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BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018
9:45 AM
AT COUNTRY CLUB AT CASTLE PINES

Details on page 3

SAVE THE DATE

See Pages 3+ for details

- Fri Jan 12** - Birds Bees & Butterflies @ CCCP
- Fri Feb 2** - Old Garden Roses @ CCCP
- Fri Mar 2** - Families of Wildcat Mts @ CCCP
- Fri April 6** - Planning a Garden Party @ CCCP
- Tues April 24** – Field Trip Cherokee & Serenity Gardens + Picnic
- May TBA** - Luncheon & Style Show
- June 11 – 15** – Return to Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Tues Aug 7-** Field Trip B. Ford Alpine Gardens

SIGNUP & PAYMENT DEADLINES

- Fri Jan 5** Deadline for Jan 12 Lunch
- Fri Jan 26** Deadline for Feb 2 Lunch
- Fri Feb 23** Deadline for Mar 2 Lunch
- Fri Mar 30** Deadline for April 6 Lunch



NOW, A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LIZ LIVELY OUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to our beautiful Colorado winter! I hope everyone is enjoying it, or enjoying a warm time further south. As I write this, the sunrise is spectacular.

Our November program on Daylilies presented by Linda Horn was a huge success, with overflow participation. A big thank you to our program committee chairs, **Betty Ziemann** and **Beverly Carr**.

Look ahead for our next programs; the information is on the following pages. Please note that our January program on Garden Pollinators on Friday, January 12 starts early, at **9:45**.

And, we had a truly special time at the Holiday Brunch at the Cherokee Ranch and Castle. The food, decor, friendship, and charitable hearts were magical. Thank you **Michele Volkl** and **Darcey DeRose** for the amazing effort coordinating it all. I don't want to steal **Ginny Forstmann's** thunder as she reports later in this newsletter on the success we had supporting our charities, so be sure to look for that. Also, did you notice the cute nametags, by **Ethel Parrington** and her committee?

And look even farther ahead to a special Field Trip to Cherokee Ranch and Serenity Garden in April, and to Vail's Betty Ford Alpine Garden in August. Details will be forthcoming from **Jomie Heftye** as time draws closer.

We also had two important publications come out. Our ever-growing directory, put together by **Pamela Elston** and **Carol Kingsley**, can be found at this link:

http://www.cpvgc.org/newsletters_366_3552374640.pdf . In addition, our annual photo book is out. Please take a look at it on our

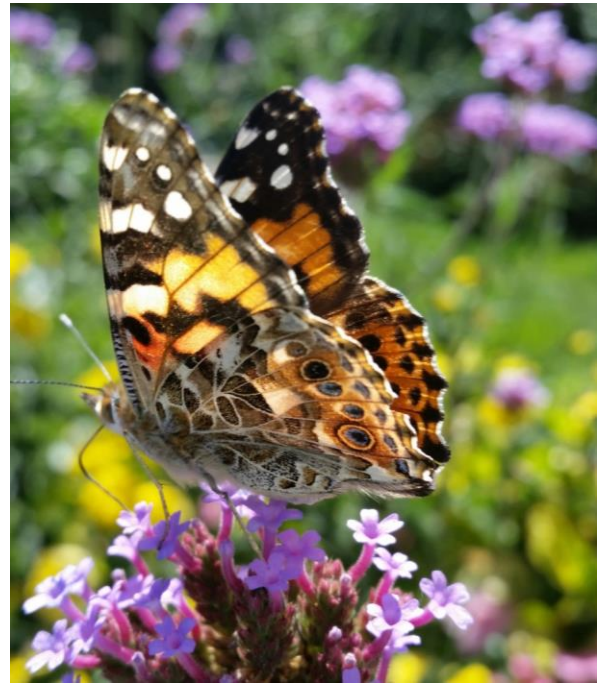
website: http://www.cpvgc.org/newsletters_354_282798420.pdf You can purchase a physical copy by getting in touch with our Historian, Carol Kingsley. A big thank you to Carol and her team for such a fabulous book.

Also, have you noticed how many members help to make each event great? We would love to have you on a committee. Give me, or a committee chair, a call and soon you'll be part of the fun, too.



