



# Rocky Mountain Rambler

Rocky Mountain Region  
Newsletter



## Greetings From Your Director



It may be hard to imagine that before 1970, a factory could spew black clouds of toxic smoke into the air or dump tons of toxic waste into a nearby stream, and that was perfectly legal. They could not be taken to court to stop it.

How was that possible? Because there was no EPA, no Clean Air Act, no Clean Water Act. There were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect our environment.

In spring 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day to force this issue onto the national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked! In December 1970, Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Today there are many ways everyone can support Earth Day and here are just a couple of suggestions:

**Use the Internet, not Trees**--The Canopy Project improves our shared environment by planting trees across the globe. Since 2010, EARTHDAY.ORG™ has planted tens of millions of trees with The Canopy Project, working worldwide to strengthen communities.

EARTHDAY.ORG works with global partners to reforest areas in dire need of rehabilitation, including areas with some of the world's communities most at-risk from climate change and

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### Special points of interest:

- Registration for RMR
- Landscape School Design Course
- Ramblings from the Region
- Recipe



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environmental degradation. We have also conducted broad tree planting in the wake of environmental disasters.

**Advocate for Climate Education**--We are igniting an education revolution to save the planet. This formal campaign, launched Summer 2020, is combining grassroots support and on the ground efforts by students, educators, and nonprofits with national level commitments from Ministries of Education and Environment. Through our Climate and Environmental Literacy Campaign, we will ensure that students across the world benefit from high-quality education to develop into informed and engaged environmental stewards.

These are just a few suggestions to make our Earth a better place and it is due to our concern and love of our environment that we have the responsibility to make our world a cleaner, enjoyable, and safer place. **Your Friend in Gardening**

Margie Soileau, "Planting in Harmony with Nature"

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Dates to Remember

<i>DATE</i>	<i>WHAT</i>	<i>WHERE</i>
April 30, 2022	Plant America Tree Count	See page 21
May 16-18, 2022	NGC Convention	Orlando, FL
June 14, 2022	SD Annual Meeting	Mitchell, SD
June	Deadline for RMR Registration	Park City, UT
July 15, 2022	Deadline for Next Rambler Articles	<a href="mailto:rmrrambler@yahoo.com">rmrrambler@yahoo.com</a>
August 26-27, 2022	RMR Conference	Park City, UT
October 1, 2022	Registration Deadline: Landscape School 3	Glendive, MT

**NGC Conservation Pledge**

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forests, land and wildlife.



Our beautiful Rocky Mountain Region includes the following States:

**Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming**

The Rocky Mountain Region Garden Clubs is an affiliate of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Happy Spring to all from Colorado! The calendar says Spring came on March 20<sup>th</sup> and here in Colorado we have had Spring peeking through the cold, windy and winter like conditions that keeps us wondering just when we should go out and start putting those cool season veggies in the ground! That may seem unusual to you, but not to the gardeners here. We have gardeners that live on the plains, where it can be brutally hot and dry while others live on/near the mountains where it's cool and doesn't stop snowing until after June! Around here it's always a guesstimate as to when the snow is done!

We are however, getting ready to have our annual state convention to be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping that the venue, program and camaraderie will be enough to get those members that are still a little pandemic shy out of their homes and into the fresh air. Spring is a great time to start fresh, start new and I think we all feel that little rush of adrenal as we step outside and use our five senses to experience the beauty that the season brings.

Our Northern Front Range District has already had their meeting and our Southern District meeting will be happening on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Quite a few garden clubs that were not meeting due to bad weather and Covid are now starting to gather and plan for the rest of the year.

Colorado does have some great news. Our state will be hosting **NGC's 2024 convention**. We are in the beginning process of planning and you will be hearing more about this as time progresses. We hope to not only showcase our State but also include the talent, dedication and skills from our other states in the Region.

Retaining and recruiting members is always high on our list of to do's. Other things we are working on are beautification of our headquarters, budgeting for the needs of our State and clubs, providing additional educational opportunities, keeping our website up to date and relevant, social media posting, and sharing NGC's wide variety of tools and information to help Club Presidents not feel so overwhelmed. Gathering volunteers is always a struggle as is showing appreciation to those that are always on hand to help. While our plates are full, I believe that if we keep our eyes on the road in front of us. we can help educate, stimulate, introduce and excite others to multiple benefits of gardening!

Your gardening friend,

**Nancy Griffin, CO State President**

**"Garden with Heart, Plant with Purpose, Conserve with Care"**



## Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.



It's SPRING!!!! Now if the weather will just cooperate. I see Daffodils, Hyacinths, and Tulips blooming so it must be Spring; however, we still need a jacket many days. Just to see the flower colors, even dandelions, gives such a lift and brings a smile to my face. It is so rewarding to walk the garden even if it is just to remove a weed here and there. This has been a long winter and I'm so grateful to sunny days.

Just to garden during the winter months, I have started seeds which were started under lights with timers. This can be very time consuming but so rewarding. I have chosen those plants difficult to find in the greenhouses and nurseries. The Craspedia (drumstick flower)



and Lisianthus are a couple. Since they bloom later in the season, they aren't big sellers for the nurseries but they are a favorite of mine. The Craspedia dries well and retains its color so makes a nice addition for flower arranging.



Before COVID, our garden club was able to have a Flower Show at the Landscape and Garden Show here in Wichita. Earlier this year, they combined the Garden Show with the Home Show and held it in early February. Since we were dealing with a new group, we were only allowed a small space. We made some dried arrangements, put out our scrap book and club information, including our programs for the year. We also brought in some fresh flowers and made small designs using tuna cans for containers, and gave them away. We hope to expand of this idea next year.

NGC President, Mary Warshauer, will be the honored guest at the Kansas Associated Garden Clubs state convention on June 10-11, 2022. Our District has been working to organize a pleasant visit for her. We look forward to her visit and the knowledge she shares. Since the convention will be held here in Wichita, our club is making the final plans and are striving to make this a very special convention.

**Sherryl Fitzpatrick & Floanna Crowley**

**KAGC Co-President, 2021-2023**

**"Use Wisdom in Caring for Nature"**

**Don't tell secrets in the  
garden!  
The potatoes have eyes,  
the corn has ears,  
and the  
beanstalk!!**



**You know you're a  
Serious Gardener when...**

**Your neighbors don't recognize  
your face because that's  
usually not the end they see.**

## Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Montana is planning a very special convention this year in Missoula. The **convention dates** are **June 10 and 11 at the Holiday Inn**. June 10 and 11 the Missoula Iris Society is hosting an American Iris Society sanctioned show in connection with the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs annual meeting. Simultaneously the Missoula Garden Club is hosting a Peony show. The two shows schedules are posted on our website MTFGC.org under news. We will have a program on peonies.

The Montana Judges Council members wanted more information on how to judge peonies. In order to satisfy this need, **Jim Adelman** was invited to be our speaker on Friday. Jim Adelman is a nationally known plantsman **specializing in peonies**. He has won many awards and accolades. Saturday the convention attendees will participate in a garden tour. The Missoula Iris Societies Garden at Fort Missoula should be in full bloom. The garden is nationally recognized hosting a collection of historic irises as well as current varieties. The tour also will include a tour of the peony garden planted at the University of Montana. The garden has over 300 varieties of peonies collected from all over the world. The tour will culminate at a champagne reception in a private garden.

I am in the process of visiting the various Districts at their area meetings. The variety among the Districts is very special. Each District has a wonderful way of celebrating their areas unique club activities. I have been hosted by each of the Districts and have renewed and made many new friends. I am looking forward to attending the National Convention in Orlando. My only fear is that my plane may be cancelled or delayed.

