



# Castle Pines Village Garden Club

## Board 2018 - 2019

### OFFICERS:

President  
Janice Wright  
[jteplyw@aol.com](mailto:jteplyw@aol.com)  
808-428-9238

Vice President  
Jane Niederbrach  
[jniederb@comcast.net](mailto:jniederb@comcast.net)  
303-883-4188

Advisor  
Liz Lively  
[familylively@gmail.com](mailto:familylively@gmail.com)  
720-381-2429

Treasurer  
Terri Sundermann  
[Terrellsun@gmail.com](mailto:Terrellsun@gmail.com)  
303-639-9876

Secretary  
Grace Gehret  
[Grace219@comcast.net](mailto:Grace219@comcast.net)  
303-660-1991

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Charity Liaison  
Wanda Ford  
[Wanda.ford@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:Wanda.ford@sothebysrealty.com)  
720-320-8901

Communications  
Kim Watson  
[kimdwatson13@gmail.com](mailto:kimdwatson13@gmail.com)  
720-733-0358

Field Trips  
Jomie Hefty  
[jhefty@hotmail.com](mailto:jhefty@hotmail.com)  
505-795-4567

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS CONT.

Gardens:  
Serenity Garden  
Nancy Kirschke  
[gkirkk@aol.com](mailto:gkirkk@aol.com)  
949-4360358

Cherokee Ranch Garden  
Marcia Wiedelman  
[Mwiede75@gmail.com](mailto:Mwiede75@gmail.com)  
720-733-8686

Historian  
Carol Kingsley  
[CarolK25@gmail.com](mailto:CarolK25@gmail.com)  
303-829-0666

Membership  
Ethel Parrington  
[ethelparrington@gmail.com](mailto:ethelparrington@gmail.com)  
216-470-5656

Programs  
Jennifer Dengler & Cheryl Porter  
[jenniferdengler@me.com](mailto:jenniferdengler@me.com)  
410-693-8477  
[cjporterclt@gmail.com](mailto:cjporterclt@gmail.com)  
303-810-1671

Special Events  
Michele Volkl & Darcey DeRose  
[mvolkl@comcast.net](mailto:mvolkl@comcast.net)  
303-799-0180  
[Darceyderose@comcast.net](mailto:Darceyderose@comcast.net)  
310-869-6426

Wine in the Garden  
Sharon Winders  
[winderssharon@gmail.com](mailto:winderssharon@gmail.com)  
720-733-7857



**CPVGC SUMMER PARTY AT LINDA HANSON'S**

**FRIDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT WITH A WAITING LIST**

**DETAILS ON PAGE 5**

### SAVE THE DATE

**July 20** – Summer Party @ Linda Hanson's  
**Tues Aug 7**- Field Trip B. Ford Alpine Gardens  
**Sept 7** – 2<sup>nd</sup> WITG @ Percivals  
**Fri Sept 14** – Fall Luncheon @ CCCP  
**Fri Oct 5** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**Fri Nov 2** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**Fri Dec 7** – Annual Xmas Brunch @ Cherokee  
**Fri Jan 11** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**Fri Feb 1** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**Fri Mar 1** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**Fri April 5** – Meeting @ CCCP  
**TBD May** – Luncheon and Style Show  
**June 16-21, 2019** – 7<sup>th</sup> Away Trip Victoria, BC

### SIGNUP & PAYMENT DEADLINES

**July 9 RSVP Deadline for Summer Party- Sold Out**  
**July 27 RSVP Deadline for Vail Field Trip**  
**Aug 31 RSVP Deadline for Sept 14 Fall Luncheon**  
**Sept 5 RSVP Deadline for Sept 7 Wine in the Garden**



**And now a word from our new president, Janice Wright  
July-August President's Letter**

Thank you all who have renewed your membership with the Castle Pines Village Garden Club for 2018-2019. **Liz Clarke** has been collecting dues and preparing our new roster. **Ethel Parrington**, our membership chair, has been busy following up with renewals.

**Jennifer Dengler and Cheryl Porter** have been scheduling our educational speakers for our Fall and Winter meetings. We look forward to these informative and educational meetings which will be announced soon.

On the social side, we thank **Michael and Cheryl Porter** for opening their lovely home for our first Wine in the Garden of the summer. **Sharon Winders, Ethel Parrington, Nancy Barley and their team** did a beautiful job organizing the event.

