Commissioner Jennifer Ximenes

President's Post: Spreading Our Roots

"In long an ancient land, I shall far travel, serene and calm enough to spell the beautiful Magic Law." – Hermann Hesse

The plethora of colors in the mountain dazzle our senses which molds into the lingering smell of rain on the plains. Aren't we lucky to live in such a vibrant and beautiful place? Our Garden Club of Denver is spreading roots in this beautiful city. What a treasure to be inspired by our members' creativity and enthusiasm. Thank you!

The open meeting were BEYOND our expectations with a nearly full auditorium. Our Commissioner Jennifer Ximenes and her committee members deserve our collaborative kudos. Much conversation will be sparked by Historical and Contemporary Gardens of Denver, Gardens of Colorado, Gardens of Paris, Gardens of Bunker, Martin's, Cairn, Rising Addition, Oakbrush, Columbine and Verde St. for all the organizational and presentations this meeting required.

Thank you to our committee chairs for all their hard work organizing up to participate in some exciting field trips, workshops and programs. I want to encourage our new members to sign up to see a newly activated Map that we offer to our members. Our Garden Club of Denver Calendar of Events is a work of art. Have been asked, please collaborate with the committee chairs and share your knowledge and input. We want our committees to be driven by our membership's input. Please let us know if you want to be a host or a guest. We are participators!

Our next newsletter comes out in February, so please access the Rural Exchange in December and January along with the website calendar for upcoming information heading into the new year.

Thank you to Hugo C. for her generous donation of over 40 old carved from her Treasures for a FREE Garden Gift or amazing gift for the offered the Garden Club of Denver and we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

I hope you are getting excited to plant your empathic bulbs this fall. Thank you to Ann M., Margaret B., Alice and Bette for managing the sale this year. The proceeds will benefit the Civic Center Conservancy's NOMAD projects.

See you on Tuesday, November 12 **by 10:30 (social starts at 9:45)** at the Denver Country Club. Please bring a guest, if you have someone who is interested in learning more about the Garden Club of Denver.

While awaiting our amazing blooms, I hope you have an enriching holiday season with all your family and friends!

With gratitude and admiration,

~ Amy Weaver

Monday, November 4, DBG Romantic Garden Holiday Decorating, 10 a.m.; noon.

Tuesday, November 5, President's Council and Executive team meetings by Zoom, 2 p.m. PC, 3 p.m. Executive.

Thursday, November 7, Meeting with Appleblossom and Primary Sponsors, 10 a.m. Contact Amy Weaver for Zoom invitation.

Tuesday, November 12, November General Meeting, 9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Denver Country Club, 1700 E 1st Avenue, Denver.

Thursday, November 14, Field trip to the National Laboratory for Sandia Research Preservation at CSU, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3, PC and Executive team meetings by Zoom, 1 p.m. PC, 2 p.m. Executive.

Tuesday, December 12, Holiday outdoor pots greens pickup, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Bonsai House, 1755 Circle Drive, Denver.

Tuesday, December 12, December General Meeting, social 9:30-10 a.m., meeting followed by holiday floral arrangements 10 - 11:30 a.m., Cedric Hall Denver Botanic Gardens.

Tuesday, January 7, PC and Executive team meetings by Zoom, 1 p.m. PC, 2 p.m. Executive.

Tuesday, January 14, January General Meeting, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., DBG Gates Hall.

November General Meeting

Commissioner Jennifer Ximenes and Bonsai Accomplishments, a remarkable garden in Denver, its history, design, and relocation in Victoriana. Gardens and Landscapes of Paris, a tour of the City of Light's iconic gardens, from the Tuileries to Versailles. Horticulture at DBG, and displays of Succulentopia, and about Succulentopia's story and describe the horticultural choices made for its design.

This is an open meeting. If you want to bring a guest, there will be a $20 fee.

Tuesday, November 12
Denver Country Club, 1700 E 1st Avenue
79 W - 10:30 a.m. social with coffee and nibbles
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. meeting and presentation
11:30-12:30 p.m., program presentation with lunch to follow

The round issue of eNews will be in February 2025. Look in your inbox for The Rural Exchange for all the latest information and events in December and January.