**Jim Sadler, President-**  
**Montana Federation of Garden Clubs**  
**“Building Community through Gardening”**



## Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska



Hello again from Nebraska. I have had some new raised bed build and I have like a stepping bed that reaches to another, so put some stepping stone in it and have been looking at planting some herbs.

One of the herbs that I have been looking at is creeping Thyme. An evergreen with lightly haired foliage, this tiny-growing creeping thyme varietal — rarely over three inches or 7.5 cm. — will appear in low, dense mats, which sprawl randomly and quickly fill in areas as a ground cover.

Read more at Gardening Know How: Creeping Thyme Information: Tips For Growing Creeping Thyme Plants <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/herbs/thyme/growing-creeping-thyme.htm>.

Just like other thyme varieties, creeping thyme is edible with a flavor and aroma akin to mint when crushed or steeped for teas or tinctures. To harvest creeping thyme ground cover, either remove the leaves from the stems or dry them by snipping from the plant and hanging them upside down in a dark, well-aerated area

Then I found out that creeping thyme is very attractive to bees and is a nice addition to a garden focused on honeybees. In fact, the pollen from the blooming thyme will flavor the resulting honey.

So my next question is creeping thyme edible, or is it just grown by gardeners because it is an excellent ground cover protecting the soil from too much sun?

The creeping thyme is a woody, perennial species growing horizontally rather than vertically and forms a mat-like ground cover. It is 2 to 3 inches tall with up to 24 inches across.



Although the ordinary thyme grown commercially as an herb is different, creeping thyme is also an aromatic and edible ground cover herb. This hardy plant is commonly loved because it can take some good traffic, making it an excellent choice for pathways and between rock steps. This herb varies significantly in its culinary usefulness. Their scent and their flavors change with the seasons and the climate of where it grows.

So now I have to decide which type of creeping thyme do I want to plant. There is the Pink Chintz which has a salmon pink flower in the spring. Wooly Thyme which is hairy and wooly leave and also has pink flowers Caraway Thyme s is a species of thyme with a strong caraway scent. Cretan thyme is a low growing, creeping thyme growing up to 4 inches tall and 1 foot wide. Lemon thyme or *Thymus x citriodorus* is one of the most edible of all creeping thymes. Its leaves are generally eaten raw, and it's prized for its delicious lemon flavor.

I will let you all know what I have decided to start. Maybe if successful, I will send you some pictures. Just remember this, Plant some type of herb this year.

**Happy gardening and remember plant some herbs!!!**

**Robbie Kupper**

**President, FGCN**

**“Growing and Using Herbs in Nebraska”**

## Rocky Mountain Rambler– May 2022

### North Dakota State Garden Clubs



Greetings from the Peace Garden State of **North Dakota**

North Dakota's only affiliated club, the Fargo Garden Society, continued its public projects last year at the Fargo Moorhead Visitor Center Blue Star marker, Hjemkomst Center, Ronald McDonald House, St. Anthony's of Padua Church, YWCA Women's Shelter, Red River Zoo, Garden of Healing, and scare crow project with a total of 259 volunteer hours. The club also had spring and fall plant sales last year, so it was a very busy summer. The Club has already awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for 2022 to Mindee Boyce. Mindee is studying Crop and Weed Science at North Dakota State University.

The Fargo Garden Society has a new location for their meetings and is going to continue doing hybrid meetings because so many of our members travel to warmer states in the winter. All the board positions in the club have been filled plus all projects have planned assigned volunteers. With an increase in members and a planning committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary the club is on a good garden path forward

The first two programs this year have been "When and How to Prune Trees and Bushes", and an "Overview and What's New with House Plants." This information has been very helpful for members. Our second meeting in February was cancelled because of a blizzard. According to the weather service, North Dakota has had eleven blizzards this winter season, which is above normal. As I write this article right before Easter, some places in western North Dakota have received 12 to 24 inches of snow within the last two days with rain in eastern North Dakota

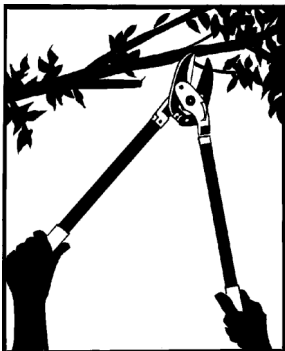
The drought in our State made gardening and growing plants a real challenge last year. The eastern part of the State is out of the drought for now, but the western region is still suffering but the new snow is going to be very helpful for our farmers.

**"Conserve Nature and Grow Friendships in North Dakota"**  
is our new State Theme

**Linda Anderson, President**  
**North Dakota State Garden Clubs**



Crocus blooming  
April 9



## Rocky Mountain Rambler– May 2022

### South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs



Happy spring fellow plant lovers. Today actually felt like spring. Taking a break from work this afternoon, I found myself walking my garden to see if any thing green was popping up and to my surprise I had quite a bit. I'm always so thankful in the spring that I took the energy to plant those bulbs last fall. Now if only those little bunnies leave them alone.

Looking forward to getting to go to other garden clubs here in South Dakota this spring and summer to meet all the members and reconnect with ones I've met along the way. I feel a connection to all peeps with dirt under their fingernails and dirt stains on the knees of a pair of comfy jeans.

My favorite part of garden club is getting ready for my local garden clubs' plant sale which will be in the middle of May. There is something about sharing plants from my garden with a new gardener or an old time gardener. Hopefully, I can score with a plant that I don't have. What's your favorite plant? There are just so many to pick from that as I get older I think it's the one that doesn't spread like wildfire.

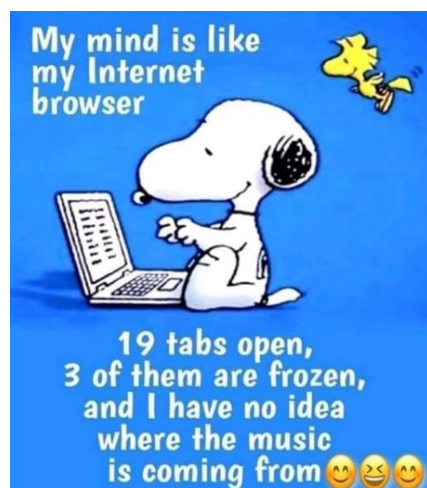
Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the convention in Florida but will be excited to hear all about it. I'm so looking forward to the RMR convention in Utah.

Hope everyone has a great spring

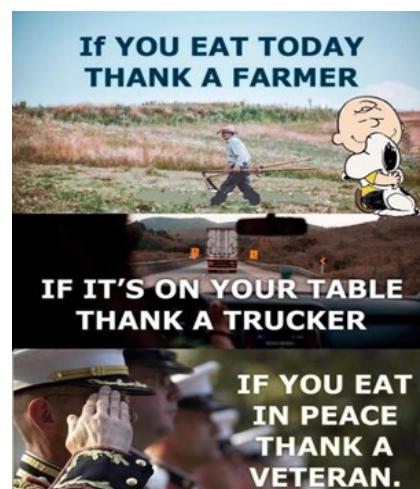
**Thelma Busk**

**"Dirty Hands, Good Life"**

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*Daily  
Dose  
of  
Snoopy*





## The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.



We want to welcome everyone to Utah this August. I just reread my proposed schedule from the last Rambler and was not delighted to notice all the changes that had to be made because planning is like a garden that is always needing changes. All information can be found on pages 28-33.

