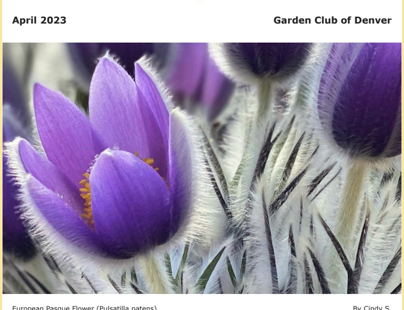
April 2023 **Garden Club of Denver**



European Pasque Flower (Pulsatilla patens) By Cindy S.

President's Post: Dig In Together!

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. — Jane Goodall

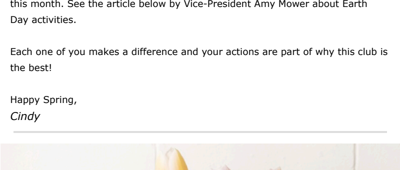
Whether you're out looking for a final bluebird powder day, heading to a faraway beach with your family or peeking outside at the awakening world. April is the month to get outside and breathe the scent of spring… and to take action for our surroundings!

Thank you to each of you for your contributions to the great success of our March Open Meeting. The moving tale of the Amache Rose and the Japanese internment camp from WWII in Colorado reached nearly 150 guests in our greater community. The film shows the strength of people and plants together. A highlight for me was Brian Vogt's wonderful introduction and "talk-back" by Director, Billy Kanaly. How great to have an actual Amache Rose, grown at the DBG, on display at the check in. Tagawa Gardens will surely sell out fast this spring as gardeners try to coax the first blooms.

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our Civic Projects Task Force and Committee Chairs, we are chock full of great ideas for getting out and celebrating Earth Day all month long. From these ideas, each of us can find a way to take part this month. See the article below by Vice-President Amy Mower about Earth Day activities.

Each one of you makes a difference and your actions are part of why this club is the best!

Happy Spring,
Cindy



Earth Day the Whole Month of April
Put the month of April on your calendar to participate in the GCD Earth Day Challenge! We are looking for 100% participation from our club.

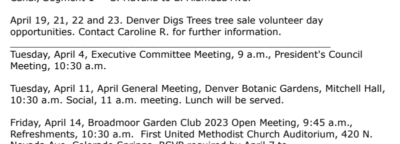
Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 a.m-noon, Annual Aurora Clean Up on the High Line Canal, Segment 1 — S. Havana to E. Alameda Ave.

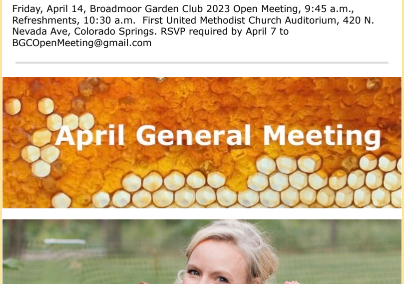
April 19, 21, 22 and 23. Denver Digs Trees tree sale volunteer day opportunities. Contact Caroline R. for further information.

Tuesday, April 4, Executive Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., President's Council Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 11, April General Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall, 10:30 a.m. Social, 11 a.m. meeting. Lunch will be served.

Friday, April 14, Broadmoor Garden Club 2023 Open Meeting, 9:45 a.m., Refreshments, 10:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church Auditorium, 420 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs. RSVP required by April 7 to BGCOpenMeeting@gmail.com



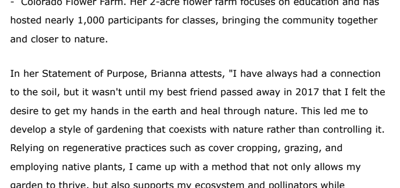


Insights from the Next Generation of Farmer/Owners

Brianna Bosch is a fifth-generation farmer and the owner of Blossom and Branch - Colorado Flower Farm. Her 2-acre flower farm focuses on education and has hosted nearly 1,000 participants for classes, bringing the community together and closer to nature.

In her Statement of Purpose, Brianna attests, "I have always had a connection to the soil, but it wasn't until my best friend passed away in 2017 that I felt the desire to get my hands in the earth and heal through nature. This led me to develop a style of gardening that coexists with nature rather than controlling it. Relying on regenerative practices such as cover cropping, grazing, and employing native plants, I came up with a method that not only allows my garden to thrive, but also supports my ecosystem and pollinators while providing habitat. I garden without the use of peat, any pesticides (including organic pesticides), or fertilizers. We emphasize soil and ecosystem building the way nature would."

Learn more about Blossom and Branch Farm here.



Earth Day the Whole Month of April
by Amy Mower

Put the month of April on your calendar to participate in the GCD Earth Day Challenge! Our newly formed Civic Task Force is encouraging all members to get out in the community to make the Earth a better place. Here is a list of some Earth Day Actions that all our members could consider for 100% GCD participation.

- High Line Conservancy Clean-up, April 8, Segment 1 from Havana to Alameda, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Click here to sign up.
- Denver Digs Trees is offering tree sale volunteer day opportunities on April 19, 21, 22 and 23. Contact Caroline R. for further information. Click here for the volunteer registration form.
- The GCD Floral Design Committee is pledging to order 75% of our floral product from Colorado growers to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Plastic Reduction Ideas. Click here for more information.
- Sign up for Ridwell, a service that picks up all the thin plastic that we can't recycle, batteries, light bulbs and batteries. For further information Click here.

