

The Rambler

From your Region's Director



Well continuing with my travels since becoming RMR District Director, we were off to Orlando, Florida for the 89th Annual Fall Board Meeting in September. We are so lucky at RMR to have **two** of our members elected for **NGC National Offices**. I don't know of two better people than **Donna Rouch** (nominated to serve in the position of 3rd vice-president) and **Lynette Jeffres** (nominated to serve in the treasurer) to help in the leadership of National Garden Club. I am very honored to be friends with both. All of the meetings at NGC are wonderful but I especially enjoy the Fall Board Meeting because it gives us an opportunity to see more of the inner workings of NGC. As I have said before, I have really appreciate getting to know and being with the other Regional Directors.

The NGC Annual Convention will be in Biloxi Mississippi at the Beau Rivage Resort starting April 29 through May 2nd. The new presidents will be installed and the current presidents will give a 3-minute report of their **states** activities. The rooms will be \$172.40 a night (this includes tax and daily resort fee). You should make your reservation as soon as you know you will be going.

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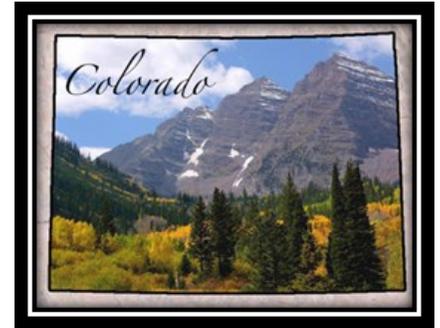
Group Name: National Garden Clubs Conference
Phone # 888-567-6667, or Online at the reservation
website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/14287742>

I thought this would be a slower time for me but I was wrong. I am working at the Johnson County Election Office as a Supervising Judge, working six days a week until Thanksgiving. Until you work at an election office you do not realize all the prep work that goes into an election.

This is a repeat of what I said in the last RMR Rambler.

One piece of business I would like to talk about before closing and that is **Scholarships**. I went on to all the universities web sites in each of the states and there are fields of study students could apply for scholarships from NGC. Now I am not saying this is an easy job getting students to apply but it can be done. We only had 50% of our states in RMR apply for scholar-ships. Please can we have **100% next year**? If you need any help, PLEASE CONTACT ME. I know our President in Kansas and our Scholarship Chairman got sick of me asking if had been sent in but it is very important to push this program. NGC has the funds, we need to apply for it. God Bless.

Jackie Watts
Rocky Mountain Region Director
2017-2019



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Special points of interest

- Spotlight on Colorado
- Which cactus do I have?
- NGC Gift Ideas



Dates to Remember



DATE	WHAT	WHERE
April 30-May 5, 2019	NGC Convention	Biloxi, MS
August 23-24, 2019	RMR Convention	Missoula, MT
September 18-20, 2019	NGC Fall Board Meeting	St, Louis, MO
September 24, 2019	Smokey Bear Posters to State Chairman	All State GCs
May 11-14, 2020	NGC Convention	Milwaukee, WI

Highlighting our RMR Region!

Would you believe that we have a perfect match—eight states in our RMR region and eight issues. Each issue will have small “highlights or facts” about one of our member states placed throughout the pages. This issue will feature the —



State of Colorado is the home state of our RMR Historian, Trudie Layton

When you see this symbol, please take a moment to learn something about our spotlight state.

Colorado’s land mass is **104,094** square miles. Colorado is about **280 miles** long and **380 miles** wide.

Joanne Jeffres, *Rambler* Editor



*“Plant your American Dream,
Mind your Footprints,
and Gather the Friendships”*



Our beautiful Rocky Mountain Region includes the following States:

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

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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.

Highlighting our RMR Region!



Colorado*

First visited by Spanish explorers in the 1500's, the territory was claimed for Spain by Juan de Ulibarri in 1706. The U.S. obtained eastern Colorado as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the central portion in 1845 with the admission of Texas as a state, and the western part in 1848 as a result of the Mexican War.