The trip to Santa Fe in June was one to remember! A great time was had by all! **Jomie Heftye and Terri Sundermann** had everything very well organized. **Judy Bat and Marcia Wiedelman** were also recognized for helping with the successful of the trip.

Both the Serenity Garden and the Cherokee Ranch Memorial Garden are being well maintained this summer. **Nancy Kirschke and her gardening team** recently planted some new flowers. **Master Gardener Marcia Wiedelman and her group** have spent time weeding in the Memorial Garden this summer. As soon as the water situation is resolved at the Cherokee Ranch, we will begin planting new plants.

Please check the Monday morning eblast which is being presented by our Vice President, **Jane Niederbrach** for all of the upcoming events.

Please check out the most recent copy of the Village Life Magazine which had an article about our recent luncheon and fashion show at the Golf Club. Thank you **Anna Morin** to writing about our event. **Carol Kingsley and her team** took pictures of our beautiful models for the magazine. As you all know, Parker Panache has many beautiful items from which to choose.

Thank you all who participate to make this a successful organization!

Janice

## **DATES FOR WORK DAYS IN BOTH GARDENS**

### **Cherokee – Fridays:**

**July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24, September 7, September 21**

### **Serenity – Wednesdays:**

**July 18, August 15, August 29, September 12, September 26**

### **Serenity News**

Good Monday Morning!

Last work day we planted some Shasta Daisies, Gaura (Belles Dark Pick), a Gayfether Blue, and Coreopsis. Everything is doing well, I've extra watered every few days to get them off to a good start. We also moved a few plants to group things for a better visual impact.

The plants are thriving with our fertilizer and compost! We need to keep on the weeds, they are thriving as well, darn it.

Wednesday we'll do some weeding and continue to make a border between the rocks and grass. Looking forward to seeing anyone who can come lend a hand!!!



Nancy Kirschke

### **Cherokee Memorial Garden News**

We had a Cherokee Garden work day last Friday and pulled a lot of weeds! We planned new plantings, type and color of plants. Janice Wright and I shopped at Plum Creek on the weekend for perennials. We discussed replacement of a dying tree with the groundskeeper. We need the sprinkler system repair prior to planting of the new plants. We expect that to be completed by Friday this week.

I am personally so impressed with the knowledge and dedication of the Cherokee Ranch volunteers. Thank you all so much!

Marcia Wiedelman



Castle Pines Village Garden Club

# Castle Pines Village Garden Club

Membership and Renewal Application

June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019

We welcome all who love gardens, no matter how experienced you are in the art of gardening. Come join us for an interesting year of learning and friendship, fun programs, field trips, social events, and helpful information. We feature informative and interesting programs for your Garden & Home. We maintain 2 small and sweet perennial gardens in the area. One is the Tweet Kimball Memorial Garden at Cherokee Ranch & Castle. The other, the Serenity Garden, is a xeriscape demonstration garden inside Castle Pines Village on Village Lake. This is a fun group and a great way to meet new friends and neighbors.

Please complete this form and send it, with your check made payable to the CPVGC, Mail to: Liz Clarke, 2503 Tournament Ct., Castle Rock, CO. 80108 [elizabethclarke01@msn.com](mailto:elizabethclarke01@msn.com)

Dues are \$30 per year for a membership (18 years or older). (We do not pro-rate dues for a partial year.)

We meet, usually, on the 1st Friday of the month at 10 am at the Country Club at Castle Pines Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted in the calendar, from September through May. Our summers are filled with tending our two gardens and attending garden parties at members' homes. Events are announced by E mail blasts.

When you become a member, you will be given a password and will have access to the Member Information Section of our very informative website at [www.cpvgc.org](http://www.cpvgc.org)

Check appropriate box:  New Member  Renewal **PLEASE PRINT** information below.

Name (as you want it in the Directory & on your nametag): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name (such as spouse/partner) to be included in our Directory:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # home \_\_\_\_\_ or, cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month and Day \_\_\_\_\_

Interests, Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle if you are interested in helping on one or more of these committees:

- |  |                                |                                   |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Serenity Garden                                    | Cherokee Ranch Memorial Garden | Communications                    |
| Programs   | Field Trips                    | Charity Outreach                  |
| Special Events                                     | Wine in the Garden             | Host Event @ Your Home            |
| Membership (roster, welcome table, mentor program) |                                | Historian (photography, yearbook) |

Another "Sold Out" Event – A Waiting List is Available



*At the Beautiful Home of Linda Hanson*  
*397 Orofino Drive*  
*Castle Rock, Colorado 80108*