You can come up with your own idea and it can be on any day! For further information email Amy M. Please send photos and descriptions of your participation for the May eNews.

Thanks to GCD Conservation, Photography, Horticulture, and Floral Design Committees and the Civic Projects Task Force.

March Open Meeting Highlights
By Amy Mower

We had a robust turnout of over 150 guests for our March Open Meeting. "Amache Rose," a thoughtful documentary by Denver Botanic Films, that highlights an important time in history was screened. Brian Vogt and Billy Kanaly gave us a personal look into the development of the film and the magic of finding the rose on the site of Camp Amache. Mike Bone shared one of the propagated roses, which is maturing nicely. If you missed this meeting, "Amache Rose" is being shown several times a day at DBG.

The Photography Committee put our new display easels to good use, showcasing stunning photographs of winter scenes that make us grateful to live in this beautiful state. The gorgeous flat-lay floral images brought a breath of fresh air to the reception. The conservation exhibit, "All About Water," presented great facts about this important topic and gave us a lot to think about.

GCD Goes to Washington, DC

GCD's delegates Lynn D. and Lise W. arrived in Washington, DC for the 2023 National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) conference armed with talking points for key GCA-backed legislative requests. Who…

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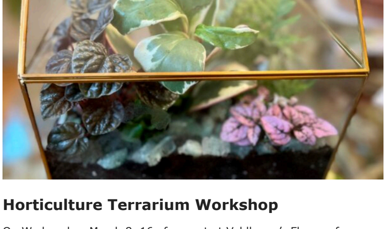

Horticulture Terrarium Workshop

On Wednesday, March 8, 16 of us met at Veldkamp's Flowers for a terrarium workshop. We were treated to a tour of the facility and what an operation it is! …

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Member Spotlight: Suellen White

Suellen White is a citizen of the world and a dedicated member of our local garden club. She joined Garden Club of Denver after a three-year stint living in Paris. Longtime…

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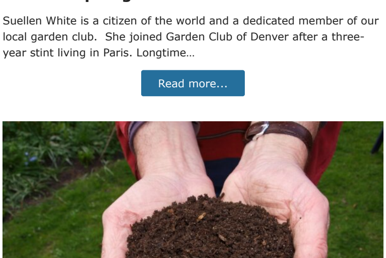

New Denver Compost Collection Guidelines

The Garden Club of Denver Conservation Committee wants to make sure you are aware of the new Denver compost collection guidelines starting April 1, 2023. We assume, if you live…

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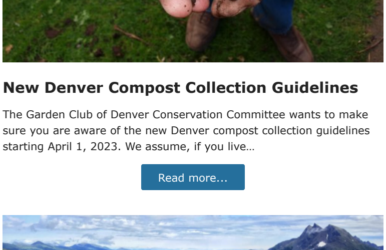

GCA Advocacy in Washington, DC and other GCA Conservation News

More than 200 GCA members traveled to Washington, DC for the National Affairs & Legislation (NAL) conference – our 40th on Capital Hill. For all the details (speakers, legislation advocacy,…

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Getting to Know GCA's Scholarship in Garden History and Design at the Archives of American Gardens

The Garden Club of America Scholarship in Garden History and Design at the Archives of American Gardens promotes the study of garden history and design. Scholars assist in cataloging The Garden Club…

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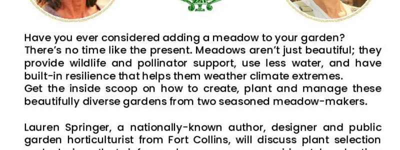
Broadmoor Garden Club

Open Meeting Invitation



Making a Meadow Garden

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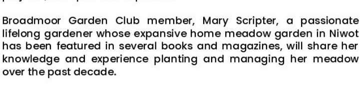

Have you ever considered adding a meadow to your garden? There's no time like the present. Meadows aren't just beautiful; they provide wildlife and pollinator support, use less water, and have built-in resilience that helps them weather climate extremes. Get the inside scoop on how to create, plant and manage these beautifully diverse gardens from two seasoned meadow-makers.

Lauren Springer, a nationally-known author, designer and public garden horticulturist from Fort Collins, will discuss plant selection and design that informs her numerous prairie-style planting projects, both public and private.

Broadmoor Garden Club member, Mary Scripter, a passionate lifelong gardener whose expansive home meadow garden in Niwot has been featured in several books and magazines, will share her knowledge and experience planting and managing her meadow over the past decade.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9:45 Refreshments
10:30AM Presentation Friday
April 14, 2023

First United Methodist Church
Auditorium
420 N. Nevada Ave

FREE PARKING: North Lot, opposite the church, NW corner of Nevada at St. Vrain

Limited Seating -- RSVP REQUIRED:
BGCOpenMeeting@gmail.com by April 7

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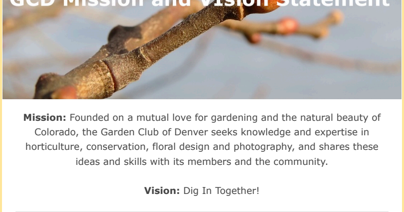

Mission: Founded on a mutual love for gardening and the natural beauty of Colorado, the Garden Club of Denver seeks knowledge and expertise in horticulture, conservation, floral design and photography, and shares these ideas and skills with its members and the community.

Vision: Dig In Together!

GCD Board and Committees 2022-2024

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