State Capital—**Denver**

Entered the Union—**August 1, 1876 (38)**

National Forests—**11**

National Parks **11**

State Parks—**44**

State Flower—**Rocky Mountain Columbine**

State Bird—**Lark Bunting**



State Gem—**Aquamarine**

Origin of Name—**Spanish, "colored red"** (reference to sediment-rich Colorado River)

State Nickname —**The Centennial State**



State Insect—**Colorado Hairstreak**

State Animal—**Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep**

State Motto—**Nil sine Numine** (Nothing without Providence)

* <https://awesomeamerica.com/colorado/>

Sunday, November 11, 2018

**With Respect
Honor
&
Gratitude**

Thank You All Veterans



Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



Our Southern District of Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs has been working on our 2019 State Convention under the leadership of Aurora Glaze. Our plans are falling into place, and we can assure you that you will have a great time in Colorado Springs on June 7, 8, 9, 2019. We look forward to having our then NGC President, Gay Austin, and RMR Director, Darla Anderson, in attendance to help us celebrate, and we are super excited to have booked Panayoti Kelaidis, Denver Botanic Gardens *Senior Curator and Director of Outreach*, for a very special program presentation. Y'all come!

Joanne Jeffres, Editor, is **featuring Colorado** in our forthcoming issue of the *Rocky Mountain Rambler*. I've sent her pictures of our state robed in magnificent fall colors and one photo highlights aspens in all their glory. Aspens are very popular with Coloradans, but I caution everyone against their use in home gardens unless there is ample space surrounding them. I've had personal experience with aspens, and I've had to work diligently to keep them from taking over my garden. My neighbors have all grown them and, in most cases, they have eliminated them. One of my next-door neighbors had a very large aspen planted on our property line, and after several years, I am still pulling up baby aspens and trying to eliminate monstrous roots. One year I counted the baby aspens that appeared in my garden, and there were over 100 of them! It is not an easy task to get rid of these unwanted trees. I, too, love the aspens; however, I think they belong in the mountains and not in home gardens.



What to plant in lieu of the aspens? The choice is endless. I am very fond of the purple mountain ashes and the maples especially as street plantings, and I especially like the flowering trees for smaller gardens. The smaller flowering trees greet us in springtime with their array of beautiful blossoms and then provide some welcome shade. They are an excellent choice for small gardens as they are fairly slow growing and are not overwhelming even at their ultimate size. Small fruiting trees are also an excellent choice. By all means, try something different for your garden. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Your friend in gardening,
Betty Roberts, President

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Grow and Share Colorado — Project: "Befriend Our Pollinators"



Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.



Fall in Kansas; we just finished our garden club season with some housekeeping and reviewing our great 2018 convention and prepping for next years at our annual Fall board meeting held in Topeka. Well, as the old saying goes; "be careful what you wish for" we are no longer in a drought in my part of the state and I quit counting at thirteen inches! That moisture will care us a long way into the winter and I love the four seasons and can't imagine living anywhere else. With all the rain we have had we now have a beautiful Fall; the grass is emerald green and the trees are turning beautiful reds, yellows and oranges. Fall to me means football, bonfires, apple picking, pumpkins and fall leaves; lots of falling leaves at my house and most of those come from neighbors' trees. I am much better prepared for this second fall at my home as I have a John Deere rider and a trailer that I can chop those leaves up and move them to a spot that I am lasagna gardening for a new garden bed that I will be ready to plant in the Spring.

As we are preparing for the long winters nap, there are still many things to do in the garden, for me it requires disconnecting the drip lines and hoses and taking cuttings and digging as many annual plants as I possibly can. They will go inside under the grow lights which will lessen the strain on my *pocketbook* next spring; as my grandma would say. We have had a couple of frosts and a hard freeze which is kind of early for us but, I am not complaining as I know some of my RMR friends had snow as we returned from the NGC Fall board meeting in Florida in September. Since, the freeze I can now dig the cannas and elephant ears, clean them and store in the garage until next Spring. As much as I love being outside in the garden I always look forward to fall and winter for a break and to drop back and punt and mull over the changes I wish to make and rethink anything that didn't work. As I sit by the fire and start to dream of what Spring will bring in my garden I wish you a warm and cozy Fall and Winter and wish you much success as you start to plan for your 2019 gardening season.

Happy Fall Yaw All!