Our Clubs are doing well and we have a state membership of 310. Some admit it is because of more retirements. That is O.K., everyone is welcome.

We had a great turnout for the Woodsy Owl and Smokey the bear poster contest, Six states were represented! Three winners were from Salt Lake City Utah, Garden City; Kansas won for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and South Dakota won for 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had two Forest Rangers and an artist for judges, it was fun. Can't wait to see how we do at nationals. There were some talented winners. Thank You ! Connie McKay for your hard work as chairman.

Utah will have a new Blue Star Memorial placed in Park City, City Park this summer. (maybe by the RMR convention). We have Sue McJames to thank for her persistent work and the Elks BPOE 734 for their generous donation. A big "thank you" also goes to Park City Municipal Corp and the Park City Garden Club.

Utah's scholarship winner was a student at Utah State University, studying Landscape Architecture. She received \$1,000 from UAGC and her application will be submitted to compete for a \$4,000 scholarship. Thank You ! Geoff Ellis.

The UAGC Annual Spring Convention is being held Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be welcoming Keynote speaker William Gray, Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Utah. Educated at Cambridge University in England, he has recently led wildflower walks and developed new tools for identifying native plants. During the COVID pandemic, he published a series of daily and weekly wildflower posts called "Life Went On".

### Our Clubs

Alternative Garden Club is hoping to sprout after a long COVID dormancy. We want and hope they grow with a new enthusiasm.

Bonsai Club hosted a show at the Red Butte Gardens

Garden Club of Cottonwood continues to do public good works by sponsoring a tree giveaway to residents. Each one Plant One.

The Neighborhood Garden Club are the youth specialists, bringing kids and nature and saving the planet all into focus as they get them outside to smell the roses. They continue to have relevant speakers and luncheons.

Park City Garden Club began again for the season with a well attended meeting in a local greenhouse on a stormy winter evening in April. Many more events are planned, Including our RMR Convention.

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### The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc. ~~cont'd

Spade and Hope Garden Club is a quiet club in Northern Utah that has increased its members and just as quietly does projects to benefit the community.

Utah Dahlia Society is active and hosting a tuber sale at the Sugar House Garden Center. It is nice to see the center being used and open to the public.

Utah Orchid Society presented an amazing show at the Red Butte Gardens that was showy, fragrant, and well attended. I think people are so excited to attend all gardening events after the long forced break.

Utah Rose Society continues to be a large engaged and active club. Their newsletters are scholarly and they are prune, prune, pruning their way to spring. They will have a rose show at the center and have volunteered to design arrangements for the RMR awards dinner.

Hopefully we will see some of you in Orlando for the National Convention.

I would like to remind our RMR Convention guests to remember to bring layers, warm ones since we are at a high elevation in Park City, UT. Now for an added bit of comfort—please bring a lawn chair or cushion to sit upon. We can provide them for gardeners flying in.

" Each One Plant One."

**Mary Holley, UAGC President**

**“Play and plant in Utah Wisely”**

### Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Happy Spring everyone! Wyoming has had a lot of mild weather this winter. Our cold and storms have been minimal. Now time for yard cleanup. I always keep my eyes open for Riverton Garden Club's Yard of the Month for June, July and August. This is a fun and beautiful way spread happiness in our community.

Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs is preparing for their annual June convention in Casper, Wyoming. We are happy to be getting back together and meeting new fiends.

I have been attending the Membership Mondays presented by NGC. They have been fun and informative. I am looking forward to visiting clubs around the state and attending the NGC convention in Orlando.

I hope everyone has been browsing the updated NGC site. It has been easy to find resources for everyone. I hope to see many of you this August at the RMR Region convention in Park City, Utah.

**Gathering Friendships thru Gardening”.**

**Shirley Pursel**

**WFGC, President**

## Rocky Mountain Rambler – May 2022

### Two Cents Worth



#### Bits about our Benjamins!

While our returns for the last quarter may be down 5.87%, the returns we've seen since the decision was made to invest in the “markets” have been a solid 9.67%!

During times of volatility in the markets, it's easy to get a bit panicky and to forget that investing is a long game. We invested the RMR funds with a conservative 60/40 split with some growth in mind. That original \$10,000 has now grown to \$14,503.79 as of 3/31/2022. We're certainly on the right track and moving forward!

**Lynette Jeffres**  
Treasurer



#### Performance Details

4/9/2018 to 4/22-2022

#### Contributions

\$10,000.00

#### Withdrawals

\$0.00

#### Return in \$

\$4,503.80

#### Your Rate of Return

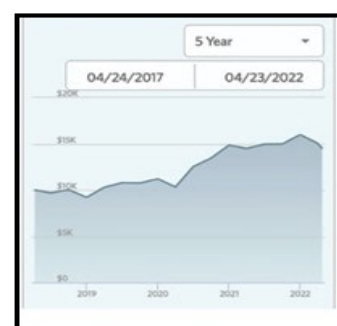
9.64%

#### Current Value

\$14,503.79

1 Year Ago - \$15,237.73

Net Change- -\$733.94



### Landscape Design School Course 3 Glendive, Montana October 21-22, 2022



The Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in cooperation with National Garden Clubs, Inc. presents:

**Landscape Design School Course 3** (in a Series of 4) October 21-22, 2022, to be held at the Church of Christ, Corner of Sargent and Grant in Glendive, Montana. The school is sponsored by the Glendive Garden Club. Cost of the course is \$50 with an additional exam fee of \$5.

**Registration Deadline: October 1, 2022**

**Course 3** of Landscape Design School includes: Landscape Design Process, Woody Plants in the Landscape, Herbaceous Materials in the Landscape, Landscape Design with Maintenance in mind, Graphics Interpretation, Creating Your Own Home Garden Landscaping Plan.

**Instructor:** Trestin Benson-Feagler. Trestin is the Dawson County Extension Agent in Glendive, Montana. She has an undergraduate degree in Natural Resources and Rangeland Ecology and a Graduate Degree in Animal and Range Sciences.

Questions, please contact Sherry Corneliusen, [sher@midrivers.com](mailto:sher@midrivers.com), 406-486-5787

Further information as to course schedule, registration form and lodging information will be provided upon request.

Note: The cost of your meals and lodging is not included in the registration fee. Refunds for medical emergencies only.

**Submitted by Sherry Corneliusen**



## "Food for Thought"

**Recipe Submission** —If you have a Holiday recipe —salad, entrée, bread, dessert, etc. that you would like to share with other gardeners, please e-mail it to the RMR Rambler at [rmrrambler@yahoo.com](mailto:rmrrambler@yahoo.com)

### Presto! It's Pesto

**Presto! — Pesto!** Carrot tops, yes carrot tops make wonderful pesto. Grow and harvest those beautiful carrots this year, but do NOT throw the tops away or compost them. Use them in pesto. Cilantro, basil, scallion, tomato basil—check them out!



Take a look at this recipe and check out the link to find other recipes for pesto!

Since carrot tops are slightly on the bitter side (like parsley), we are using equal amounts of baby spinach and tops for this pesto. You could also swap out some of the greens in other [pesto recipes](#) with carrot tops.

How to use carrot top pesto? Like any other pesto. Mix it with pasta, serve it as a dip, add it to baked smashed potatoes, toss it with white beans, or go all in with carrots and serve it as a spread over roasted baby carrots.

