



# Making a Difference



Make the most of your  
Garden Club experience  
by getting involved!

Dear New Member;

Welcome to the Village Castle Pines Garden Club. You have made an excellent choice to join a large group of smart, accomplished and talented women, and I know you will fit right in.

We are busy all year round with activities: caring for two gardens, educational programs, summer Wine in the Garden parties, special events including an Opening Season Luncheon, a Holiday Brunch and our year end extravaganza... the Fashion Show and Luncheon. We communicate with our membership on a regular basis using bi-weekly email blasts, Facebook and our website. Our events are frequently featured in local publications.

There are four pillars of our garden club's mission and we have found that the best way to experience them is to get INVOLVED.

1) Gardening 2) Education 3) Philanthropy 4) Friendships

This booklet introduces you to the many committees that offer opportunities to do so. We encourage, though do not require, members to join a committee. Whether working in the gardens, planning or helping to execute an event, or assisting in our philanthropic goals, your time with the garden club will be more meaningful if you join in the fun. And your volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated!

I look forward to sharing all the opportunities of the Garden Club with you!

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Board Members and Committee Liaisons



# Membership Committee

Bad with names? Can't remember faces? Wish there was a way to get to know more people in the club faster? Then becoming part of the Membership Committee is the right place for you!

The Membership Committee is present at the club functions and hands out name badges to all the members as they arrive. (You'll get to match faces to names as they pick up their badge!) You'll also enjoy getting to be the first, along with the chairs of the committee and other volunteers, to greet and chat with members.

We also put on an annual New Member Coffee in the Fall, for all members that have joined in the past year. We'd love to have your help to meet and greet.

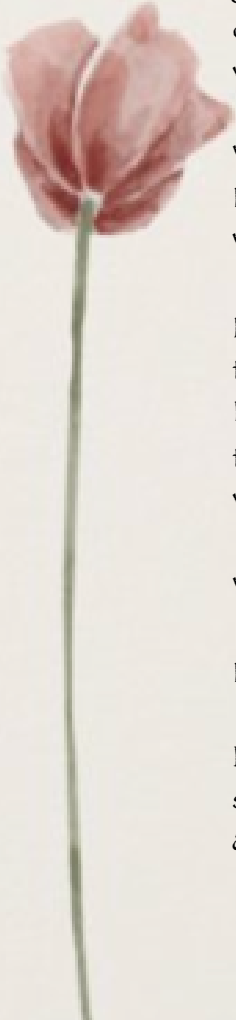
Lastly, we keep the board advised of the growth of the membership - who has joined and who has left. Each year we've experienced a very steady increase in the number of members, so the word is out that the Village Castle Pines Garden Club is the place to be!

We'd love to include you in our committee!

For more information contact our Co-chairs:

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# Wine in the Garden Committee

Who doesn't love a garden party? Do you know what is even better than a garden party? A Wine in the Garden party!

This is one of our most popular events held during the summer months and hosted by our own members in their gardens. All attendees bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine to share, and we enjoy the beautiful garden and conversation with new and old friends.

This is one of the few events where our spouses/partners are invited and they enjoy these events so much. Our volunteers who tend the bar for us love how many people they get to meet as well. These events usually last about 2 hours, unless we are all having so much fun, that we stay just a wee bit longer.

Committee members assist with party set up, bartending, directing traffic, greeting guests and party break down.

If you want to be part of the fun,  
reach out to:

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# Serenity Garden Committee

The Serenity Garden is all that the name says it is...

The Serenity Garden group gets together every other Wednesday from the end of May through September from 9:00 to 10:00 am, in the garden behind the Village Lake Fitness Center.

Join your fellow garden club friends to learn more about the sustainable Colorado perennials, pruning, weeding, what's new in the club or Village as you make the walk around the little lake more enjoyable for all to experience. In addition to tending the garden, many members have garnered great friendships in this hour we spend together.

It is a great committee to join; it is flexible in that you can come as often or as little as you would like throughout the summer. We also do an opening lunch and closing brunch. Come join us and get an extra smile and a little more vitamin D!

To join or for questions contact:

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# Cherokee Ranch Garden Committee

This is a true treasure for the Garden Club, which has been caring for this “hallowed ground” since 2004. We maintain this colorful, natural garden which is the final resting place of Tweet Kimball, overlooking her 1450s Scottish-style castle, the Front Range, and downtown Denver. The walled garden sits within 3,400 conservation acres just 15 minutes outside the Village gates at Cherokee Ranch and Castle, 6113 Daniels Park Rd., Sedalia.

Our volunteers meet to tend this garden every other Friday from 9:00 to 10:30 am, from mid-May until late September. The good news? You can work this activity into your schedule; come when you can, and stay as long as you like. And... you need not be an avid gardener! You can learn from some of the most experienced gardeners and have fun chatting and catching up with a fun group of ladies who love the outdoors!