Jean Tinberg, KAGC President

"Sow the Seeds, Propagate the Friendships, Nurture the Blossoms while Planting America"



The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad has been in continuous operation since 1881. The line was constructed primarily to haul mine ores, both gold and silver, from the San Juan Mountains. The Railroad continues to provide year round train service and has appeared in more than a dozen movies including "How the West was Won" (1963) and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969).

Montana Federation of Garden Clubs



Montana has had its first snowstorm of the fall! Just enough to turn all of the flowering plants black. Fall leaves have been beautiful but are falling at a phenomenal rate—lots of raking in the near future. It is a time of preparation for the winter to come and garden club members are busy finishing projects and cleaning out flowerbeds. They are also planning activities for the winter including wonderful educational events and interesting fundraisers. Several clubs have decorated pumpkins with moss, succulents, seedpods and berries. These have sold for a nice profit and they last for quite a long time as a fall centerpiece.

On October 6th we had our annual fallboard meeting in Ennis, Montana at a resort. It was a bit rustic with log cabins but they were warm and comfortable so we faired quite well. Forty-four members were able to attend. On Friday evening, we gathered for snacks and played a great game of garden jeopardy! The questions were designed to increase our knowledge of our state clubs and the relationship between the Rocky Mountain Region, National Garden Clubs and our state organization. The team members were to let the leader know they knew the answer by sounding a kazoo! Who knew that making noise on a kazoo could be so challenging! It was hilarious, fun and informative.

We are busy studying our awards system over the winter with the plan to present ideas for updating at our convention in the spring.

I enjoyed representing Montana at the Rocky Mountain Region and National Garden Club Fall Boards. It is always good to have a chance to share ideas, learn new information and just network with everyone.

Have a great winter-be safe.

Joyce Hendricks

“Let’s Grow in Montana“



Do you need help identifying plants?

If so, check out these apps—They Work!

Zillions of electronic field guides such as **Leafsnap**, **Plantifier**, **iPflanzen** and **PictureThis** exist to help us identify plants on the fly. Snap a plant’s photo against a white background—and submit it instantly for analysis. Or click through a list of characteristics (leaf shape, flower color, plant’s height) to make the identification. You can Google any of them.



Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska

“CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF PLANTING NEBRASKA”



Fall is my favorite season! I love the fall colors especially the Burning Bush shrub when it turns. Definitely something to celebrate! We all celebrated the migration of the Monarchs through Nebraska this summer. I have never seen so many.



Nebraska gardeners are especially pleased that our own **Donna Rouch, 2013-2015 FGCN President**, will be installed as **NGC 3rd Vice President** in Biloxi, MS this spring. Congratulations Donna! We are also pleased that **Lynette Jeffres** will be installed as **NGC Treasurer**. They will both do a great job!

We enjoyed our trip to the NGC Fall Board meeting Sept. 26-29. The speakers were fabulous. I think we need another trip to Florida to visit Tropiflora Nursery. I'm a fan of Bromeliads. My local garden club, Soil Sisters and Mistery Garden Club, had a Plant Exchange Oct. 6th and a plant fan brought in a tricolor bromeliad to exchange. It took all my willpower to wait until the exchange was over and no one took the plant! **I DID!** I've repotted it and we'll see how it does.

It's hard not to mention the weather. In Orlando it was 80 degree, humidity about the same and then on Saturday the 29th coming into Omaha where it was 40 degrees and raining was quite a contrast. It has more or less rained every day since and the temperature hasn't strayed too far from 40. Although as I write this the sun is finally shining but snow has fallen in western and northern Nebraska and is predicted for southcentral Nebraska this weekend. I love fall! We still have garden clean-up to do but the crisp air and fall colors will make it an enjoyable job.

FGCN will have their Fall Board meeting October 27th in Kearney. Our speaker will talk about the first Nebraska gardeners. Our FGCN Annual Meeting is September 6-7, 2019 out west in Gering, NE.

Alice Hemsath
Nebraska State President



Colorado has the highest elevation of any state, with more than 1,000 Rocky Mountain peaks over 10,000 ft high and 54 towering above **14,000 ft. Pikes Peak**, the most famous of these mountains, was discovered by U.S. Army lieutenant Zebulon M. Pike in 1806.



