

May 2023

Garden Club of Denver



By Cindy S.

President's Post: Dig In Together!

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins." — Algernon Charles Swinburne

This quote reminds me of an all-time favorite children's book, The Story of the Root Children by Sibylle von Olfers. This classic and beautifully illustrated story of our changing seasons follows each flower and insect as it wakes from winter sleep. Every year, gardeners get to experience the finest of life's pleasures... the daily rituals of checking the garden for newly emerging shoots and flowers, making fresh nosegays to share, planting pots, sowing veggie seeds, and transplanting or dividing favorite perennials for friends.

I am so impressed with our club for all the enthusiastic participation for Earth Day! Be sure to look below for photos and stories. Our collective actions really make a difference. Congratulations to the GCD and Broadmoor NAL team for rallying our Colorado Representatives, Joe Neguse and Ken Buck to write a Resolution in the House making April National Native Plant Month. What an impressive group of women! Thanks to all our creative Committee Chairs for pulling together wonderful opportunities.

Plans to plant Lainie's Cutting Garden at the Denver Botanic Garden are underway for late May, so stay tuned to sign up to help. We are hoping for great participation and another gorgeous cutting garden this year. Save your Wednesday mornings! Please also be thinking about which weeks you would like to cut flowers and make bouquets for the DBG this summer.

I wish you all lots of time outside with your hands in the healthy soil and birds and pollinators overhead.

Welcome spring!

Cindy

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." — Margaret Atwood



Monday, May 1, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Flower Arranging for Craig Hospital Volunteers and Staff at the home of Lisa G.

Tuesday, May 2, 9 a.m., Executive Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., President's Council Meeting, Zoom meetings with Cindy.

Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m., May General Meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens. This is a coffee meeting.

Tuesday, May 16, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Garden Club of Denver Friends and Family Planting Day with Civic Center Conservancy at Civic Center Park. Meet at the Conservancy tent on the Promenade near McNichols Civic Center Building.

Thursday, May 18, 5 - 7 p.m., Garden Club of Denver Cocktail Party, Denver Botanic Gardens.

Wednesday, May 24, 9 - 11 a.m., Planting of Lainie's Cutting Garden. Denver Botanic Gardens.

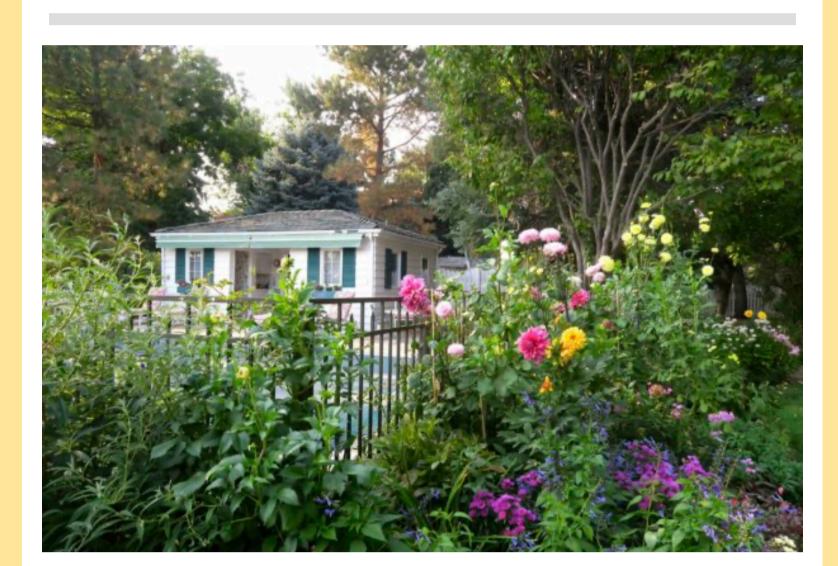


A Floral Design Tutorial

lead by Cora, Elizabeth, Lisa and Martha

May is a perfect time to refresh our skills and to gain confidence as volunteers for the weekly floral arrangements at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Our own talented floral designers will demonstrate how to create unique floral arrangements. They will share their insights such as: Do you need a big idea or theme? What design principles do they consider important? Where to begin? How to best work together when creating an arrangement as a team? Come to the meeting with your questions.