Join Us for *Luan Akin's* Presentation Birds, Bees, and Butterflies

Who doesn't want to learn more about the birds, bees and butterflies?
Luan Akin, Garden Ambassador for Tagawa's Outreach Program, will tell us how to attract hummingbirds and invite other birds to our backyard with certain flowers, and how to support the honeybees.



Please bring cash for our door prize tickets: 3 for \$5 to support our charities, \$5 for food/gas cards for Crisis Center clients.

Our \$20 menu includes: Tomato Bisque with Sourdough Croutons, Spinach and Quinoa Salad which includes Baby Spinach, Avocado, Fried Garbanzo Beans, Compressed Strawberries, Cherry Tomatoes, Apples with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette, Grilled Flank Steak and Chicken Breast, Pumpkin Mousse Martini Glasses with Cinnamon Whip

Please note our new policy for lunch reservations. All reservations must be received by Ethel Parrington by January 5, 2018. If you are NOT a member of the Country Club, please send your \$20 check made to the Castle Pines Village Garden Club (CPVGC) to Ethel. If you ARE a member of the Country Club, please email Jennifer your name and your Country Club Member Number. No email reservations are confirmed until you receive a confirmation email reply from Jennifer.

Cancellations will be accepted up to 4:00 PM Friday, January 5, by calling Ethel and will be confirmed with an email from her.

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**When: January 12, 2018 (2nd Friday)
9:45 AM (Note Early Arrival Time)
10:15 AM Program Begins**

**Where: The Country Club of Castle Pines
9400 Country Club Drive
Castle Pines Village**

Peggy Cummings presents~
Fascinating Families of the Wildcat Mountains

Wouldn't it be wonderful to discover a plant and have it named after you?

This is a picture of the plant species that Sarah Bennett Walker, former resident of Castle Pines Village, discovered. Peggy's presentation will cover Sarah Bennett Walker, The Flowers and the Johnsons: Early Days at Charlford, and history of the Castle Pines Golf Club. Peggy's book, "Images of America: Douglas County" will be available for \$22.00 cash, check or credit card.



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3 for \$5 to support our charities, \$5 for food/gas cards for Crisis Center clients.**

Our \$20 menu includes: Green Chili with Queso Fresco and Cilantro; Tostado Salad Bar with Flour Tortilla Shells, Shredded Iceberg Lettuce, Diced Tomato, Green Onions, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Guacamole, Black Olives, Fried Garbanzo Beans, Grilled Achiote Chicken Breast, Cilantro, Lime Flank Steak, Blackened Shrimp; Churros With Chocolate Dipping Sauce

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All reservations must be received by Jennifer Dengler by **January 26, 2018**. If you are NOT a member of the Country Club, please send your \$20 check made to the Castle Pines Village Garden Club (CPVGC) to Jennifer. If you ARE a member of the Country Club, please email Jennifer your name and your Country Club Member Number. No email reservations are confirmed until you receive a confirmation email reply from Jennifer. Cancellations will be accepted up to **4:00 PM Friday, January 26, 2018** by calling Jennifer and will be confirmed with an email from her.

Jennifer Dengler, 4224 Morning Star Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80108

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What: Fascinating Families of the Wildcat Mountain Presentation

When: February 2, 2018 10:00 AM

**Where: Country Club of Castle Pines
6400 Country Club Dr., Castle Pines Village**

WHAAAT?

OLD GARDEN ROSES BELONG IN YOUR GARDEN

We are EXCITED to hear Matt Douglas, owner of High Country Roses, present an historic overview of the rose with a focus on groups and varieties of roses that thrive in our mountain west. Matt will help us understand the importance of own-root roses, correct zone plant selection and give an explanation of High Country Roses efforts to promote and protect the rose.



Please bring cash for our door prize tickets: 3 for \$5 to support our charities, \$5 for food/gas cards for Crisis Center clients. Our \$20 menu includes: New England Clam Chowder; Cobb Salad~ Chopped Romaine, Diced Turkey, Diced Egg, Chopped Bacon, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Diced Avocado with Ranch or Balsamic Dressing; Lemon Mousse Martinis with Assorted Berries.