North Dakota State Garden Clubs



What a meeting the Nebraska Garden Clubs hosted for the RMR in Fort Robinson! If you missed it, you missed a great time. Robin's Leadership meeting was worth the trip, but the landscape, the history and the time spent with friends were the "frosting on the cake." We loved the site and have recommended it to several friends. Plan now to attend the 2019 RMR in Missoula, MT, next August.

Terry Kroke, Pat and myself just returned from the Fall Board Meeting in Orlando where Lori DeRemer was ratified as the 2020 FBM Chairman.

It was great to hear the enthusiasm of the attendees to journey to Fargo for this future meeting. People *really* want to come to North Dakota, many of whom have never been here. Also many commented on the great memories of the FBM in Great Falls, MT, a number of years ago – we have a RMR tradition to live up to as they shared memories of the venue, location and food! Next week we kick our planning into high gear. Shortly you will begin hearing what we have planned for the attendees.

We are excited for the nomination of our RMR members to the NGC Executive Board. Terry did a great job serving on the NGC Nominating Committee where she helped select two highly qualified and hard-working RMR members in **Donna Rouch (Nebraska) for NGC 3rd Vice President and Lynette Jeffres (Wyoming) for NGC Treasurer.**

The North Dakota clubs experienced an early freeze while we were basking in Florida sunshine. So outdoor projects are being cleaned up and tucked in for the winter that will come soon. Now is time for fall banquets, Christmas parties and indoor meetings – picnic season is over. The success of our gardening choices will be evaluated and plans for the next year of planting noted. We know that our choices of Native Plants and Pollinator plants will head up our plans.

Communications with and between clubs has been a goal of mine for this administration. These goals will still need work. Our NDSGC's leadership will be reviewing and updating our state by-laws. Our goal is to have a finalized version to bring to our membership at our state Annual Meeting on June 8, 2019 in Valley City.

Les Westgard

"Plant America As We Grow Our Communities"

Denver is nicknamed "**The Mile-High City**" because its official elevation is exactly one mile (5,280 feet) above sea level.

Breathtaking scenery and world-class skiing make Colorado a prime tourist destination. The main tourist attractions in the state include Rocky Mountain National Park, Curecanti National Recreation Area, Mesa Verde National Park, the Great Sand Dunes and Dinosaur National Monuments, Colorado National Monument, and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument.

South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs

I have received a lot of support from all 8 clubs in South Dakota and all of them have done marvelous community projects, as evident of the 22 awards that were presented at RMR Convention, August 24-25 in Fort Robinson, Nebraska.



Most enjoyable was the photo contest, which planted the idea to plan one at our 2019 state convention. The leadership workshop was most inspiring, with many ideas to improve meeting attendance. We also participated in the silent auction, and the wonderful meals, beautiful historical sites and of course, the Museum. I received several compliments on my RMR tree tee-shirt.!!

All 8 clubs were represented at the state fall board meeting September 22 at Milbank. It was so exciting to present the 22 awards to the recipients, along with certificates for membership increases, monies were awarded earlier. A lot was accomplished, having a website creates a communication line where clubs are encouraged to use to inform all about their projects. Applications have been sent for "Plant America" grant awards. Clubs are working with children, libraries, also garden therapy. The membership increase contest will continue this year

National Fall Board Meeting, held September 26-29 in Orlando, Florida was very inspiring. I was able to sit in at the membership committee meeting and received several great ideas to promote membership increase. Along with attending the business session, some highlights were: workshops on Photography, Using Social Media, however, the sweetest highlight was the announcement that Donna Rouch will be our National 3rd Vice President and Lynette Jeffres will be our National Treasurer. Both have become dear friends and we are very proud of them.

My favorite program was "A Splash of Sparkle" by Janice Hamlin, What a show!! She is so gifted, using braided twisted unusual plant material to create the most amazing and beautiful designs. WOW!! Sharing ideas and encouraging each other gives us the excitement we need to come back home and plant them.

A Scholarship has been placed in honor of our current National President, Nancy Hargroves. I keep thinking about the very interesting program at the National Convention in May, that was given by Kent Russell, titled "Candy in the Garden "It would be so much fun to have him come to the Regional Convention. He was a blast and so talented. Happy Fall to you all!!.