**SERVINGS** 4 servings

**YIELD** 1 cup

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup packed carrot top greens (about 40g), tough stems removed
- 1 cup packed baby spinach (about 40g)
- 1 large clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup (63g) roasted unsalted cashews
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup (118ml) extra virgin olive oil



#### Directions:

1. Prep the carrot tops: Rinse the carrot top greens to dislodge any dirt. Pick out and discard any dry, yellowed, or otherwise unappetizing looking leaves. Discard tough stems.
2. Pulse greens, garlic, cashews, salt, pepper in food processor:
3. Place the carrot tops greens, baby spinach, chopped garlic, roasted cashews, salt, and pepper in a food processor. Pulse several times. Scrape the sides down with a rubber spatula.
4. Slowly add the olive oil: While the food processor is running, slowly pour in the olive oil in a steady stream. Scrape the sides down with a rubber spatula. Pulse until smooth.

Taken from: [Pesto Recipes - Pesto Sauces & Pesto Ideas \(simplyrecipes.com\)](#)

Submitted by Joanne Jeffres



## Rocky Mountain Rambler – May 2022

### Birds



Birds' nests can be many things such as a grassy cup of the American robin or elaborately woven hanging nests of the orioles or weavers. It can also be a shallow depression made in sand, a burrow dug into the ground a chamber drilled into a tree, a shelf made of dried saliva or mud and of course the tiny cups which can be mere 2cm high of hummingbirds. The **study of birds' nests** is known as ***Caliology***. The simplest nest construction is the **scrape**, which is merely a shallow depression in soil or vegetation, with a rim deep enough to keep the eggs from rolling away, sometimes lined with bits of vegetation and feathers or fragments of other materials. These materials help to camouflage the eggs from predators or provide some level of insulation. This photo of 19 Quail eggs, taken by a friend outside their vacation home, is a perfect example of the scrape style nest.



Some other birds of our region that use the scrape nest style are pheasants, partridges, grouse. The adults and eggs of most ground-nesting birds are cryptically colored to help camouflage and correspond to the substrate on which they are laid. Many bird nests are protected by law this time of year, because they are considered "active". **Admire it from afar!**

**Project NestWatch** is a community science project that tracks the status and trends of nesting birds. Anyone can participate in this exciting project administered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. [nestwatch.org](http://nestwatch.org)

**Audrey Coyle, RMR Bird Chairman**

### Blue Star



Spring is a great time to think about our Blue Star and Gold Star Memorials. Members have worked hard to earn the money to purchase the memorials and to have them set in place. They are a wonderful tribute to our military and their families. But, we need to be mindful of our responsibility to maintain the areas where they are, to keep them looking their best so that they continue to demonstrate our respect and appreciation. Consider what plantings you have, what attention they need, what new things you might add to make the area even more attractive and if the grounds around are clean and well kept.

Winter winds have a way of bringing debris to our parks and open areas. It catches on plants and trees and becomes very unsightly. So, be sure and look around your memorials, are they in need of attention? We want others to see our memorials and remember the military members and their families

Now would be a good time to think about including some native plantings and perhaps plant a tree in the area.

Garden Club members are to be commended for the work they do to establish the memorials and maintain the sites. I just want to urge you all to continue to keep them looking their best

**Joyce Hendricks, Chairman**

## Butterflies



Monarch season is nearing! I have been scouring the internet to see what it is that I can write about and give the gardeners pointers on helping to preserve Monarch butterflies.

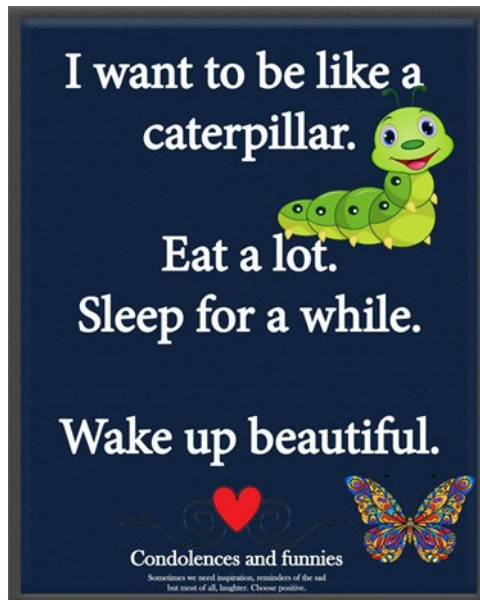
Not much has changed. Scientists are still talking about the climate and its effect on pollinators. Chemicals used for fertilizer and weed control are heading the list after many years of study.

Monarch butterflies are not as endangered as some other species so they have only been monitored and studied, not hoisted to the top of the list for conservation practices to begin on the Fish and Wildlife Service aggressive plantings and habitat restoration list. It is expected that in 2024 the Endangered Species list will be reviewed but until then Fish and Wildlife Service, Xerces Society, Monarch Watch and several other Monarch conservation organizations recommend avoiding pesticides, planting more native milkweed and engaging in community science projects such as the Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper and Western Monarch Thanksgiving & New Year's Counts.

You can read more about the situation of Monarchs at [www.cronkitenews.azpbs.org](http://www.cronkitenews.azpbs.org). (by Danya Gainor/Cronkite News March 2021). There are maps and photos on the site that give a person a good feeling that someone cares about Monarchs besides ME!



**Margaret Straley**  
**Butterfly Chairman**



## Flower Show Schools and Symposiums



### Using Lines in an Arrangement

“One of the Elements of Design is “Line”. One would think that it is self-evident and easily explained. Unfortunately, like most things that appear simple, are in fact more complicated. When one uses a ruler and a pencil to draw a straight line on a piece of paper, a line has been created. The line is not in any context. When you connect one object on the paper to another with a pencil drawn line the beginning of a project occurs. When a floral designer creates a line in a design, it is to interpret an idea or thought. The line is used to convey to the observer a visual path. The line can be made out of a straight object, or a series of objects, a band of color, or the edge of an object in the design.

The designers first task is to take the class title and imagine how they are going to convey the class title by using plant materials. When starting a design, I first collect the flowers I am going to use. As it is often said, you can only use what is available. If you need 9 roses and only have 4, then 4 is what you use. One of the tools of a designer is to choose line type that enhances your plant material and conveys your idea. I choose the line type based on the following concepts.

The choice of lines in a design often conveys the designer’s interpretation of the class title. For instance, an **actual line** created by connecting one object to another is more dynamic and is better used in modern designs. The line is very obvious and easily defined. The line is physically identified. A straight stick, piece of metal, wire, or ceramic placed in the design are examples. The line material tends to dominate.

The use of an actual line adds a static element to the design. The actual **Static Line** can be horizontal, vertical, or leaning. It is the actual line that adds stability to a design that is otherwise confused. It adds order to the design. The line is static because it is lacking in movement, action, or change. When you use vertical lines or in combination with horizontal lines, class titles that indicate strength, stability, muscularity, burliness are conveyed.



An **Implied Line** is one that is indicated by the placement of plant or design materials. The use of three red roses in a row creates a visual path. The visual path takes the viewer through the design and often creates the rhythm. It is not an actual line, but a line created by the placement of materials of similar color, texture, or size. The line is implied because it is created in the mind. Often the lines are curved in a relaxed pleasing manner. These lines reflect more casual and sensual aspect. Class titles that indicate gentility or more feminine aspects would use implied lines.

This is a dynamic line and an implied line. The name of the design is "**Climbing Up**"



The title of this design is "**Dream Lover**" and it contains an actual line connecting the upper part to the lower part of the design.

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## Flower Show Schools and Symposiums ~ cont'd

A **Dynamic Line** compliments the implied line. A dynamic line is the opposite of a static line. The line implies motion. Used in a design the line can be curved or otherwise organically following the natural line of the material. A dynamic line implies elements that are spirited, lively and vigorous. Class titles that indicate motion or action would use dynamic lines.



