Garden Club of Denver

September 2023 **Garden Club of Denver**

Denver Daisies(Rudbeckia ssp), Shasta Daisies (Leucanthemum superbum), and Purple Cone Flower (Echinacea angustifolia)

Photo by Cindy S.

President's Post: Dig In Together!

"People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us. ~Iris Murdoch

What a summer we have had with the flouncy blooms of this crazy planet. The early rains brought what I would call a Colorado super-bloom and we all are benefiting…from the tiniest creatures to gardeners and flower lovers like us.

As the change of season begins, we also begin anew in garden club this year with the earlier start for General Meetings**.**

Please arrive at 9:30 am for coffee/breakfast social time. Our program speakers will go FIRST promptly at 10 am followed by the (required) business meeting around 11 am. **This schedule will have us wrapped up by noon.**

Kicking off with our September speaker, Sherry Nickolaus from The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. We are in for a wonderful year of enriching programs.

I look forward to welcoming Taylor Hawes, The Nature Conservancy's Colorado River Program Director to our October Luncheon Meeting at the Denver Country Club. Her topic is one that hits close to home for all Coloradans - western water issues and especially the management of our Colorado River Watershed. Guests are welcome, so please introduce us to potential new members at this meeting or any other workshop or field trip that has room this fall.

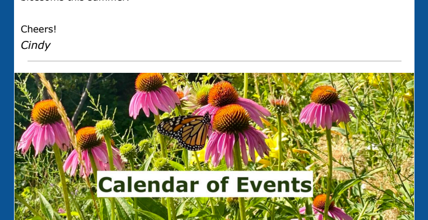
For our **November OPEN MEETING,** in the Freyer - Newman Center's Sturm Auditorium, we are fortunate that Kelly Stava is bringing us the amazing French photographer, Anouk Krantz, (also Kelly's friend) who will dazzle us and our community with her stunning images of the West. Please tap into your networks to bring friends and interested newcomers to this **late afternoon** presentation followed by a cocktail social and book-signing in Mitchell Hall.

Many thanks for all the hard work of our Programs, Hospitality, Conservation, Floral, Photography and Horticulture Committee Chairs. A special thank you to Deborah Foy and the team who have worked hard to produce the updated directory this year. Please refer to it for upcoming dates and times, member contacts and other valuable information. Pick up your copy from Deborah at the September General Meeting and of course, check the website for up-to-date information at your fingertips.

Lanie's Cutting Garden is overflowing with beautiful flowers and our floral designers are bringing joy every week with wonderful arrangements. There is still time to jump in and create or spend time with friends at the DBG perfecting the garden.

I hope you have all had the chance to go a little "mad with joy" over the blossoms this summer.

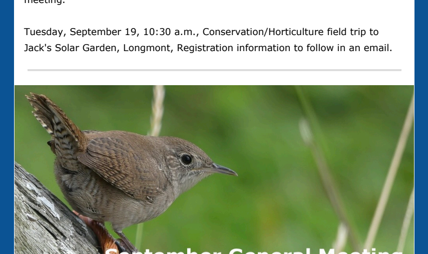
Cheers!
Cindy



Tuesday, September 5, 11:30 a.m., President's Council Meeting and Team Meeting at the home of Cindy S.

Tuesday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. Social, 10 a.m. Speaker, September General Meeting to follow, Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall. This is a coffee meeting.

Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 a.m., Conservation/Horticulture field trip to Jack's Solar Garden, Longmont, Registration information to follow in an email.



Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Sherry Nickolaus our September speaker is with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. Their mission is the conservation of birds and their habitats through an integrated approach of science, education and land stewardship. By increasing the native plants in our backyards and communities we are providing valuable resources for all types of wildlife including pollinators and birds. She will share steps we can take to increase biodiversity and provide critical habitat for all species of wildlife in our local communities.

Art and Nature: A Perfect Pairing for This Year's Colorado On The Road

Members of the Garden Club of Denver and the Broadmoor Garden Club gathered on July 19 in Green Mountain Falls for our third annual Colorado on the Road excursion. Participants…

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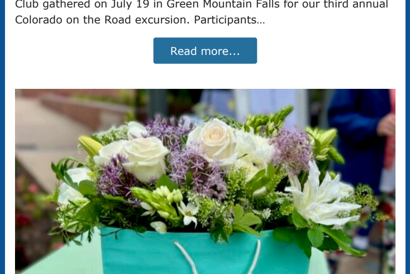

2023 Annual Meeting and Flower Show

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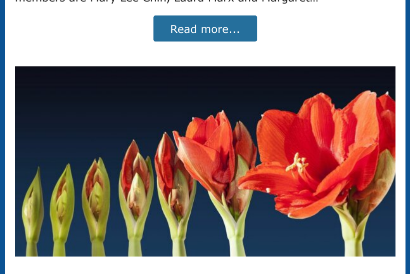