Virginia Sandmeier

SDFGC, Inc. President.

"Plant America, The Healing Power of Gardening"



Katherine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" atop Pikes Peak overlooking Colorado Springs

Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.



Fall has arrived here in the Bee Hive state with a blast of storms and even a little snow. All were welcomed since this last summer was very dry. The results of the drought are apparent when you drive into our mountains or watch our news broadcasts.....loss of trees from drought and insect infestation. Then the FOREST FIRES have been incredible this year. I hope that all of our clubs are responding to this news by donating to Pennies for Pines. I am hoping that each of the clubs in Utah will purchase a minimum of two plantations from Pennies for Pines this year.

The squirrels have alerted me to the approach of a hard winter. They are all over my lawn collecting materials for nesting and burying miscellaneous seeds. In response to this activity I have begun trimming back bushes and planting my bulbs and pansies.

The Fall meeting of the National Garden Club in Orlando Florida was very nice. I loved the variety of centerpieces made from recycled materials. I am planning on carrying that over to our Junior Garden Clubs when we discuss the 4 R's —recycle—reduce—reuse—and rot. What creative ways can our youth think of to reuse everyday objects?

This is the 3rd year that we have had a Junior Garden Club at HR Driggs Elementary. Each year we have the children reapply to belong to the club. On the back of the application we ask the children to write a paragraph on why they wish to belong to the group. Below is a paragraph submitted by one of our children.* Perhaps we all should take pause and consider what he has to say.

Connie MacKay, President
"Plant America, Plant Native"

*Permission was received from parents for publication of this response.



I've been in garden club for 2 years. I wish to continue helping not just garden club but the world. Gardening has been my passion for 6 years and I will like to spread the joy of gardening to others and together we will save the earth and make it a better place for us and the animals.

Student Name John Ginter Teacher Gline

Forest Signature [Signature] 8-28-18

Phone Number _____

Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Thank you to the crew in Nebraska for hosting a fabulous conference/meeting in Ft. Robinson. All those times I've driven by there but never stopped. What a treasure you have!



WFGC members met in Casper on October 6 for our fall meeting, lunch and a short program on cell phone cameras and social media. Nearly 30 members from 6 of our 7 clubs made the trek to Casper. Discussion was held regarding topics ranging from president's travels to Penny Pines. Members liked the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs cell phone penalty program and voted to adopt it! We will be collecting \$10 for each phone that rings, dings, chirps, etc. during a meeting and donating it the NGC Plant America project. Borrowing other groups' ideas is a fabulous way to enhance your group's efforts.

Our nominating committee is working hard to finish their slate of officers for the next term. Members were encouraged to **"just say yes"** when asked to serve as a chairman or officer. We're all looking forward to a rest & recharge this winter season. I will be attending additional club meetings as we move towards a new administration next June. Riverton Garden Club is planning a fun, educational & entertaining meeting next June.

Have a fantastic holiday season! We are blessed beyond measure. Embrace those blessings as you rest this winter season.

Plant Wisely,

Lynette Jeffres, President

Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.



What is RMR Life Membership?

I'm so glad you asked! **Life membership** is an **HONORARY membership** in the Rocky Mountain Region Garden Clubs. Life membership funds are used for **education and communication** within the region. There are currently **56 life members** in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Please consider making a **\$75 donation** to the fund to help enhance our communication/education within the RMR. You can join yourself or honor another member of garden club with an **RMR Life Membership**.

Contact Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer & Life Membership Chairman for more information (lynjeffres@gmail.com or 307-856-4399)



Parliamentary Procedure



Notes on Motions:

I am going to attempt to review the kinds of Motions that are a part of Parliamentary Procedure. Although some of this info can be in more detail, I am going to provide only the basics here.

There are basically five (5) types of motions:

1. **Main or Principal Motions (May be divided into "Original" and "Incidental" but that will not be addressed in this information)**
2. **Subsidiary Motions**
3. **Incidental Motions**
4. **Privileged Motions**

Some Main and Unclassified Motions

Main Motions are brought before the group on subjects that are of interest to the group. A Main Motion can be made only when no other business is before the group. It is debatable and generally passes with a majority vote unless otherwise stated in the by-laws such amendments to the constitution. However, the other four types of motions can be made while the main motion is on the floor. **Types of Main Motions are:**

- *Accept or adopt a report
- *Adjourn
- *Appoint the time and place for the next meeting
- *Ratify or confirm action taken
- *Rescind or repeal action taken

Subsidiary Motions are motions used to address other motions. They are applied to the Main Motion and must be decided on before the Main Motion can be addressed.