**Don't miss this Castle Pines Village Garden Club special event for members, couples and singles!**

**An evening of amazing views, a glorious sunset, a dinner buffet, and live music awaits you!**

Wine and beer will be served (or bring your beverage of choice)  
Margaritas will be provided by our generous hostess, Linda Hanson  
Appetizers and dinner will be prepared by Flying Horse Catering

Live music will be performed by The Vail Valley Band  
Attire is country club casual

Please RSVP and mail your check before the Cancellation Deadline of July 9, 2018  
See RSVP Form for all details

Carpooling is strongly encouraged

**Please note this event may sell out before the RSVP and Cancellation Deadline**

**FIELD TRIP TO BETTY FORD ALPINE GARDENS IN VAIL, CO  
(World's Highest Botanic Garden)**



**Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 10:00 AM  
522 South Frontage Rd. E, Vail, Colorado**

Join us for a tour of the internationally acclaimed, world's highest elevation botanical gardens. We have arranged for a private tour of these spectacular gardens, followed by an opportunity for members to visit the Education Center providing information about the alpine environment through exhibits and videos including the Alpine House, a cold greenhouse which allows the Gardens to house some of the rarest plants 365 days a year.

Our schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:40 am Meet at the entrance to Betty Ford Alpine Gardens to divide into tour groups
- 10:00 am Private 2 hour tour of the Gardens
- 12:00 pm Visit the Education Center and Gift Shop
- 1:00 pm Lunch at Big Bear Bistro located at the top of Bridge Street, a short walk from the gardens. The owner of the bistro has graciously offered to provide our group with the entire restaurant for a private luncheon. We will be ordering off of the regular menu including delicious salads, soups and sandwiches. Members will be responsible for their own lunch.

Members are free to enjoy Vail and return to Castle Pines that afternoon, or to stay for an optional overnight. We suggest that you consider staying at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort, located at 715 West Lionshead Circle in west Vail. This hotel offers very reasonable rates and many amenities, plus is located on the route of the free public buses going to and from Vail Village.

Our committee will arrange for small group dinners in Vail on the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup> for those planning to stay over for the night.

Registration is necessary for this trip, which is limited to 40 members due to the maximum seating capacity at Big Bear Bistro. There is a \$15 registration fee required to cover the cost of our garden tour guides.

---

## REGISTRATION FOR CPVGC TOUR OF BETTY FORD ALPINE GARDENS

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 10:00 am**

**Plus Optional Overnight with Small Group Dinners**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to drive a carpool to Vail on the morning of August 7<sup>th</sup> and return to Castle Pines that afternoon. The following people are riding with me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can take \_\_\_\_\_ additional passengers.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to drive a carpool to Vail on the morning of August 7<sup>th</sup> and return to Castle Pines the next day on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The following people are riding with me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can take \_\_\_\_\_ additional passengers.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to ride in a carpool to Vail on August 7<sup>th</sup> and return home that afternoon

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to ride in a carpool to Vail on August 7<sup>th</sup> and return home on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not planning to carpool. I will \_\_\_\_/ will not \_\_\_\_\_ be in Vail on the night of August 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will email you as soon as the trip fills up to provide a list of attendees, including carpool drivers and those would like a ride. You will also receive directions to Betty Ford Gardens and parking instructions.

Please mail or deliver this completed registration form, along with your check for \$15 made payable to Castle Pines Village Garden Club (CPVGC) to Jomie Heftye at 4220 Morning Star Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80108 by **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. The \$15 registration fee is nonrefundable after registration closes on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate that we will quickly reach our maximum attendance of 40. Hand delivery is advised if possible. Please contact Jomie Heftye at [jheftye@hotmail.com](mailto:jheftye@hotmail.com) or 505-795-4567 with any questions. We look forward to having you with us!

**WINE IN THE PINES**  
**Come Welcome in Fall**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

AT THE HOME OF

**LESLIE AND MARC PERCIVAL**

215 Hidden Valley Lane  
Castle Rock, Co. 80108



Members, their spouses, significant other or a friend are invited to attend.

Please bring a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice and a presentation ready appetizer with serving utensils to share.

Dress is casual and wear comfortable shoes

For garden paths, stairs and deck in the house.

RSVP to Nancy Barley [nbarley2@gmail.com](mailto:nbarley2@gmail.com) how many people in your party will be attending by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

The party is limited to 70 guests.