The title of this design is **Round-Up.** It is a dynamic line

A designer has a challenge when interpreting a class title. Choosing the right line material and whether the line is an actual line, implied line, static or dynamic helps the success of the interpretation. A design is an emotional response through the use of design materials.

A successful design is one that conveys the designer's idea using the Elements of Design. **Choosing the correct line is crucial in the process.**

**Jim Saddler, Chairman**



## Invasive Species

### NONNATIVE TREES IN OUR NATIONAL FORESTS



The Nebraska Forest Service sent me reports by email about trees. The latest report was "**The Contribution of Nonnative Tree Species to Forests in the United States**" distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis program. It was a lengthy report but very interesting. The forest land area with nonnative tree species in the United States is 18.8 million acres and is expanding at about 500,000 acres per year. The area is a small fraction (2.8%) of the forested areas but still are distributed over 61% of the forested ecosystem.

The ecosections with the highest nonnative live trees are primarily around Pennsylvania and the Dakotas. The top 10 ecosections include areas in our Rocky Mountain region. From north to south, they are: Red River Valley in eastern North Dakota and the Northeastern Glaciated Plains in North Dakota and eastern Montana, Western Glaciated Plains in South Dakota, the Western Great Plains in South Dakota, Nebraska and eastern Wyoming, Nebraska Sandhills, South Central Great Plains in Nebraska and Kansas and the Cross Timbers and Prairie that reaches north into southern Kansas.

What are these **nonnative trees**? Not surprising they are: Siberian elm, Russian olive, Scotch pine, and Austrian pine. These are the main tree species.

**What makes them so invasive?**

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## Invasive Species ~~ cont'd

### What makes them so invasive?

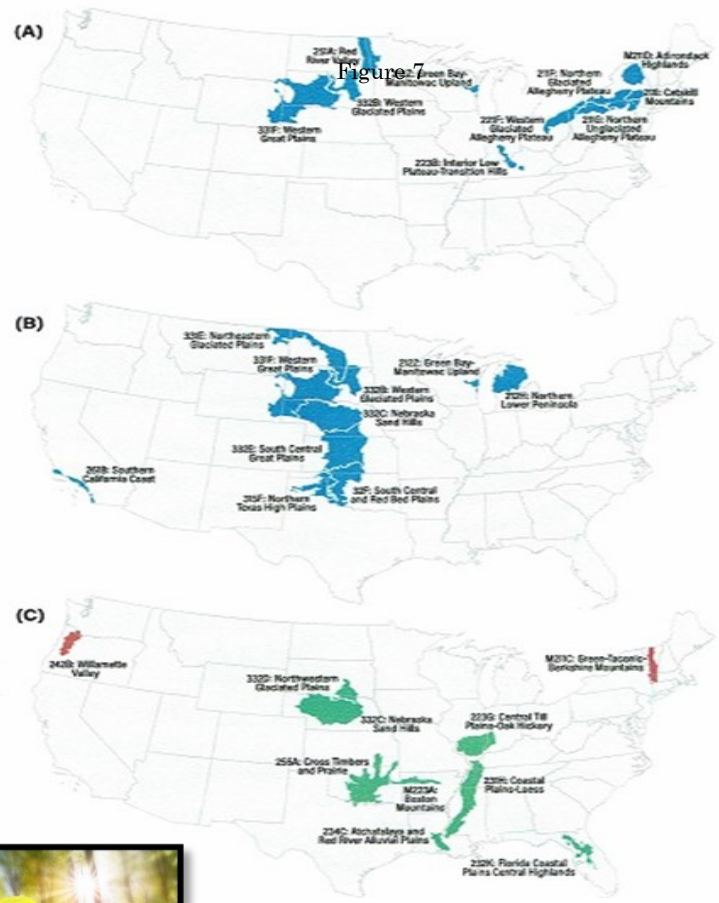
- Copious Seeding
- Successful during establishment
- \*Germination
- \*Rapid growth
- \*Reproduction
- Use of natural resources and ability to compete successfully
- Control of space

**So, what can we do as garden club members?** If you are not contributing to NGC's program "Penny Pines" I strongly encourage you to do so. **By planting the right plants, hopefully we can discourage the wrong plants?**

Alice Hemsath, Chairman

Figure 7- Carbon in nonnative tree species indicating the top 10 ecoregions in terms of (A) aboveground carbon density (tons per acre) of nonnative tree species, (B) proportion of total above ground carbon that is in nonnative species, and (C) by change in the proportion of nonnative carbon (green indicates increase in proportion and red indicates decrease in proportion).

The set of ecoregions included here is limited to (1) those where nonnative species are identified in the current inventory and (2) ecoregions with a minimum of 1 percent of forest area with nonnative tree species (to avoid influence of small sample).





## Membership



Tulips, baby chicks and lots of sunshine are certain signs of spring.

Renewing your membership in the spring is a great time for new members to enjoy the fun of your garden clubs. Classes, information, get togethers, yard tours, plant sharing are all part of what benefit our members.

Ask neighbors, friends and co-workers to attend a meeting with you. I am sure your garden club has a place for everyone. Some may like to help with your scrapbook, taking pictures of your events, articles for the local paper or RMR news letter, maintaining plantings of your projects like the Blue Star Memorials as well as other projects your club is involved with. Maybe partner with other organizations when you have the same goals in mind. Helping each other may be the right fit.

NGC has been having Membership Mondays zoom presentations. If you missed these, you can go to [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) and look under member resources to watch the videos. They have shared good ideas for all of us. Check it out.



Happy Spring!

**Shirley Pursel, Chairman**

## Penny Pines



Your Chair, Del, has not received any notices for donations to Penny Pines since December of 2021. So if your club has donated for this project, please notify me so I can spread the word.



To furnish readers with information on forests, I found a very interesting article from **North Carolina from Robert Scheller from the College of Natural Resources** in which he explores 5 ways climate change impact forests. Here are some highlights from his research.

Forests occupy nearly a third of Earth's land surface, providing humans and countless other species with a wide range of benefits and services — from ecological functions such as water and air purification to goods such as lumber and paper.

But according to a recent report released by the United Nations, climate change is expected to worsen over the next century as greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase, a trend that experts say will have consequences for the health of forests worldwide.

Scheller's most recent book, "**Managing Landscapes for Changes,**" explores how future landscapes will be shaped by pervasive change and where, when, and how society should manage landscapes for change. Here is his what he has found:

### 1 – Tree Migration

In response to climate change, some tree species will shift their ranges and migrate into landscapes in which they don't typically grow.

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### Penny Pines, cont'd

“Climate change can create new habitats for tree species and make existing habitats unsuitable. And like any other living thing, trees go where they can survive,” Scheller said. “This process is already underway.”

Some tree species are migrating uphill and northward as temperatures increase, while other species are migrating downhill and westward as changing precipitation patterns create drier conditions.

#### 2 – Forest Fires

Since 2000, an annual average of 72,600 wildfires have occurred across the U.S., scorching an average of 7 million acres of land, including forests, each year. That’s more than double the average annual acreage burned in the 1990s. Unfortunately, though, the worst is yet to come.

Climate change is creating warmer temperatures, deeper droughts and drier vegetation, according to Scheller. These conditions will persist in the coming decades and lead to an increase in the extent, intensity and frequency of wildfires, especially in the western U.S.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, a total of **43,438 wildfires have burned more than 4.5 million acres across the U.S.** this year so far, with a majority of the blazes occurring in western states like California, Oregon and Montana.