Examples of Subsidiary Motions are:

- *Lay on the Table
- *The previous question
- *Limit or extend limits of debate
- *Postpone definitely, or to a certain time
- *Amend
- *Postpone indefinitely

Incident Motions are used to address a motion that is pending but cannot be made when a Subsidiary Motion is being addressed. They are usually not debatable. Examples of Incidental Motions are:

- *Questions of order and appeal
- *Suspension of the rules
- *Objection of the consideration of a question
- *Division of a question, and consideration by paragraph or seriatim

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Parliamentary Procedure ~~cont'd

Incident Motions —cont'd

- *Division of the assembly, and motions relating to methods of voting, or to closing or to reopening the polls
- *Motions relating to methods of making, or to closing or to reopening nominations
- *Requests growing out of business pending or that has just been pending, as a parliamentary Inquires, a request for Information, for leave to withdraw a motion, to read papers, to be excused from a duty, or for any other privilege

Privileged Motions are not related to the pending question and take precedence over other motions and are not debatable. Examples of Privileged Motions are:

- *Fix the time to adjourn if made while another question is pending
- *Adjourn
- *Take a recess
- *Raise a question of privilege
- *Call for Orders of the Day

Some Main and Unclassified Motions are not conveniently classified into the first four types of Motions. Examples are:

- *Take from the table
- *Reconsider
- *Rescind
- *Renewal of a motion
- *Ratify
- *Dilatory, absurd, or frivolous motions
- *Call of the house

As you can see, it is important to know how and when each of the Motions can be useful while conducting a business meeting. In future articles I will attempt to explain further what and how some of the motions are used.

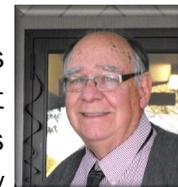
The above information was taken from www.parliamentaryprocedure.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lerssen, RMR Parliamentarian

Flower Show Schools & Symposiums

Now that the first frost has blackened the dahlias it is time to dig. The chore becomes bearable when I go deep in thought thinking about next year's projects. Planning next year's flower show comes into mind. I was at a Fair board meeting this week and was told that the flower show my garden club stages at the fair should in some way incorporate the 75th birthday of Smokey Bear. The forest service is going to fly a huge balloon of Smokey next to the Floriculture building where the flower show is staged.



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Flower Show Schools & Symposiums ~~ cont'd



Back to the digging of dahlias, I am wondering if I should just let Mother Nature take the tubers and purchase new next spring at Costco. The tubers have to be washed, dried, then wrapped in newspaper and placed in a tote that is not too heavy to carry and has good ventilation. As I progress with the chore at hand, I think about the problem of choosing a flower show theme. The theme must be general in nature and can be broken down into smaller titles for each of the sections. One of my favorite themes in the past was to use the poem "The Cloud" by Shelly. Each of the stanzas was used as a design class. The problem with choosing such an esoteric theme is that few knew who Shelly was and fewer still understood the illusions. Which leads us to the first rule, the theme and supporting design classes needs to be understood by potential participants. I remember laboring over a "Lord of the Rings" theme and the blank stares I received when I announced the design classes at the garden club meeting. Was I the only one that went to the movie was the question that went through my mind. Being stubborn and thinking that the designers could google the titles and get some ideas I went ahead and wrote the schedule. Nope, if the design title was not obvious or required some research, the class was not entered. Thus the second rule was learned by me, the class title should include one or more of the following elements: suggestion of a color, suggesting some kind of action, or suggesting an emotion. If you follow the second rule a designer can figure it out.