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What: High Country Roses Presentation

When: March 2, 2018 10:00AM

**Where: Country Club of Castle Pines, 6400 Country Club Dr.
Castle Pines Village**

STAY TUNED FOR: MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER, CONCERNING OUR APRIL 6TH MEETING, "PLANNING A GARDEN PARTY", PRESENTED BY TASHA CARRINGTON AND ON OUR MAY LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW.

FIELD TRIP TO VISIT CHEROKEE RANCH,
TWEET KIMBALL MEMORIAL GARDEN AND SERENITY GARDEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

The Field Trip Committee is planning an event in late April open to all interested members, to introduce the gardens our club maintains to our new members, and provide our new and ongoing gardeners alike, the opportunity to make plans to work together next year. We'll have an opportunity to learn about the history of Cherokee Ranch and its mission through a private tour of the Castle, and we'll also hear from our seasoned gardeners about how the gardens are maintained throughout the summer months.

We're planning for a picnic lunch at the Canyon Club Pavilion following our garden tours.



**CPVGC Sixth Annual Away Trip
JUNE 11 – 15, 2018**

**Return to Santa Fe, New Mexico
(Registration Closed)**

Monday, June 11: drive to Santa Fe

It is about a 6-hour trip down to Santa Fe. We will be coordinating carpooling.

Once again, we are staying at The Inn on the Alameda. Its central location, free on-site parking, free breakfast and daily complementary happy hour make it the best deal in Santa Fe. Dinner tonight is on your own. We will provide a list of great restaurants within walking distance.



Tuesday, June 12: Tour of the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens on Museum Hill

We will start the day early with a guided tour of the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens on Museum Hill. This small, newer garden area has matured and grown in size since a few of us visited in 2014. The mission of the garden is to celebrate, cultivate and conserve the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of the region. After our tour, we will head over to the Museum Hill Café for lunch. You can then tour one or more of the four world-class museums presenting the art, history and culture of the Native American Southwest, the Spanish colonial past and folk traditions from around the world. The museums have great gift shops!

Be sure to be back at the Inn for the 4 – 5 PM cocktail hour. We will draw names to break up into smaller groups for dinner at several local restaurants



Wednesday, June 13: Tour of the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden

We will drive about 30 minutes south of Santa Fe for a two hour private tour of the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden complex. The 50-acre parcel of land in southern Santa Fe County is covered with juniper and yellow twig rabbit brush with extensive views in all directions. The Houser family built a group of studios and an extensive outdoor garden and gallery. Over 80 monumental works are displayed.

After our tour, you can return directly to Santa Fe or get lunch nearby. You may also want to visit the Turquoise Trail Sculpture Garden in the small town of Cerrillos, which has an unusual Origami in the Garden collection. Suggested donation is \$10 per vehicle.

Once again, be back at the Inn for the 4 – 5 PM cocktail hour. We will draw names to break up into smaller groups for dinner at several local restaurants.

Thursday, June 14: Free day to enjoy Santa Fe and the surrounding area.

There is so much to do! The Santa Fe Tourism website <http://santafe.org> is an excellent resource. Here are some of the additional places you may want to visit:

- Art galleries on Canyon Road
- Sculpture garden at Nedra Matteucci Gallery in Santa Fe
- Palace of Governors and Museum (oldest public building in the USA)
- New Mexico Capitol Building (designed as a Kiva)
- Taos (1 ½ hours north of Santa Fe)
- The Village of Chimayo (El Santuario de Chimayo, Rancho de Chimayo Restaurant)
- Ten Thousand Waves, (Japanese-style spa), 20 minutes from The Plaza
- The Cliff Dwellings at Puye (30 miles north of Santa Fe)
- Bandelier National Monument (1 hour northeast of Santa Fe)
- Shop, shop, shop

Planning is still being done, but we may drive to Rancho de Chimayo Restaurant in nearby Chimayo for a farewell dinner.