#### 3 – Severe Droughts

With average temperatures rising due to climate change, historically dry areas across the U.S. are likely to experience less precipitation and increased risk of longer, more intense droughts. In fact, recent droughts have been the most prevalent and severe in decades or centuries.

The latest map from the United States Drought Monitor, a collaboration between several federal agencies and the University of Nebraska, shows that at least 50% of the West is currently experiencing “severe” or “exceptional” drought conditions.

Research shows that trees respond to the stress of drought by closing their stomata, the pores that let in carbon dioxide. This forces trees to rely on stored sugars and starches, and if they run out of those energy sources before the drought is over, they **can die from ‘carbon starvation’**.

In addition, when trees lose too much water too quickly during a drought, air bubbles can form and prevent the transportation of water from the roots to the leaves, a process that can also result in death.

“Some landscapes are getting so dry that they can’t support forests at all. It’s pushing forests out of their physiological limits. This is especially true in the southwestern United States,” Scheller said. “But that doesn’t mean every tree is going to die. Some forests will be replaced by shrublands.”

When trees are exposed to a drought or wildfire, they can become less resilient to pests and pathogens, according to Scheller. And with climate change creating warmer, drier conditions in some regions across the country, forests could face increased outbreaks.

#### 4 – Pests and Pathogens

“Trees have less energy to defend themselves when they’re stressed out by drought and other challenging conditions,” Scheller said. “They become more vulnerable to insects, fungi, bacteria, viruses and so on.”

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## Penny Pines, cont'd

Scheller said this phenomenon is already evident in the western U.S. where pests populations are causing massive tree die-offs, with the bark beetle alone **destroying 45 million acres** of forest in recent years.

“Wildfires get all the press, but insects are killing far more trees in the western U.S. than wildfires,” Scheller concluded.

### 5 – Carbon Competition

In recent years, polluting companies worldwide have announced plans to utilize forest carbon offset projects to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 as investors demand sustainable practices and governments look to promote renewable energy technologies.

These projects allow polluting companies to pay private landowners to capture, store and prevent carbon dioxide from reaching the atmosphere, according to Scheller.

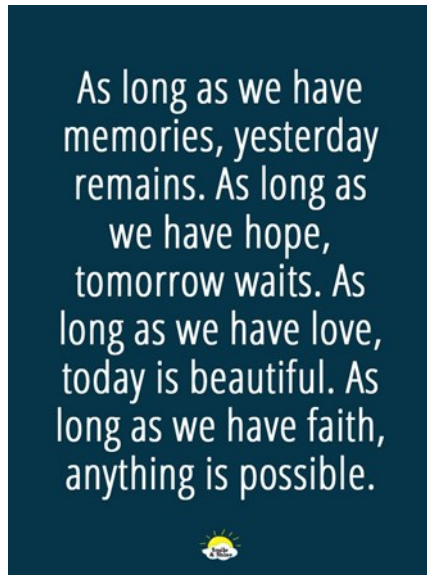
But in addition to utilizing existing forests, some companies are purchasing and reforesting land in an effort to earn even more carbon credits, a strategy that could create “economic uncertainty” for the forest products industry, according to Scheller.

“A lot of companies are looking into reforestation, which is great for places like the Amazon and Africa. But it will create a lot of competition for land, and that could totally upend the forest products industry,” he said.

Scheller added that the price of paper, lumber and other forest products will likely increase in the coming decades as a result of carbon offset projects, with some landowners preferring to receive a yearly payment rather than wait several decades to log and sell their trees.

In addition, fewer trees may be available for logging due to wildfires, insects, and drought, creating further upward pressure on the price of forest products, according to Scheller.

### Del Hemsath, Chairman



## NGC President's Project



### Plant America- Play Outdoors

Outdoor activities improve health and happiness for adults and children, so the National Garden Clubs, Inc is promoting outside activities to help to encourage spending more time outdoors all year long.

As gardeners, we do spend much time outdoors during acceptable weather, however going outside should be done for a length of time and we can be an example for the children. Encourage them to go outside with you even during incumbent weather, as a child I remember needing to do chores even during bad weather because the animals needed to be fed, and the eggs needed to be gathered. There is a reason gardeners live longer, more time outside, more activity and using their minds trying to solve problems. Now with food prices higher and harder to get, let's get the children planting a vegetable garden maybe call it a victory garden like was done during WWII.



We are so much healthier moving our body to improve our muscles and bones. You never know when you will not be able to do activities due to accident, my broken foot did not stop me from continuing gardening and being outside. When my granddaughter had terminal cancer she would be outside as much as she could. My husband has Parkinson Disease but still goes out as much as possible, and a daughter with a stroke will still do her gardening with her children. Let us be an example for children and copy the [#playoutside journal](#) and share it with a child, you will find it on the NGC website.



**Beverly Heidelberger, Chairman**



## Plant A Tree, NGC Project

**“Each Member Plant One, Preferably A Native Tree”**

Beverly Heidelberger is still taking **counts of any trees that you planted in 2019-2022.** Trees that members have mentioned so far; there were five trees for 2019, 29 for 2020, 21 for 2021, and four that will be planted in 2022.

Please text [bevheid2@hotmail.com](mailto:bevheid2@hotmail.com) the number of trees that you planted in 2019-2021 or plan on planting in 2022, if you haven't done so by **April 30, 2022**

**Beverly Heidelberger, Chairman**

## Parliamentarian



"Spring has sprung! The pussy willows are blossoming. However, we have snow on the ground right now but it will be gone tomorrow at 50 degrees! I have orchids blooming in the house along with my very productive amaryllis as well as tomato, kale, peppers, basil, etc. coming up under the lights. I have all kinds of coleus, geraniums, etc. growing from last year. I even started my dahlias inside this year. Can't wait to get my hands dirty again. My garden should be full as soon as it warms up a bit

The following is taken from **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED IN BRIEF**:

**“Question 19:** Can we hold our board meetings by conference telephone call?

**Answer:** You may hold board meetings by conference telephone call only if your bylaws specifically authorize you to do so. If they do, such meetings must be conducted in such a way that all members participating can hear each other at the same time, and rules should be adopted to specify the equipment required to participate, as well as methods for seeking recognition, obtaining the floor, submitting motions in writing determining the presence of a quorum, and taking and verifying votes. [RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), pp. 97-99; see also p. 159 of this book.]

It should be noted in this connection that the personal approval of the proposed action obtained from a majority of, or even all, board members separately is not valid board approval, since no meeting was held during which the proposed action could be properly debated. If action is taken by the board on the basis of individual approval such action must be ratified by the board at the regular or properly called meeting of the board in order to become an official act. [RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p 486, 1. 33 to p. 487, 1. 12.]

**Question 20:** How can we get rid of officers we don't like before their term is up?

**Answer:** It depends. If the bylaws just state a fixed term for the officer, such as “two years,” or if they say the officer serves for a specified term “and until [the officer's] successor is elected” (or words to that effect), then the group must use formal disciplinary proceedings, which involve the appointment of an investigating committee, referral of charges, and the conduct of a formal trial. The procedure is complex and should be undertaken only after a careful review of Chapter XX of RONR.

On the other hand, if the bylaws state a term for the office but add “or until [the officer's] successor is elected,” or contain other wording explicitly indicating that the officer may be removed before the term expires, then the officer can be removed from office by a two-thirds vote, by a majority vote when previous notice has been given, or by a vote of the majority of the entire membership – any one of which will suffice. A successor may thereafter elected for the remainder of the term.