Community Outreach – Harvest Day at Civic Center Park

On September 28, 2024, 17 club members gathered at Civic Center Park to plant a Pollinator Garden and a Pollinator Bed for Denver residents to read. With a wealth of enthusiasm, it

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Shirley Meanice Horticulture Conference 2024 – Chicago Botanic Gardens

Four Garden Club of Denver members planned some fellowship and attend the Garden Club of America Shirley Meanice Horticulture Conference at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in September – Sophia,

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Lainie's Cutting-Garden and Floral Design Concludes a Successful Year

What a summer we have had at Lainie's cutting garden! The summer flowers were spectacular, thanks to our volunteer, Nancy S and Margaret D did a fabulous job tending the garden.

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Floral Design Autumn Dahlia Arrangement Workshop

Floral Design kicked off the year with a Dahlia Arrangement Workshop. Elizabeth M. designed a lovely "bronze" concept and led an intimate group through the step by step demonstration. Success...

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Harvest Lunch Celebrates Autumn

On September 24 the Garden Club of Denver Horticulture and Conservation Committees hosted DCI's Annual Harvest Lunch at Littleton's glorious Bonsai Street Garden. Korean mamters came with pots an arrangement...

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Amaryllis Sale Success

Thank you to everyone who purchased Amaryllis bulbs and helped make this year's sale a huge success! Our sales! We sold 350 bulbs and will be able to donate over 100 bulbs...

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October Open Meeting was a Huge Success

October 8 was a great day for the Garden Club of Denver and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Horticulture and Conservation Committees and preparations for our Future, by co-chairs Claire Tanos and Interiorm Gustain. Amay...

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Going Beyond Red and White – Floral Design Workshop

December 10 GCD Special Meeting - Floral Design Workshop
Beyond Red and White – Floral Design Workshop Instructor: Kathy Kruger Club member Martha B. has designed a gorgeous arrangement for us. She...

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Holiday Outdoor Greens Pickup

Once again this Floral Design event was incredibly popular. Over 45 people attended and purchased beautiful greens for their holiday decorations. Create their own individual designs to dress up their outdoor...

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Greening of the Gardens Event

Please join your fellow club members as we help Denver Botanic Gardens prepare for the holiday season. This event is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 10 a.m. at DBG's Romantic...

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Visiting Gardens Survey and Upcoming Trip

In September of 2024 a Visiting Gardens questionnaire was emailed to members. Thank you to those who completed the survey. The responses to the specific questions are as follows. How many...

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Mission: Founded on a mutual love for gardening and the natural beauty of Colorado, the Garden Club of Denver seeks to promote education, fellowship, and community, to foster a sharing of ideas and knowledge, and preservation and conservation of our natural environment. We also seek to share our ideas and skills with our members and the community.

Vision: Joy in Together!

GCD Board and Committees 2024-2026

Executive Committee

President: Amy Weaver

Vice President: Amy Gustinson & Liz Walker

Corresponding Secretary: Becky Schultz

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Mackenzie

Treasurer: Sally Obregon

Director: Cindy Scott

President's Council

Conservation and Misc.: Lynn Colwell & Paula Stuart

Membership: Janet Manning & Marianne Sutton

Floral Design: Nora Kane

Horticulture: Mary Foster & Caroline Rappaport

Photographer: Lisa Grant & Barbara Mackenzie

Community Outreach: Kathleen Thomas

Other GCD Committees

Amaryllis Bulb Sale: Margaret Brown & Amy Mars

Colorado on the Road: Lisa Grant

Directory (Master): Lisa Wessling

eNews: Mary Hughes & Sarah Bilger

Flower Show: Ann Bell & Mary Ellen

Gardens of Colorado: Lynn Colwell

GCD Bazaar and Succulent Fund: Mary Schoeffel & Mandy Kuegler

GCD Bulletin & Communications: Deborah Tha

Interiors and Bonsai: Kimbrough Hudson, Janet Manning & Lindsay Dodge

Hospitality: Nari Chadwick

Judging: Mary Ellen

Nominating: Cindy Scott

Rural Exchange: Sarah Gustain White

Scholarships: Priscilla Longfellow

Visiting Gardens: Diane Patterson

Website: Meg Nichols

Denver Botanic Gardens Committees

DBG Cutting Gardens: Nancy Schoeffel & Margaret Tuson

DBG Gardens Lessons: Cora Wilkerson, Elizabeth Wagner, Nan Fitzmorris & Marty Schaefer

DBG Flower Arranging: Debbie Davis, Kate Tauchen & Tracy Zarkanga

DBG Holiday Decor: Bonnie Sonnenberg & Margaret Tuson