Friday, June 15: Return to Castle Pines Village

**FIELD TRIP TO BETTY FORD ALPINE GARDENS
(World's Highest Botanic Garden)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**



The Field Trip Committee is planning a great day trip, with optional overnight, in early August of 2018 to visit the beautiful and expanded Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail. Our members will enjoy a private morning tour of the gardens, guided by seasoned docents. We will then have an opportunity to visit the Educational Center located next to the Gardens (pictured above right), where we'll have the opportunity to learn more about the alpine environment and its plants through self-guided displays and a state of the art alpine house featuring plants from around the world. We might even enjoy a cooling drink on the rooftop terrace of the Center. Our committee has arranged for a private group lunch at a locally owned restaurant named Big Bear Bistro within easy walking distance of the Gardens where we'll enjoy their wide selection of gourmet sandwiches and salads. For those who choose to stay the night, we will suggest a hotel offering AAA and other discounts. Members will have free time on Tuesday afternoon to peruse the shops or maybe go for a hike beside beautiful Gore Creek. We'll arrange for dinner in smaller groups at local restaurants on Tuesday evening. More details coming later!

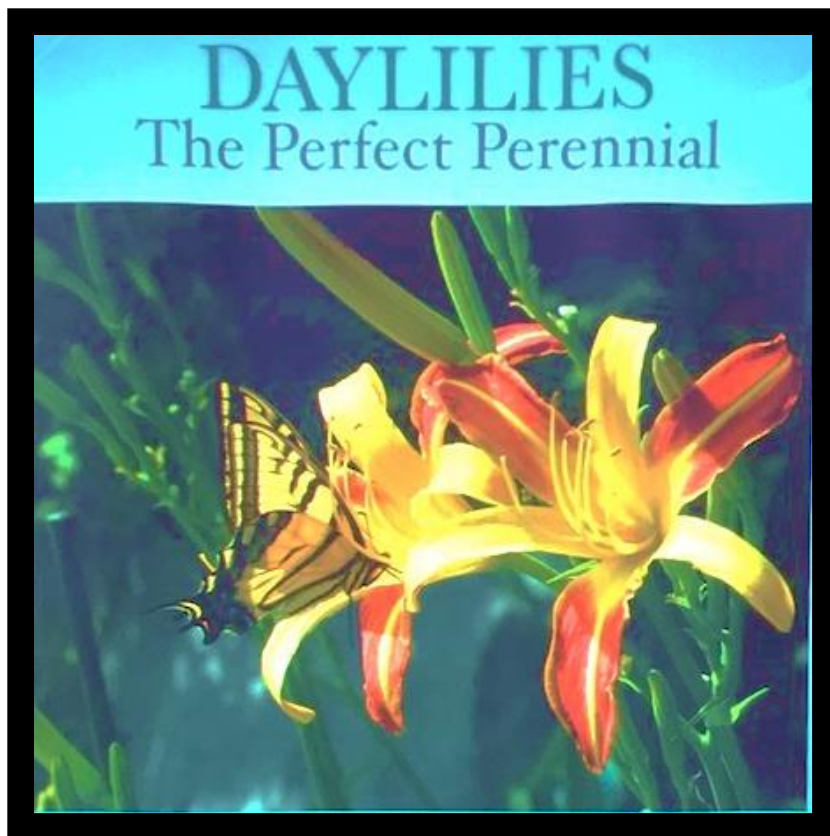
PAST EVENTS AND INTERVIEWS

CASTLE PINES VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Summary

November 3, 2017

At 10:30 AM President Liz Lively called the meeting to order. After making several announcements and acknowledging new members and guests, Liz asked Ginny Forstmann to introduce Dan Marlow, Executive Director of the Douglas/Elbert Task Force. An engaging speaker, Dan explained that before he became involved with the Task Force he had no idea that so many of our neighbors here in Douglas County were in financial crisis and needed immediate assistance with food, rent and utility payments. Last year the Task Force served 1600 people, and each day Dan sees people in line awaiting assistance. Believe it or not, the poverty rate in Douglas County is 23%. The Task Force has started a job training program; and so far, 68 people have learned interview skills and resume' techniques. This program has shown some positive results. Dan expressed his appreciation to our club for its support with the Giving Tree and donations to Treasures, the largest fundraiser. Garden Club members received flyers listing other ways to help including the Task Force Santa Sharing Program and Toy Chest Program. For more information email Ginny Forstmann who chairs our Outreach committee.