Of course, if the bylaws themselves establish a procedure for removal from office, that procedure must be followed. [RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), pp653-54.]

**Mary Lerssen, Parliamentarian**

## Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl—Poster Contest



Wow.....This year six of the eight states in our region participated in the poster contest. Thanks so much for increasing the interest of our youth and schools. Awareness of fire prevention is important to our planet and preservation of our forests.

Poster judges were: left to right—Lee Maness and Brenda Bushall from the Heber Utah Ranger Office; Mary Perry Artist and member Park City Garden Club.



From the left with a real big smokey is Ella Hampshire 5th grade SLC; bottom most is 1st grade Sabrina Reiser SLC; middle is Kayson Villagrana 4th grade Garden City Kansas; top most is 2nd grade Maria Singleton SLC; the far right is Lend a Hand by Gabby Potter 3rd grade Mitchell South Dakota.

**Congratulations to everyone that entered and to our winners!**



1st grade,  
S. Reiser  
Utah



2nd grade  
M Singleton  
Utah



3rd grade  
G. Potter  
South Dakota



4th grade  
Villagrana  
Kansas



5th Grade,  
E. Hampshire  
Utah

**Connie MacKay, Chairman  
and Mary Holly**

## RMR Website--In Case You Missed This

**The Rocky Mountain Region Website has been updated.** Please check us out and take a look at our Director, State Officers, Newsletters, Awards, Gallery (includes photos from 2020-21 RMR photo contest), Resources links to NGC, Recipes. Take time an “poke around” to see what’s here!

This is a work in progress! If we all work together, the site will grow! Let us know at [rmrrambler@yahoo.com](mailto:rmrrambler@yahoo.com) as to what you want to see on this site!

**Simple click this link — [RMR Website](#) Enjoy!!**

**Carla Scheer, Webmaster  
Joanne Jeffres, Rambler Editor**



## QUEST FOR A WILD REDBUD TREE

John Williams, Guest Writer



I always had a desire to plant a real wild beautiful Redbud tree in my front yard. Now as the years have slipped by ever so quickly, I wondered if I was ever going to have that elegant purple-pink flowering specimen. In the meantime, I ventured to the XEROX building on 72nd and Mercy Street in Omaha, Nebraska. On a late spring day I pulled a lot of the small 2 inch seedlings growing among the rocks beneath the 15 or so redbud trees growing in planters hugging the edge of the building. From Spring until the first week of June I noticed a maintenance man had sprayed a plant killer on all these seedlings and other weeds in the planters. So on this particular day I saved 18 baby redbud trees from certain DEATH!



Once home, I planted nine trees in each of the two rows four feet from one another and the rows was five feet apart. Now I would have a Redbud tree "Pathway" to admire in about seven or eight years, although I had to replant a couple of them the following year. Approximately seven years later I had 14 trees ready to bloom. I pruned them into a pathway and every spring I have a beautiful purple-pink flowering Pathway to behold. I've had people wanting their pictures taken standing among the flowering trees. I considered these trees in my Pathway not real specimens of the wild variety because I was convinced the parent trees were probably bought at a nursery.

There are three basic species of redbud trees in the United States; the Eastern redbud tree, the California redbud tree and the Western redbud tree and they belong to the pea family, a Legume; Leguminosae. The encyclopedia describes the redbud tree as a small shrub or small tree that rarely exceeds 40 feet in height. The redbud tree grows in valleys, forests and fields. With their heart shaped leaves it evokes a message of love in some states. They grow more abundantly on south facing slopes where the sunlight is more intense and there is less plant competition. They are popular ornamental trees.

This tree is also called the Judas Tree. There is a legend, Judas Iscariot hanged himself on the European Redbud Tree after he betrayed Jesus Christ. Since the tree was ashamed, the redbud tree changed the color of its blooms from white to red.

This tree bears purple-pink flowers followed by long flat brown or black seed pods in the early spring. This small tree resembles the trees I see growing wild in Eastern Nebraska. The flowers are bisexual and self-pollinating and the flowers and seed pods are edible. The flowers and buds can be harvested at the beginning of spring, and the seed pods at the beginning of summer. The flowers have a sweet or slightly acidic taste. They can be eaten raw in salads, or they can be pickled. You can also make redbud sage muffins.

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## Quest for a Wild Red Bud Tree ~~ cont'd

The root of the redbud can be used in red dyes. The wood is heavy, hard and close grained. It is used in the production of veneers. The Native Americans chose this wood to make their bows. The bark has been used as an astringent in treating dysentery and even leukemia

Cardinals have been observed feeding on the seeds, as well as the ring-necked pheasants, rose breasted grosbeaks, bobwhites, white tailed deer and gray squirrels. These animals dispersed the seeds as well as the wind. Seeds that fall to the ground usually remain dormant for several years. The flowers are also regarded as important in the production of honey. Even in winter this little tree is pleasant to behold, with its arching branches and rounded crown. In Israel the redbud tree has protected status and is an important tree.

Buying a redbud tree from a nursery is not the same as having a real wild redbud tree specimen. The desire overcame me to take a walk in the surrounding bluffs and dig one up. But my conscious reminded me that act would still be stealing. What a quandary I had gotten myself into. From where and how was I ever going to acquire a “wild” redbud tree?

I convinced myself to take a trip to the bluffs carrying my small 4-foot-long shovel. My thought process went something like this: what if I found a small redbud tree that may die anyway unless I rescued it? Now that wouldn't be stealing, would it? Really this was not an act of stealing but a rescue mission (of sorts).

I felt a lot better and with renewed vigor I trudged up the steep side of a heavily forested area near an old tree that had fallen down. There right in all of that brush, I spied the tell-tale heart shape leaves of a small two foot high redbud tree. I was sure this tree would never have the chance to grow into adulthood unless I saved it as I carefully struck the shovel down into the soil and stomped on it. I heard a noise. What was that?

Fear crept over me when I heard a snarl, uh oh, that sounds to me like it may be a bobcat I thought to myself. I froze as the hair stood up on the back of my neck. I waited in silence, and I noticed there was not a sound... anywhere. I felt like I had entered a vacuum. So, I bent down once again and drove the shovel into the ground. But this time, on the other side of the tree, I heard another low deep throaty growl. I was terrified and froze again. Then I realized this snarling animal could be a cougar with babies in a den probably under that old fallen tree. I came to the conclusion that I must be standing very close to the mother cat. I glanced around in the direction of the sounds. There was so much brush that I couldn't see anything, but I could feel her watching me. Wow, what an eerie feeling!

One thing I was absolutely sure of, if a mother bobcat or a cougar thought her babies were threatened she would fight ferociously with her life to protect them, When I imagined her claws and teeth tearing through my flesh, I shuddered. Ouch! ~~ Click link below to continue

[Click on this link.](#) It will take you to the Rocky Mountain Region website. Look for the” Ramblings from the Region.” You will be able to read the rest of “The Quest of a Red Bud Tree” as well as browse recipes and the updated website.



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Miners' Hospital

## Welcome

to Park City, Utah  
**86th RMR Meeting**  
**August 26-28, 2022**



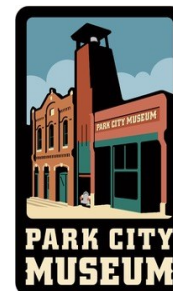
August is a lovely time to visit the mountain town of Park City. Temperatures are a little bit cooler than in SLC and the Fall colors may even have started. Park City was established in 1885 as a silver mining town, at one point boasting over 300 mines. Many fortunes were made here including George Hearst, grandfather to William Randolph Hearst. When the price of silver fell in the 1950s, Park City was in danger of becoming a ghost town with fewer than 1,000 residents. Fortunately, it was figured out that the snow was the new “silver” and the rest is history as they say, with Park City establishing three (currently two) world class resorts. We even hosted the 2002 Olympics with many of the venues still running and available to the public.