If interested in joining us, please contact: Libby Drbal at  
[Libby.drbal@gmail.com](mailto:Libby.drbal@gmail.com) or 908-910-0252.

# Field Trips Committee



There are so many things to see and do in Colorado, and the Garden Club members enjoy exploring our beautiful state in groups with the Field Trip Committee. The committee organizes activities where members can foster friendships, while learning something new about gardening or other topics. Past popular trips have included art tours at the Broadmoor Hotel, guided hikes at Cherokee Ranch and Castle, a tour of the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail, a trip to an iris farm to dig our own irises, and even trips to other states.

If you are a creative thinker who likes to come up with fun, interesting, and/or educational ideas for group day trips, or if you enjoy mastering the details and logistics of planning group activities, such as making reservations, planning transportation, negotiating pricing, and other details to ensure our field trips run smoothly, then the Field Trip committee may be right for you.

If you're interested or have questions  
about the Field Trip committee,  
please contact:

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or 720-371-3516.





# Special Events Committee

Do you love to attend fancy events in beautiful venues? Maybe even get a little bit dressed up? Do you like to plan extra special affairs? Then the Special Events Committee is the perfect place for you!

This committee is responsible for planning and executing three events each year. We start with an Opening Season Luncheon in September to socialize and prepare for the year ahead. In December we have a beautiful Holiday Brunch at Cherokee Ranch and Castle which is fully decorated for the holidays. Then in May, we hold our year end extravaganza, the annual Luncheon and Fashion show. At this event our own members model the fashions from a local boutique.

All of the events are very popular with the members, and they frequently sell out.

As a member of this committee, you might help with decorating the venue, assembling party favors, creating floral centerpieces for the tables, greeting and welcoming members, and more.

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Committee Co-chairs:

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# Communications Committee



We committee members like to think of the Communications Committee as the “heartbeat of the Garden Club.” It’s a great opportunity to ensure that Garden Club members stay apprised of the latest information about the Club. Most of the work can be done at your own convenience, from your own home.

The Communications Committee is responsible for both the internal and external communications for the club. The primary strategy for internal communications includes use of the bi-weekly email blast and the website ([www.vcpgc.org](http://www.vcpgc.org)). External communications include the web site, use of social media and also may include articles in community publications such as the Village Castle Pines Reporter, Castle Pines Connection, and Stroll/Village Life.

Whether your forte is writing, editing, marketing, web site design, or technology, the Communications Committee would love to have you join us!

For more information, contact Pam Galligan, Communications Chair, at [pfgalligan@comcast.net](mailto:pfgalligan@comcast.net) or 650-619-4949.

# Programs Committee

The garden club remains active all year long. Even after we have put our gardens to bed, we are still busy and meet monthly for interesting educational programs.

The Programs Committee plans six meetings per year with speakers covering a wide range of topics from xeriscape gardening and pollinators to inspirational speakers and more.

The Programs always start with a social period. Door prizes are a fun part of every meeting, and the winners take home a variety of gifts. On occasion, following the speaker, lunch is served for an extended time to socialize.

There are many ways to be involved: brainstorming ideas for topics, booking presenters, developing creative ways to introduce the presenters, menu planning, reservation tracking or planning color schemes for the tables and flowers.

For more information, reach out to the Program Committee Co-chairs:

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# Community Outreach Committee

Share the joy of giving while forming new friendships with garden club members and the larger community.

The Community Outreach Committee supports three local non-profit organizations committed to serving those in need ,including the Help and Hope Center, the Crisis Center, and another charity selected annually.

We have four events each year: a toiletry and food drive for the Help and Hope Center, donations to and attendance at the Crisis Center's Gala, a Giving Tree at the Club's holiday party at the Cherokee Ranch, and our spring Tagawa Gardens gift card fundraiser.

We need members that value service, interacting with the public, and meeting others in our club and lovely community. Sign up today!

To support those in need, reach out to:

Wanda Ford  
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# Photography Liaison

Do you enjoy taking photos? Do you find yourself taking photos of people, gardens, flowers or even fun events? If so, please consider joining the Photography Committee. You can use any digital camera or even just your cell phone to capture images.

The committee records the Village Castle Pines Garden Club programs, gardening days at Serenity Garden and Cherokee Ranch, luncheons, the annual fashion show, Wine in the Garden parties, field trips and more.

Photos are used on our website, in our bi-weekly blasts, and sometimes in various local magazines. It's easy and it's fun!

If you are interested please contact:

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# New Member Liaison

Sometimes joining a new club can leave you feeling overwhelmed about how to get started. We in the garden club want to be sure that is never the case!

New members will be contacted by a new member liaison to make sure that they know all about what the club has to offer. Liaisons will also be available to introduce you to other members at the gardens we tend, as well as our charitable, social, and educational events.

Our committee is always looking for friendly volunteers to offer a warm welcome to new members. If you are looking for an ambassador or offering to be one, reach out to our co-chairs:

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