Our speaker, Linda Horn, a former teacher has loved daylilies since 1986 when she bought, in Oklahoma, a lily called “Big Bird”. She now has over 170 varieties in her garden in Castle Pines. Each lily has a name. Lilies in her garden are named after her children and grandchildren. She began her lecture by asking, “Is there really such thing as a perfect perennial?”

Lilies were first found in Asia 2000 years ago. They were valued for their beauty and medicinal qualities. Eventually they were taken to Europe by traders and then, in the 18th Century, brought to America. Some of the original lilies can still be seen in old homesteads around the country. The first lilies known are the *Hemerocallis Fulva* (Orange) that spreads rapidly and *Hemerocallis Liliosphodelus* that is a yellow lily known for its fragrance and prolific blooms.

There is a difference between a day lily and a traditional lily. A day lily grows from a root and has a stem while the traditional lily grows from a bulb and has leaves.

Originally there were 24 species from Asia. In the 18th century the Europeans cross-bred these species and there were 66 varieties. The Americans developed the 66 varieties and there are now 80,000 kinds of daylilies. Locally, Sabine Baur has 2300 varieties in her garden that she opens to visitors.

Their shapes, colors, color patterns, color marking and characteristics such as fragrance, bloom periods, re-blooming and length of blooms distinguish day lilies.

The flower has 6 petals that can be trumpet shaped, flaring or flat, curving toward the stem, circular, triangular, star shaped, spider shaped or double.

Colors of lilies can come in different arrangements also. Some lilies are just one color while others are blended, bitones (different intensities of the same hue) or bicolor. Some are marked with bands of darker colors around the throat on the petal only or on the petal and sepal.

Linda recommended that, when planting, we think about height and color as well as bloom times. She reminded us that Castle Pines Village represents a microclimate which is unlike that of Parker or Denver. Think about other plants that are blooming in the garden that will offer a background for the lilies.

When plants seem to be blooming less it is time to divide. Do not do this while the plant is blooming. Foliage left for winter keeps the roots warm and Osmocote provides adequate fertilizer in the spring.

So the question remains: Are Daylilies the Perfect Perennial?

1. There is a choice of colors, sizes, shapes
2. Lilies bloom at various times
3. They are long lasting
4. Lilies are free of disease
5. Deer and Rabbits prefer other plants
6. Planting and care is easy
7. It is a xeric plant
8. The foliage is attractive
9. Lilies offer opportunities to collect

What could be more perfect than that!

Linda finished her program about 11:50AM. The door prizes were then awarded to three very lucky people. Tasha Carrington had created two beautiful bouquets made from princess pumpkins and flowers. Wanda Ford had donated bulbs. Sixty-three members and guests attended the program. Forty one stayed for lunch.

By Grace Gehret



Program Chairs Betty Ziemann and Beverly Carr with our speaker, Linda Horn



Dan Marlow, Executive Director of the Douglas Elbert County Task Force





DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!





DECEMBER HOLIDAY BRUNCH AT CHEROKEE CASTLE
10:00 AM - DECEMBER 1, 2017
Summary by Darcey DeRose



On the clear, crisp December 1st morning, eighty festively dressed Garden Club members admired the sweeping views as they walked to the entrance of Cherokee Castle to attend the annual CPVGC Holiday Brunch. Inside the beautiful Holiday decorated main room, the guests were greeted at the Membership table by **Ethel Parrington**, Membership Chair, and her committee members, **Nancy Barley**, **Ruth Clark**, **Wanda Ford** and **Sharon Winders**. Each attendee received a nametag with a Christmas motif that indicated her table seating at one of the designated eight dining tables.



The smell of oranges, cloves and cedar greens wafted throughout the Castle, emanating from the beautifully decorated centerpieces on each of the dining tables. The gorgeous centerpieces consisted of a silver vase filled with a variety of cedar and pine greens,

fanning the table, and with clove-studded oranges and soft feathers, reminiscent of “days of old” at the Castle. The lovely, unique centerpieces were created by members of the Special Events Decorations Committee chaired by the talented **Tasha Carrington**. Tasha was assisted by committee members **Judy Bat, Suzanne Awner, Darcey DeRose, Wanda Ford, Beth Hernandez, Nancy Kirschke, Michele Volkl, and Kay West**.