Fly into Salt Lake City which is 45 minutes away from Park City. Rent a car, UBER/ LYFT or take a shuttle up Parleys Canyon. We have secured a **block of rooms at The Peaks Hotel**, 2346 Park Ave., Park City, UT 84060. Guests will need to call 435-649-5000 and book under the Park City Garden Club room block to receive the discounted rate. Park City Lodging [also](#) has a selection of places close to the activities; 435-649-6175, mention **GARDEN15** for the garden club offer. If you are driving or camping and need further information, visit the Park City Chamber of Commerce website: <https://www.visitparkcity.com>. Additionally, if you need help finding a spot feel free to contact:

Mary Holley, 435.640.4171, [mountainflorautah@gmail.com](mailto:mountainflorautah@gmail.com).

### Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 AM( optional )** A must that we want you to experience. Walking tour of Main Street. Take a trolley ride up Main Street from the Park City Museum, 528 Main Street, and slowly walk down the street, hearing our colorful history including photos of the early buildings and ones that are still in use. Arrive at the Park City Museum early to explore three levels of early mining history to skiing. The tour and admission to the Museum will be free to RMR members and guests.



Please RSVP to: Mary Holley 435-640-4171 [mountainflorautah@gmail.com](mailto:mountainflorautah@gmail.com)

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## **Friday, August 27**

Lunch will be on your own. Lots of places to choose from or visit the Hospitality Pavilion in City Park

**12:00 PM** Hospitality Pavilion will be in the Park City Band Stand, City Park

**4:00-5:00 PM** Registration Miner's Hospital.

**5:00-6:00 PM** Social Hour. City Park

**6:00 PM** BBQ in City Park Large Pavilion, entertainment and music by Kevin Scott.

**8:00 PM** RMR Executive Board meeting in Board Room, 2nd floor, Miner's Hospital.

## **Saturday, August 27th**

**8:00 AM** Breakfast under the trees on the Miner's Hospital front lawn.

**9:00 AM** Meeting begins Miner's Hospital

**12:00 PM** Lunch served on front lawn of the Miner's Hospital with a speaker about the Park Landscaping or relocation of the building.

**1:00-pm** Resume meeting

**Silent auction ends** at the adjournment

**4:00 PM** Meet at the Miner's Hospital to take the tour bus to Swaner Nature Preserve and Echo Center for a guided educational tour about urban rural interfacing.

**5:00 PM** Our bus will whisk us through Echo Canyon for the Awards dinner at Diane Petersen's (President of the Park City Garden Club) house, Old Lincoln Highway, Wanship, UT.

## **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Farewell Breakfast or Breakfast and launch to the Red Butte Gardens! This is optional, but we would love to have you.

**8:00 AM** Breakfast under the trees on the Miner's Hospital front lawn.

A farewell to those not attending Red Butte Gardens.

**9:00-AM** Meet at the Miner's Hospital for carpooling to [Red Butte Gardens in Salt Lake](#) with a guide. A trip to Red Butte Gardens, 300 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. There are many new gardens since your last visit in 2013. This is a must see and experience not to miss. Please RSVP to: Mary Holley

[mountainflorautah@gmail.com](mailto:mountainflorautah@gmail.com)

**If you need a ride to the airport, Please let Mary Holly know**

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## **Other Fun things to do in Park City:**

- Visit the [Utah Olympic Park](#), site of the 2002 Olympics, [3419 Olympic Pkwy, Park City, UT 84098](#).
- Grab a ski lift ride and wander either ski resort PCMR or Deer Valley.
- Park City has a ride share program, with electric bikes scattered all over town. Grab one and see the white McPolin Barn up close.
- Hiking in Round Valley.
- Lots of golf all around the area, Park City Municipal Course in town.
- Park City is a dog friendly town with miles of hikes and trails for every level.
- There are plenty of restaurants for dining and shops for shopping.

**Remember – To get the full Utah experience, we'll be outside a great deal, so dress warm, dress in layers wear your walking shoes and stay hydrated. Also, remember your sunscreen since you will be at 7,000 feet.**

**Recommended – bring a lawn chair and seat cushion. We can provide them, if you are flying in.**

**We are looking forward to a fun and educational meeting of the RMR members!**

**Mary Holly, President  
The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.**



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION  
86<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING-PARK CITY, UTAH  
AUGUST 26-28, 2022  
“History to Horticulture”



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return registration must be postmarked by July 25, 2022

Mail to: Sue McJames  
1669 Redstone Ave., A-2  
Park City, UT 84098  
435.901.2707  
[susanmcjames@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmcjames@hotmail.com)

Make Checks Payable to:  
Utah Associated Garden Club

No refunds after August 15, 2022

Registration Fee-----\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Or late registration after July 25, 2022-----\$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY: August 26 Dinner  
Hamburger/Hotdog Grill + sides and dessert (vegetarian option)-----\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY: August 27 Breakfast  
Fruit, Pastry, Yogurt, Juice and Coffee -----\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

August 27 Lunch  
Sandwiches + salad, chips and dessert (vegetarian option) -----\$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

August 27 Dinner  
Pork Loin + sides and dessert (vegetarian options, includes bus ride) -----\$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY: August 28 Breakfast  
Fruit, Pastry, Yogurt, Juice and Coffee-----\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any dietary needs or restrictions to: Mary Holley, [mountainflorautah@gmail.com](mailto:mountainflorautah@gmail.com) or text 435.640.4171

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> State President
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> RMR Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Club President
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Committee Member	<input type="checkbox"/> RMR Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Attendee
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> RMR Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape School Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> RMR Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies Consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Study Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member
	<input type="checkbox"/> RMR Director	

Rocky Mountain Region  
Photo Contest  
Theme: “Water, a Necessary Element of Life”  
Rules & Guidelines



Submit up to 2 images by July 1, 2022, uploaded to [RMRphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:RMRphotocontest@gmail.com) along with the completed entry form. And the signed release form.

**Your images should be a high resolution (300 dpi) image with a file size of at least 2 megapixels** with a minimum dimension of 1600x1200 pixels. **Smart phone photos generally are large enough files.** Image should be labeled with your last name, first name and title of your photo: for example, dane-arabella-raindrops.jpeg **MANIPULATION** of the image by the exhibitor, in camera, and or in post processing **is allowed**.

The digital images will be juried, and the finalists will receive ribbons.

The committee will print the finalists, which will be displayed at the Rocky Mountain Region Annual Meeting at Park City, Utah.

**Image Release Agreement**

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**Scale Of Points**

Conformation/

Interpretation: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 - does the photo comply with the class title and does the image interpret the theme

Composition: \_\_\_\_\_ 25 - elements and principles of design are used to define the components of the composition of the photograph

Creativity: \_\_\_\_\_ 25 - expression of the imagination of the photographer

Technical Merit: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 - successful use of mechanics of the camera

Distinction/Wow Factor: \_\_\_\_\_ 10- the wow factor; marked superiority in all aspects

**Total Points \_\_\_\_\_ 100 Pts.**



## Rocky Mountain Region Photo Contest Entry Form



**Theme: “Water a Necessary Element of Life”**

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

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

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Picture #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Picture #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

