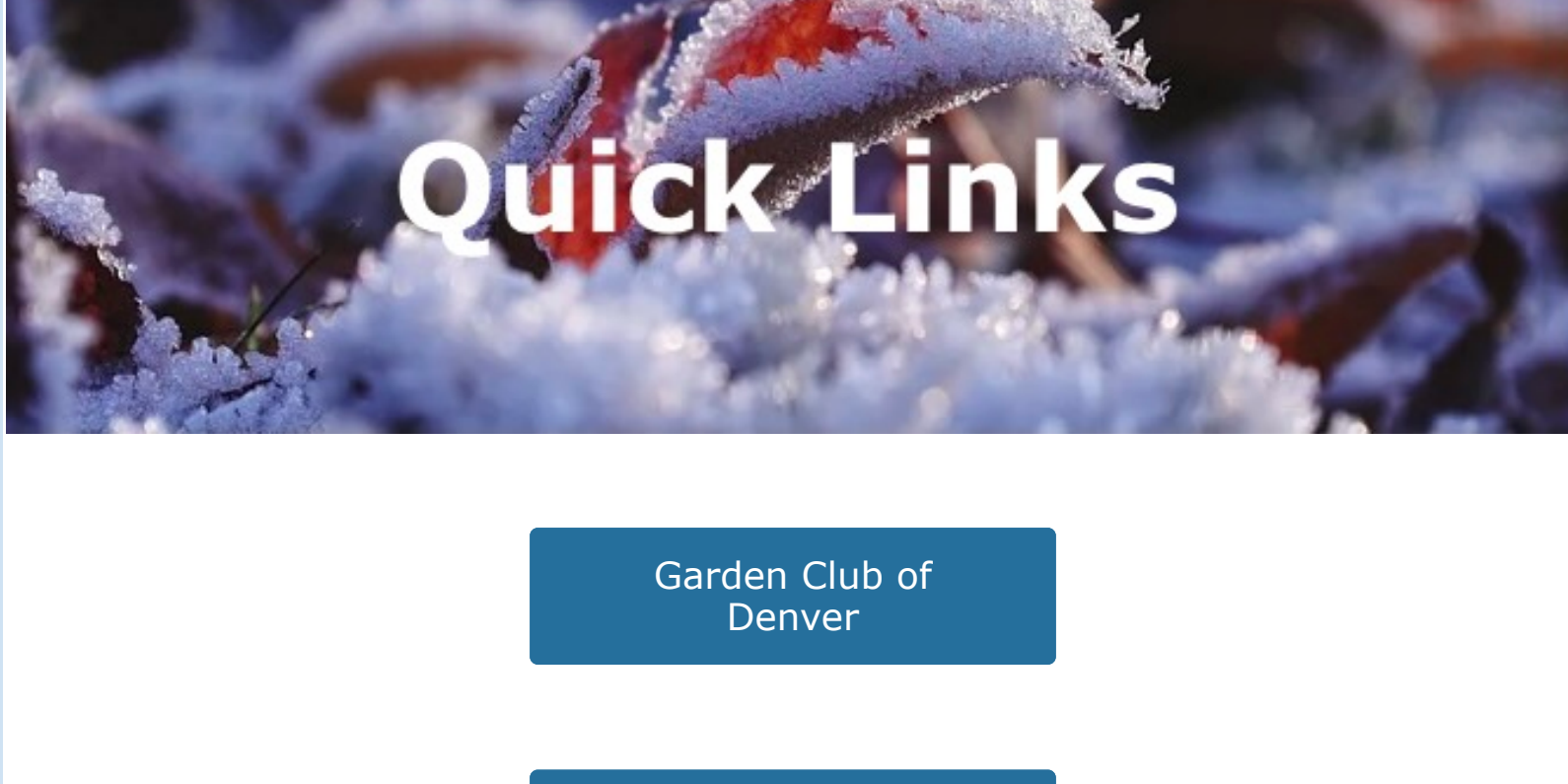
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Getting to Know GCA's Scholarship Award in Coastal Wetland Studies

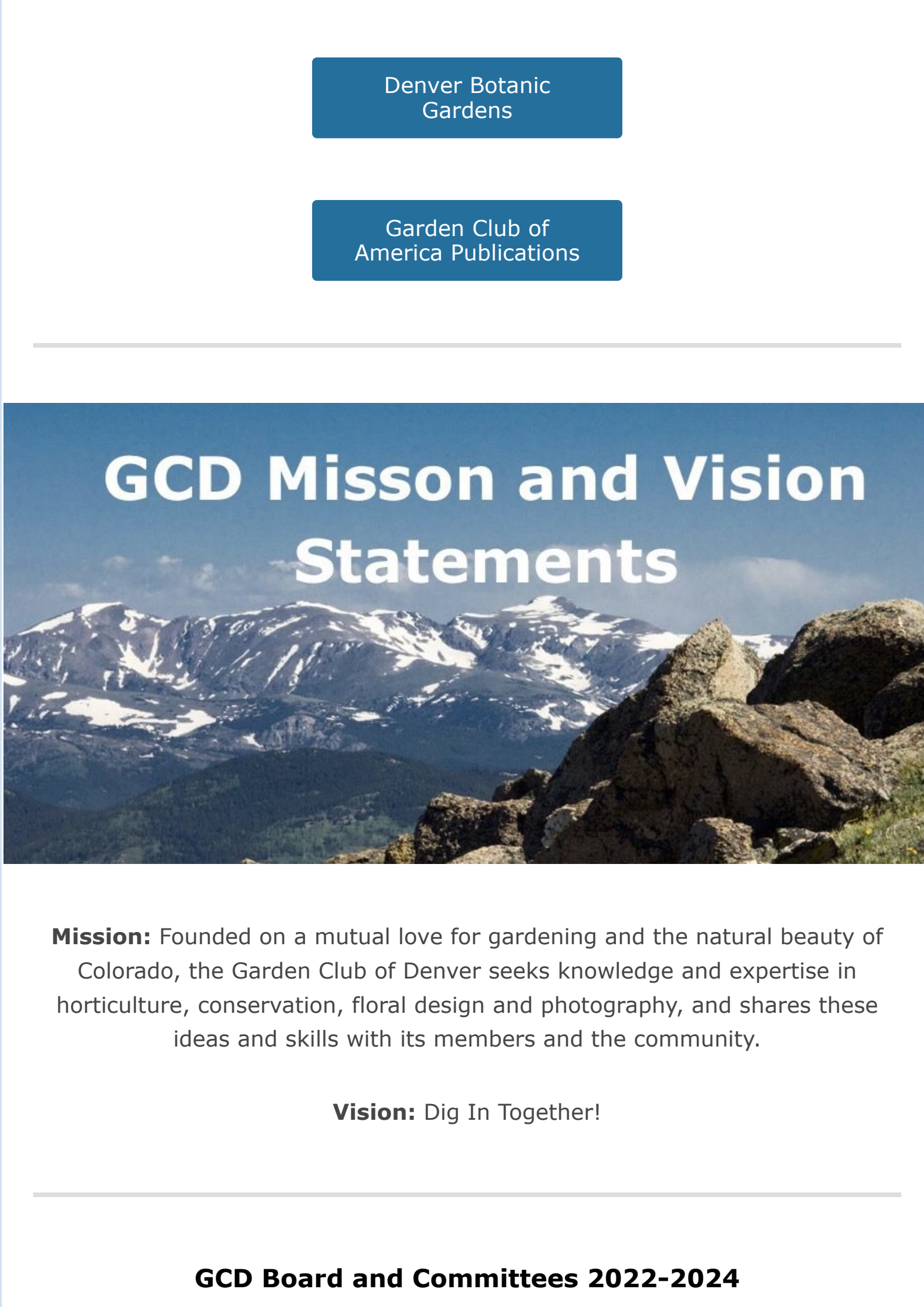
Each year, The Garden Club of America provides \$5,000 Coastal Wetlands Awards to one or more deserving students for field work and research in wetlands conservation. Applicants must be enrolled in...

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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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