Amidst the background of Christmas music, guests sipped champagne, mimosas, white wine, orange juice or coffee and engaged in lively conversations with friends and new Garden Club members. The ladies also admired the decorated Giving Tree, created by **Ginny Forstmann**, Chair of Charity Outreach, and her committee. Holiday envelopes and forms were placed at each of the tables, enabling the attendees to make contributions to the Douglas/Elbert Task Force and then place their envelope on the Giving Tree. Throughout the event, Historian and photographer, **Carol Kingsley**, and her committee members, took pictures capturing the festivities of the day.

At 11:00 AM, guests were seated at their tables as President **Liz Lively**, warmly welcomed the attendees and thanked them for attending the event. She thanked **Darcey DeRose and Michele Volkl**, Co-Chairs of Special Events, for their work on the Holiday Brunch, and she thanked the many ladies who contributed their time and assistance towards making the Brunch a success.

Ginny Forstmann was introduced and thanked the members for their financial support of the Garden Club charities this year and their contributions to the Giving Tree at the Brunch that was benefitting the Douglas/Elbert Task Force.



Special guest, **James Holmes**, Executive Director at the Castle, spoke to the group and thanked the CVPGC for all they do throughout the year at Cherokee Castle. He provided some historical background of the Castle and encouraged the attendees to remain involved and active in the work the Garden Club does on the Castle grounds.

A beautiful buffet brunch provided by Serendipity Catering, followed the brief meeting. The menu consisted of a mixed winter green salad with sliced apples and dried cranberries, served with champagne vinaigrette, a choice of a spinach and red pepper frittata or French onion tart with Swiss cheese, caramelized red onions and brandy, all-natural breakfast sausage, scones with Devonshire cream and a large platter filled with a variety of seasonal sliced fruit. Dessert, placed in trays and passed at each table, consisted of cream puffs, fruit tarts and chocolate mini-tarts as well as gluten free cookies.

Concluding the event, **Liz Lively**, reminded the attendees that if they wanted to stay and tour the Castle, arrangements had been made to have docents provide private mini-tours. As a final surprise treat, **Darcey DeRose and Michel Volkl**, thanked the Garden Club members for attending the event and announced that one lucky lady at each table had won the table centerpiece! At each table, taped on one chair leg, was a Christmas note indicating that the lady who sat on that chair was going to be able to take home the lovely centerpiece.



Gratefully, the attendees of the event, acknowledged that the CPVGC Holiday Brunch was a wonderful way to usher in the 2017 Holiday Season. As a small gesture of the

Garden Club's thankfulness to Emergency Services, a Holiday card and trays of the remaining menu items and desserts from the event, were delivered to the Emergency Services office by Special Events committee members, **Sandy Farrell, Rosemary Nigh and Mary Evans.**





**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
AND BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL 2018!!!**

Outreach Committee



The Charity Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that The Giving Tree raised \$4,750.00 for the Douglas/Elbert Task Force. This just proves that the membership of the CPVGC is a very generous group of wonderful people with extra-large hearts. Thanks to all of you who donated.

Ginny Forstmann, Charity Outreach Chair

INTERVIEWS OF OUR CPVGC MEMBERS



**Terri Sundermann, above left and above right, center,
on a windy day at the Cherokee Castle Gardens Picnic**

Terri and Ned Sundermann have lived in the village for 8 years, and it is no coincidence that Terri has also been in Garden Club for 8 years. Terri's favorite flower is the sunflower, which is the Kansas state flower, where she grew up. Terri loves to garden. During graduate school, she had a huge vegetable garden and often worked in it for hours, successfully avoiding studying!

Terri enjoys being on the CPVGC Board, as she likes going to board meetings, and knowing what will be happening, and she likes working with other board members and committee members. Terri loves the CPVGC Field Trips, and feels lucky to be on the committee that plans our field trips. She also likes attending every program meeting, even if she thought it was not a program she was interested in.

Terri's hobbies include most anything outdoors – gardening, trimming trees, bicycling, and hiking. She also likes to read and cook.