You will be given clearance by Leslie on Dwelling Live if you live outside CPV.

Parking at the Percival home will require a parking attendant. Please carpool. Part on the East side of Hidden Valley and the South side of Equinox as directed by Security.

**Special Thanks to Leslie and Marc for Hosting!**

**Looking forward to seeing you!**



# “FRIENDSHIP BLOOMS IN GARDEN CLUB”

**CASTLE PINES VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB OPENING LUNCHEON  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 AT 10:30 AM  
AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AT CASTLE PINES**



**Please join us as we kick off our exciting year with a fun social time,  
brief meeting and delicious luncheon!**

**Pan Seared Salmon (GF)** Served over Parmesan Risotto, Grilled Broccolini with  
Lemon Vinaigrette and Citrus Salsa OR **Cornucopia – Vegetarian (GF)** Roasted  
Butternut Squash, Fried Brussels Sprouts, Charred Baby Carrots, Kale,  
Cranberries, Toasted Walnuts, Danish Bleu Cheese

**\*\*Fresh House Rolls and Butter**

**Chocolate and Blackberry Mousse Bomb (GF) for Dessert**

**Attire is country club casual**

**PLEASE NOTE SPACE IS LIMITED FOR MEMBERS ONLY & THIS EVENT MAY SELL OUT BEFORE  
RSVP & CANCELLATION DEADLINE – 4PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018**

# RSVP FORM FOR OPENING LUNCHEON



Please mail RSVP FORM and check for \$30 Made Payable to  
Castle Pines Village Garden Club (CPVGC)  
To Michele Volkl to be received by Friday, August 31, 2018.  
Michele Volkl, 5059 Vermillion Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80108  
303.799.0180 [mvolkl@comcast.net](mailto:mvolkl@comcast.net)

**Cancellations will be accepted up to 4:00 pm on  
Friday, August 31.**

Michele will confirm all reservations with an email.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NEED GATE ACCESS INTO THE VILLAGE? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ENTRÉE CHOICE:

SALMON \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR ENTRÉE CHOICE  
AS NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER THE RESERVATION  
DEADLINE.

**PLEASE NOTE SPACE IS LIMITED FOR CPVGC MEMBERS**

## OH HAIL! WHAT TO DO AFTER THE HAIL HITS OUR PLANTS!

Article is from Fort Collins Nursery

submitted by CPVGC Member, Mary Evans. Thanks Mary.

We garden in Colorado! We know the heartbreak of the 5 or 10-minute storm that can undo 500 hours of hard work.

When hail strikes—what’s a gardener to do?

- Wait a day or two. Let the sun shine and the anger subside. The damage will be easier to evaluate after some time has passed. This is a good time to work on a new margarita recipe!
- Remove debris that could encourage the onset of disease.
- Prune selectively. Remove broken stems and leaf parts. Even parts of leaves can be removed. Make angled cuts for a more natural look.
- Feed your plants with a gentle nitrogen fertilizer. We recommend Age Old Grow liquid fertilizer.
- Watch for insect infestations. Bad bugs tend to pick on weakened plants.
- Try Fertilome Triple Action, a blend of naturally occurring pesticides for your garden, or OMRI approved Safer Insect Killing Soap.
- Re-evaluate plant choice and positioning. Fine-leafed plants generally tolerate hail better than those with large leaves. Many natives are well-adapted to hail. Position plants prone to hail damage under trees or on an east facing wall or fence.
- Have a plentiful array of patio pots. Those that are spared can be moved into place while others recover.
- This is why God invented ANNUALS. They can be purchased in full-bloom-and put in areas that need instant color and give INSTANT gratification!
- **Conclusion....Keep a hail-thy attitude, and say “What the hail-where are those margaritas?”**

## Summary of our CPVGC Field Trip Touring OUR Gardens

May 1, 2018

Submitted by Jomie Heftye

On a cool spring morning a group of 30 members, including some brand new to our Club as well as seasoned gardeners, gathered together to tour the Tweet Memorial Garden at Cherokee Ranch, followed by our own Serenity Garden here in the Village. We were delighted to hear about our Club's history of maintaining Tweet's beautiful garden from long time member, active gardener and true historian herself, Kathy Dennis. Kathy showed us pictures of the garden at different stages, all filled with images of our own members proudly caring for the property. She shared stories with the group about Tweet Kimball's larger than life personality, as well as how Tweet acquired and fiercely protected the Cherokee Ranch estate. We heard about the magnificent friendships our members have shared as a result of tending to the gardens together, and enjoyed the breathtaking views from the location Tweet carefully chose for her memorial.