Meet GCD's new and affiliate members

Garden Club of Denver welcomed three new members and two affiliate members at the June Annual Meeting and Flower Show. New members are Mary Lee Chin, Laura Marx and Margaret…

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Help us close out the Amaryllis Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased amazing amaryllis bulbs through our annual fundraiser sale! We are on track for a record year, and we have just a few remaining bulbs…

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Conservation/Horticulture Field Trip on Agrivoltaic Farming

Happy Summer from the conservation committee! Many of us enjoy fresh produce from Denver Botanic Gardens and other area farms. It's wonderful to buy local – and to enjoy all…

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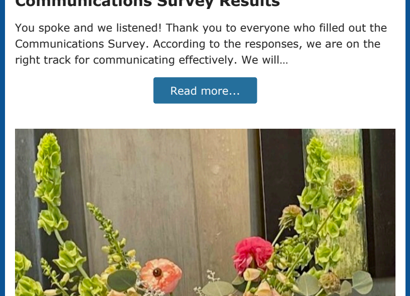

Communications Survey Results

You spoke and we listened! Thank you to everyone who filled out the Communications Survey. According to the responses, we are on the right track for communicating effectively. We will…

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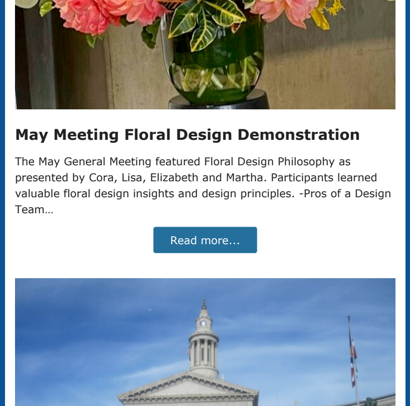

May Meeting Floral Design Demonstration

The May General Meeting featured Floral Design Philosophy as presented by Cora, Lisa, Elizabeth and Martha. Participants learned valuable floral design insights and design principles. -Pros of a Design Team…

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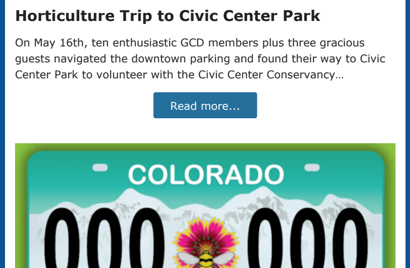

Horticulture Trip to Civic Center Park

On May 16th, ten enthusiastic GCD members plus three gracious guests navigated the downtown parking and found their way to Civic Center Park to volunteer with the Civic Center Conservancy…

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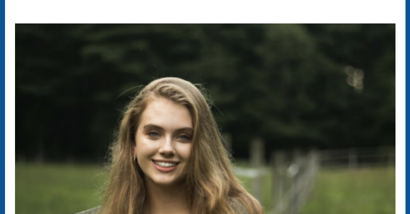

Support Protect Our Pollinators Colorado License Plate

This new Colorado license plate features a Hunt's Bumblebee and the Blanket Flower, both native to Colorado. The plate itself brings attention to the essential existence of pollinators in our…

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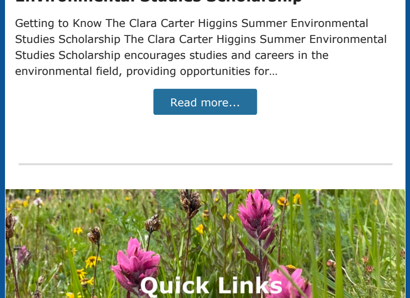

The GCA Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship

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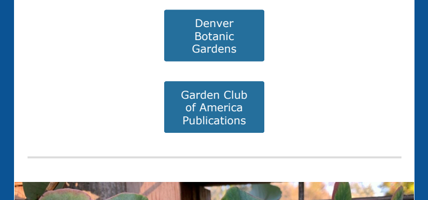

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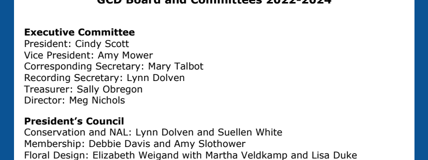

Mission: Founded on a mutual love for gardening and the natural beauty of Colorado, the Garden Club of Denver seeks knowledge and expertise in horticulture, conservation, floral design and photography, and shares these ideas and skills with its members and the community.

Vision: Dig In Together!

GCD Board and Committees 2022-2024

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: Lynn Dolven 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
Civic Task Force: Kathleen Thomas, Lindsay Dodge, Lisa Gould, Suzanne MacKenzie, Amy Mower, Cindy Scott
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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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