Terri and Ned love to travel to Europe, where they usually take bicycle trips for vacations. They have been to Germany many times, and to Italy, France, Austria, Costa Rica, Canada and most of the states in the U.S. On their list of places yet to travel to includes where they are heading in May – Central Europe for a 5-country bike trip including Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, and France. In their future they hope to go to Chile.



**Above Left, behind Ned and Terri, is a most interesting Bicycle Sculpture.
Above right is Terri in Nova Scotia, both photos taken in 2017**

Terri has one son, one grandson, two step-daughters and four step-grandchildren. One final interesting tidbit about Terri, is when she first began her undergraduate work at MIT, she was called into the Financial Aid Office, and was told she had been awarded a scholarship that paid all her tuition and fees, because she was a woman from the Midwest! Her father was ecstatic!!!

Editors' note: Terri has been a great supporter of our garden club. Just off the top of my head I recall her being Programs co-chair, President, Vice President, Advisor, presently our Treasurer, an active committee person for our wonderful field trip committee, and Terri participates in both our CPVGC gardens! We are lucky to have her in our club!! Thank you Terri.



Above left, is Carol Kingsley. It is hard to find photos of Carol, because she is usually behind the lens of the camera, as our CPVGC Historian. Above, Carol is presenting our CPVGC President, Liz Lively, with Carol's completed photo album, containing all events from our year 2016-2017. Above right Carol, center, is enjoying one of our fall luncheons, at Terri Sundermann's. Below, Christmas at the club with her husband, Rick, and R. golfing in Hawaii.



Carol and her husband, Rick, have been living in Castle Pine Village for six years. Rick is a native of Colorado, and Carol has lived in Colorado since 1976. Carol has been in garden club for five years, and her favorite flower is the Amaryllis – “Big and Showy”, she says. Carol loves to work in small gardens, ones that aren’t too needy. Carol likes reviewing the photos and notes from each CPVGC program, event or outing while putting together the Carden Club Yearbook, and her favorite outing has been when we went to the “U-Dig” Iris Farm in Boulder last year.

Carol favorite hobby is playing golf, “at any course, any time!” Carol and Rick’s favorite restaurant keeps changing as new restaurants open. Currently their new favorite is Sierra Grill, which only opened a few weeks ago, near Cabela’s Sporting Goods Store.

The favorite place Carol has traveled is Tahiti, where she snorkeled everyday and saw the most beautiful fish. She would like to visit Australia and New Zealand in the future.

Carol has no children or grandchildren, since she has been single most of her life. She only met Rick 11 years ago, and they have been married for 10 years.

When I asked Carol if she had an interesting story for us, she said “I was the sole point person to work with the actor, Harrison Ford, and his attorney, during a 4 month period of time, while he selected avionics, interior fabrics, paint scheme and colors for the aircraft he purchased from our company”! Lucky Carol!

Center Front, in the pink and purple is Betty Ziemann, at one of the New Member Coffee’s at her house on Night Sky Court.





Above are photos of Betty Ziemann, who is co-chair of CPVGC Programs. Betty also organized and runs our Mentor Program, and has the annual New Member Tea in her lovely home.

Betty Ziemann and her husband, Ted, have lived in Castle Pines Village for almost 10 years. Betty has been in garden club for about 8 years, and her favorite flower is the peony. She likes to do container gardening, rather than deal with our hard and rocky soil!

Betty enjoys “meeting and talking with the speakers as CPVGC Program Co-Chair, meeting and talking with new members as the Mentor representative, getting to know our board members better, and learning all about the ‘behind the scenes’ work of our hard working CPVGC committees”.

Betty says, “Even though I’m not much of a gardener, I like learning about all the plants, trees and shrubs that grow well in our area. I enjoy our buffets after our monthly meetings where I

have the opportunity to visit with other members. Floral demonstrations are most enjoyable. Our socials are always special and fun.”

Betty’s top hobby is visiting their children and grandchildren, who live in CT, PA, & TX. They have two daughters and one son, who have blessed them with three granddaughters and three grandsons! Betty also plays Mah Jongg, goes to events at the Lone Tree Art Center, likes to try out new restaurants, likes having dinners with friends, and she likes watching movies.

Since Betty and Ted lived in Paris for 4 years, it's always a favorite place for them to travel. She has enjoyed the small towns of New England in the fall and the National Parks in Colorado and Utah.