Past Garden Club President and dedicated gardener Dee Metcalf spoke to our group at Serenity Garden, sharing information about the creation of the garden during her presidency. She explained the lengthy process of choosing the land where the garden now thrives, and dealing with numerous authorities to obtain permission to create the garden that our Club members decided to dedicate to the Castle Pines community. Dee is passionate about our Club's objective to maintain Serenity Garden, which serves as a reflection of our members' care and knowledge. The group had an opportunity to learn about the various plant varieties our Club gardeners have introduced in the garden over the years.



After our morning tours the group gathered at the Canyon Club Pavilion for a delicious picnic lunch, highlighted by a variety of fabulous desserts all handmade and donated by our own Club Secretary, Grace Gehret. Many thanks to Kathy Dennis, Dee Metcalf and Grace, all of whom contributed so much in creating this unforgettable experience for us all!



**TAKE FROM THE DAY:** Get involved with OUR gardens! Check the dates for the gardening days on the Monday e-blasts and invite other members to join you in serving. It's a great way to make lasting friendships and learn about gardening from some really knowledgeable contributors. Gardening – It's what we do!

## **May Style Show at Castle Pines Golf Club- May 11, 2018**

President Liz Lively began the announcements at 10:30 with a thank you to Sandra Woods, and Wendy Sanchez, and to Mike Gilmour, Food and Beverage Manager of the Golf Club. She reminded us to sign up for the opening of our gardens and to renew our membership to the club which is due June 1, 2018.

New people were asked to stand for a warm welcome. They were: Renee Newfield, Lynnette Pendleton, Erika Stice, Melanie Barry, Sandy Farrell, Terri Burrow, Nancy Halloran, Leslie Percival, Alyssa Howard, Deni Schwartzel, Sara Nation, and Felicia Jenkins.

Liz thanked Programs Co-Chairs Betty Ziemann and Beverly Carr as well as Janice Wright who was the coordinator of the Style Show. She also thanked Liz Clarke for the beautiful flower arrangements at each table.

Recognition was given to outgoing Board members Ginny Forstmann, Charity Outreach, and Betty Ziemann and Beverly Carr, Programs Co-Chairs.

Liz introduced Parker Panache and the current manager, LauraLyn Fairbanks as the MC for the Style Show. She has been the manager of the boutique for the past two years but has extensive retail experience. LauraLyn started the show in a fairytale theme about a king looking for his queen among the fair maidens. The models for the show were Susan McGuinn, Grace Gehret, Peggy Schultz, Sandy Farrell (new member), Bobbie Kay, Judy Bat, Jan Behler, Jane Niederbrach, Melanie Barry (new member), and Tasha Carrington. They each came out 3 times in different outfits. A \$25 gift card to Parker Panache, courtesy of the boutique, was at each place setting.



**Peggy Schultz**



**Grace Gehret**



**Jane Niederbrach**



**Jan Behler**



**Melanie Barry**



**Susan McGuinn**



**Bobbi Kay**



**Sandy Farrell**



**Tasha Carrington**



**Judy Bat**

Door prizes were drawn by Sharon Anderson and Nancy Halloran. The first winner was Lin Lee, who chose the white floral tote and purse donated by Janice Wright. The second drawing went to Nancy Barley, who chose the black floral tote and purse donated by Janice. The third drawing was donated by Parker Panache, and was a large light silver purse won by Kathleen Schribner.



**Michele Volkl, Ginny Forstmann, Nancy Holloran & Sharon Anderson with door prizes**



The floral arrangements at the tables were given to people at each table whose birthday was closest to Liz Lively's birthday 9/29.

Next was a lovely lunch of either tuna salad, or spring risotto. The dessert was berries and trio of sorbet.

After lunch Janice Wright was sworn in as the upcoming President. Next year's board is as follows:

Janice Wright-President  
Jane Niederbrach-Vice President  
Terri Sundermann- Treasurer  
Grace Gehret- Secretary  
Jennifer Dengler, Cheryl Porter- Programs Co-Chairs  
Jomie Heftye- Field Trips  
Michele Volkl, Darcey DeRose Special Events  
Sharon Winders- Wine in the Garden  
Carol Kingsley- Historian  
Wanda Ford- Charity Outreach  
Nancy Kirshke- Garden Coordinator  
Cynthia Rohan-Cherokee Gardens  
Sue Navaro- Serenity Garden  
Kim Watson- Communications  
Ethel Parrington- Membership  
Marcia Wiedelman- Master Gardener

Terri Sundermann thanked Liz Lively for her years of service to the club as Liz moves to the Past President role. She was presented with a card and gift.