Dahlias come in many styles, sizes, colors and types. When I first started to raise dahlias, I tried to cover all the bases and grow something in each type. As I became experienced so did my choices for planting. I want only dahlias that are useable in designs. When choosing class descriptions when I write a flower show schedule, I follow the same scheme. Trying to include a comprehensive selection of the new design types is a path to disaster. At a recent show I learned the third rule, that designers will only enter a class if they have the materials readily at hand and understand and like the design type. Students judges always want the new design types to judge, but designers often are reluctant to enter new design types. I know that symposium instructors say that a schedule should be challenging and should include new design types. Be realistic, not all designers go to flower show schools. I include one class using a new design type and the remainder are designer choice. The schedule writer should keep in mind local conditions, if you do, your classes will fill more readily. Thus the fourth rule of writing a schedule, know your participants and their skill ability. Schedules should be written for the enjoyment of the participants. I still have not decided the theme of my show. Smoky Bear's birthday with an emphasis on the celebration may be where I go. I will let you know as it develops. As for digging the dahlias in the garden, maybe the weather will hold up and I can do it latter.

Jim Sadler

Flower Show and Symposium Chairman

Birds



If you did not know, 2018 was designated by the Audubon Society as the “**Year of the Bird**”. Also, it is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). This was a pivotal piece of legislation that continues to save countless birds’ lives. Help our migrating flocks this Fall by planting natives, reducing plastics, go easy on fall yard work, mark invisible windows, encourage bird-friendly architecture in your community and educate our youth by taking a kid “Birding”.

Each fall, all across North America, millions of **diurnal** (*of, or during the day*) raptors, including eagles, falcons, harriers, hawks, kites and ospreys, make their way southward, to wintering grounds as distant as central Argentina. While most of our back yard songbirds migrate by night, birds of prey (owls excepted) travel primarily by day, when warm rising air acts as a cushion to hold them aloft.

PS: Don’t forget to start planning to apply next year for our [RMR Award #6, South Dakota Award -BIRDS](#)

Audrey Coyle

RMR Bird Chairman:



Membership

Visiting new places like Ft. Robinson was another wonderful experience. There were many new faces with attendees over 70 people.

Please encourage your members to invite guests and try some of the ideas they got for inspiring regular members or inviting new members to your club. Each time I attend a garden club meeting out of town, I am inspired by so many passionate people caring about our planet for the future and many different ways.

Our local club did a photo contest and have a tomato tasting at one of our meetings. This is why we have gathered to do something new. I hope you let us know how your new ideas are welcomed by your clubs.

Shirley Pursel

Membership Chairman



You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future.



Gardening School

I have just returned from a trip to include Colorado through to Tennessee and down through the lower States stopping for several weeks to visit family and friends. What a wonderful and HOT trip and a great opportunity to use the knowledge I have received from attending the NGC Gardening School in Colorado Springs. Do those Southern gardeners' plant and maintain differently than those in Colorado Springs? Of course, they do. Are there similarities in gardening techniques? Most definitely yes.

Giving the garden club members in each Rocky Mountain Region State the advantage of attending these classes is so beneficial. All it takes is that one person to step forward and be willing to take on this challenge. I offer to that person or persons my support and willingness to assist. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

On another note, there will be a **Gardening School in Colorado Springs in May 2019** with the dates to be determined. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. What a wonderful time we can all have. Learning is fun!!

Margie Soileau

NGC Gardening Study Representative

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Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl

The **deadline** for chairmen to receive poster for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest is fast approaching. The states garden clubs should have their **posters to the State Chairman by January 24, 2019.**

The State Chairman need to have their posters judged and **to the Regional Chairman by February 21, 2019.**

Remember to make copies of your posters and only one poster per grade level 1-5 will be judged. Don't forget to include your State Chairman and State Outreach reports with your posters. These can be found on the National Website under Youth Contest or e-mail me and I will get them to you.

Congratulations to Utah for their 5th Grade Winner at the National level. Please view this wonderful picture on the Web-site. Can't wait to receive all the posters and if you have any questions please contact me at: bj7slaughter@hotmail.com or 785-650-1532.

Brenda Slaughter

Rocky Mountain Region Chairman

850 Feedlot Road Ellis, KS 67637





Butterflies



It was a good summer. Bulbs fattened and flourished. Blooms scented the air and colored the landscape. The okra tallied and companioned the yellow lemon squash in the suppertime skillet. 'Dinosaur' kale, looking the part, towering at three feet and took the curious looks donned its way by children and adults alike.