Our interesting tidbit about Betty is that she sang on local TV when she was young and won a doll! We would all love to see a video of that. I bet Betty was precious then, as she is now!!



Jan Behler, above left, smiling with our bagpiper – at our 2016 Christmas brunch at Cherokee Castle!

In the words of Jan Behler:

“I have been a garden club member since 2005. I am a master gardener and was working with that organization at Cherokee Ranch when I was recruited by Marion Clark, the CPVGC president then, to become the club master gardener. I love gardening and subsequently went on to maintain the garden at Cherokee Ranch for 6 years. I've lived in Lone Tree for 2 years and in Colorado many years. It's hard to pick a favorite flower but I love delphiniums!”

“I met my husband Dave in Los Angeles when I was employed by United Air Lines as a flight attendant. I did that for many years. We have two children. One child is married and one isn't- no grandchildren yet but the dream is still alive! I like to cook and exercise.”

“I love all the trips that garden club has done. I haven't missed one yet. CPVGC is a group of nice fun women and like anything else you get out of it what you put in to it. This year I am a mentor for the first time in a wonderful program headed by Betty Ziemann.”

“My favorite personal trip of all time was this year going to Africa. So fantastic! Elephants are now an obsession of mine. My favorite restaurant is any one I have not yet tried.”

“People always wonder how I came up with my email address- beandip83. Our family visited Costa Rica one year where they have amazing bean dips and my husband told me I was eating too much bean dip and started calling me that. So it was a natural progression to beandip83!”



Above, at various CPVGC meetings, is Beverly Carr.

Beverly and her husband, Kent, have lived in the Village for four and a half years, and Beverly has been in garden club almost that long too. Her favorite flower is the hydrangea, and she

loves to “dig in the dirt”, which she much prefers to being inside. Beverly has enjoyed being on the CPVGC board because it’s been great getting to know those wonderful women.

In addition to gardening and being involved in garden club, Beverly loves golf, pickleball, hiking, cycling and generally being outdoors.

She and Kent are expecting their first grandchild, a girl, in March.

For several years Beverly was a USA Swimming Official in Iowa. She worked as a stroke and turn judge, starter and chief official. It was a great fun way to spend time at the meets where my daughter and two sons participated. Not sitting in the hot stands for Beverly! She said she would rather work and be productive!



In Left photo, Ginny is on the right. In the right photo, Ginny is in the sunglasses.



Above left is Ginny and her husband John, with their bear sculpture behind them. At right, Ginny, again in the sunglasses.

Interview for Newsletter by Ginny Forstmann

My husband, John, and I have been married for 52 years and have two children and three grandchildren.

We have lived on Capulin Place in the Village for six years. Prior to that, we lived in Beaver Creek full time for sixteen years, so we have been in Colorado full time for twenty-two years.

I've been a member of the Garden Club for six years, and my favorite flower is the tulip.

I would never call myself a gardener, but I do enjoy having a lovely garden - one that is somewhat wild with lots of color.

I truly enjoy being chair of the Community Outreach committee because the women on the committee are dedicated with terrific ideas. I also feel it is important to

support the area in which I live and have enjoyed learning the roles the Task Force and Crisis Center play for those neighbors who are less fortunate in Douglas County.

Being on the Board has also been rewarding. I have been on many non-profit boards, but have never been on one that every member of the board is one who could be counted on to fulfill her duties to such a great extent. It is truly a pleasure to serve with such willing and intelligent ladies.

I have enjoyed all the trips that I have taken with the club. Charleston was special, interesting and fun. It is always such a bonus to experience how well planned the trips are. The monthly meetings are interesting - I have learned a lot. The lunches following the meetings have helped me to get to know such nice and interesting members.

In addition to the Garden Club, I enjoy playing golf, traveling, reading, and learning. Two of the most interesting trips I have taken are rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon and following St. Paul's 2nd and 3rd journeys in Greece and Turkey.

A fun fact about me is that when in high school, my dance partner and I won an American Bandstand dance contest.

Another fun fact and one that I am very proud of is that last August I graduated from The Living School, having studied for two years the Christian Mystical Heritage.

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