Janice then made a few remarks as incoming president and we were free to mingle and or leave.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Hernandez

**Editor's Note: Best of luck to Beth Hernandez and her husband on their move to Austin, TX. Thank you for all the summaries of meetings you have provided in the past!**



**Lisa Marquardt, Wendy Sanchez & Sharon Winders**



**Sandra Woods & Barbara Collins**



**Kathy Dennis, Mary Evans, Jomie Heftye, & Jean Hornor**



**Dee Metcalf, Pat Angelo, and Carol Elliott**



**Rebecca Knight & Lin Lee**



**Linda Howard and Michele Volkl**

**OUR GARDENS  
CHEROKEE MEMORIAL GARDEN**







## SERENITY





**CPVGC Sixth Annual Away Trip  
Return to Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Submitted by Terri Sundermann**

Twenty-nine Garden Club ladies journeyed down to Santa Fe for several fun-filled days the week of June 11 – 15. This was our second visit to Santa Fe and we stayed at the same lovely hotel – The Inn at the Alameda. Monday was our arrival day and we had the difficult problem of choosing from 37 restaurants contained in a hand-out provided by the Field Trip Committee for dinner. (Did you know that Santa Fe is considered the second best restaurant scene in the country after New York City?)

Tuesday morning we started the day with a guided tour of the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens on Museum Hill. The mission of the garden is to celebrate, cultivate and conserve the rich botanical heritage and biodiversity of the region. In addition to the multiple of plants, we all enjoyed the many sculptures of mammals, birds and reptiles created by sculptor, Dan Ostermiller, who is from Loveland, Colorado. The dynamic backdrop of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains with the changing light, moving clouds and desert plants, created the perfect environment for the huge sculptures.

After our tour, we walked over to the Museum Hill Café for lunch then visited 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. Back at the Inn for cocktail hour, we drew names to break up into smaller groups for dinner at several local restaurants.



On Wednesday, we drove 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. Our guides presented an excellent tour of many of the 80 monumental works displayed among the junipers. It was an unforgettable experience.

After lunch we returned to the Inn and either rested or shopped. Cocktail hour was followed by our usual drawing of names for small group dinners at local restaurants.

On Thursday, about half of the group returned to Colorado. The rest spent a free day in Santa Fe. We are all looking forward to our next Away Trip to Victoria, British Columbia. We hope you can join us!







**BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL**



**ALLEN HOUSER SCULPTURE GARDEN**



**OUTSIDE THE MUSEUMS**



**HAPPY HOUR AT OUR HOTEL**



**OUR FEARLESS LEADERS**



**ALLEN HOUSER SCULPTURE GARDENS**



**SANTA CAFÉ DINNER GROUP**



**DINNER AT SAZON – PHOTO WITH CHEF OLETA**



**LUNCH AFTER THE ALLEN HOUSER GARDEN**



**HAPPY HAPPY HOUR AT THE HOTEL**



**DINNER AT LUMINARIA**



**LUNCH AT THE ART MUSEUM**

**The Outreach Committee**  
**Last Report by Ginny Forstmann, Outgoing Committee Chair**  
**Thanks Ginny for your contributions of time, thought, and service**  
**over the past several years!**



One of the joys of being a member of the CPVGC is experiencing first-hand how giving the members are. The Outreach Committee through the generosity of those members who donated Door Prizes, bought Door Prize Tickets, Food Cards, and donated to the Giving Tree at our Holiday Brunch, we were able to support our two charities in the following way:

\$2236.00 from the sale of Door Prize Tickets through-out the year was given to the Crisis Center after the Annual Luncheon in May.

131 Food Cards amounting to \$655.00 were donated to the Crisis Center throughout the year.

\$4750.00 raised through the Giving Tree at our Holiday Brunch in December was donated to the Task Force last December. (Please note that the Giving Tree and Door prize donations alternate every year.)

**THANK YOU CHERYL AND MICHAEL PORTER FOR HOSTING OUR FIRST WINE IN THE GARDEN OF THE SEASON**



**The Porters, with Mom**

**THE END**