The Taplin Garden Accepted into the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens

The Garden History and Design Committee is pleased to announce that the documentation of Bea Taplin's Garden has been completed and accepted into the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens (SAAG)....



GCD Members Celebrate Earth Day with High Line Canal Conservancy Volunteers

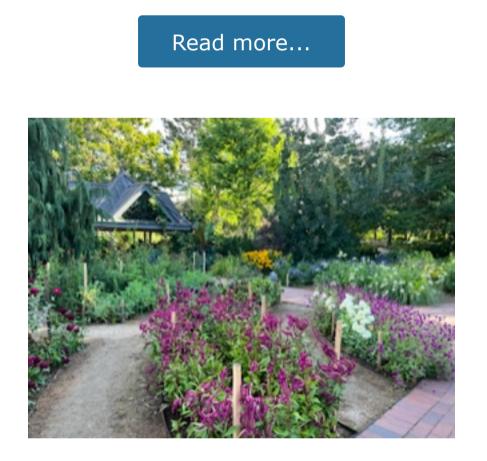
Six intrepid trash collectors, aka GCD members volunteering for the Annual Aurora Clean-up of the High Line Canal Conservancy, scoured the banks for trash all in the name of Earth...

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Member Spotlight: Sheilagh Hudon

Sheilagh Hudon will soon be celebrating 30 years of membership with the Garden Club of Denver, a fitting milestone for a woman who comes from generations of gardeners. Sheilagh...



Get Your Trowels and Clippers Ready....Its time to sign up for Lainie's Cutting Garden.

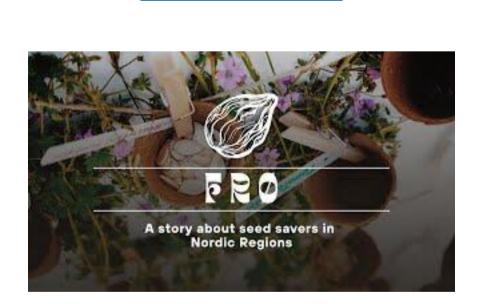
Denver Botanic Gardens liaison Angie Andrade and I have designated Wednesday, May 24 as planting day (weather permitting) and we'd like to have a crowd on that day to kick...

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How to Re-Bloom Your Amaryllis

Don't throw them away after they have bloomed! Reblooming your Amaryllis, (Hippeastrum) is not as difficult! Like all bulbs, the Amaryllis will need a period of dormancy, anywhere from 10...



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Getting to Know – The Impact of GCA Scholarships

In March, the GCA Scholarship Committee convened to thoughtfully review and consider scholarship applications for 2023. Impressively, 86 scholars were approved and a total of \$402,500 has been awarded. A full...

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GCD Mission and Vision Statement

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

Executive Committee

President: Cindy Scott Vice President: Amy Mower 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 Membership: Debbie Davis and Amy Slothower Floral Design: Elizabeth Weigand with Martha Veldkamp and Lisa Duke Horticulture: Suzanne MacKenzie and Ann Ellis Photography: Liz Walker and Liza Grant

Other GCD Committees

Amaryllis Bulb Sale: Leslie Liedtke and Nancy Jones Colorado on the Road: Janet Manning and Becky Schaub Community: Kathleen Thomas Directory (Roster): Deborah Foy eNews: Ann Crammond and Bar Chadwick Flower Show: Dodie Jackson and Caroline Rassenfoss Garden History & Design: Holley Sanford and Sarah Alijani 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 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 Wheeler DBG Flower Arranging: Floral Design Committee and Elizabeth Weigand DBG Holiday Decor: Linda Zinn

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