But summer does wane and just as the show was nearly over a surprise ending appeared—in the final four weeks I had a daily visitation of a half dozen or so monarchs. Every day I was entertained by their fluttering between stands of zinnia, cosmos, salvia and dahlia. Who can say why the monarch in particular produces such a sense of awe from us. But they do!



For some of the monarchs in my late summer garden it was a refueling station but for others I suspect (sadly) it may have been a retirement home since they stayed past the first freeze. I thoroughly enjoyed their visit and it

marked the closing gardening days with color, movement and that sense of wonder that the monarchs tend to stir.

On another late summer day in September of 2006, a lady by the name of Kylee Bauble was traveling with her mom from Delaware back to their home in Ohio. They made a spontaneous stop at the United Flight 93 Memorial in western Pennsylvania. Afterwards they paused at a nearby chapel complemented by a garden spot. As they got back, in the car her mom showed her a monarch butterfly that had she had found there. No longer alive, the monarch bore a small white sticker that they found curious. Responding to the Monarch Watch website on the sticker, Kylee set off on a ten-year discovery journey of all things monarch. One of the end results of that journey is the well-written, heart-bearing love and respect for the monarch revealed throughout her book:

The Monarch: Saving our Most-Loved Butterfly.

Chocked full of information easily digested, this written effort satisfies much of ones curiosity about the life cycle and migration of the monarch. Included also are the challenges to their survival and suggested avenues for aiding their survival. What to plant, how to plant, as well as organizations and websites dedicated to their aid are generously and clearly set forth.

For those who'd like to raise and/or tag monarchs there is also a helpful and detailed section. Additionally, there's some craft ideas that can help raise awareness and give opportunities to educate children about monarchs. Those who teach will also find suggested projects and resources.

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Butterflies ~~ cont'd



The awareness of the plight of the monarch and the call to come to their aid benefits not just the monarch but a whole host of helpful pollinators. We can applaud and be thankful for Kylee's enthusiasm and careful research concerning the monarch on many levels.

As you might guess, I heartily recommend Kylee Baumle's book on monarchs to all who have ever gazed at a monarch and marveled. Those who are curious to know more of their story and how to put wings to their concerns will be amply rewarded.

For reference : **The Monarch: Saving Our Most-Loved Butterfly**

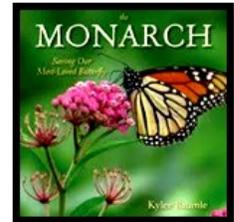
by Kylee Baumle

St. Lynn's Press 2017 ; 159 pages

Charlotte Swanson

Butterfly Chairman

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Do I have a Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter "Cactus" ?

NGC helps to determine which one you have. "Here's a guide to show the difference in the Holiday Cactus! They all have different color blooms! The blooms depicted are to show the form of the bloom to the plant. Most people who say they have a Christmas Cactus, usually have a Thanksgiving Cactus.

Just compare your clades/leaves to this picture: ..

Here are some growing tips:

1. Temperature and humidity. They're from the rain forest, so they love acidic well drained soils. Use a cactus mix and add perlite, vermiculite and orchid bark. They're not cold tolerant. Will need protection when temperatures drop below 40 degrees Fahrenheit .. keep under a shade tree or patio. Not in full sun.
2. Do not over water - perhaps the number one reason for their demise in our homes. Neglect is better than over watering. Water when the top 2 inches of soil is dry. You could get a hydrometer to help
3. Misting them frequently helps increase humidity
4. Fertilize them with a all purpose fertilizer. I use Miracle Grow Tomato water soluble fertilizer 1 tablespoon to a gallon of non-chlorinated water , I feed mine 3 times a month.
5. Blooming - this is how they got their names as to what times of the year they bloom. They will need 10-12 hour cooler nights to set and form buds



What is the Temperature?



Did you know that you can tell the temperature by counting the **chirps of a cricket**? It's true! Here's the formula—plus, the reasons why crickets chirp. The frequency of chirping varies according to temperature.

To convert cricket chirps to degrees Fahrenheit, count the number of chirps in 14 seconds, then add 40 to get the temperature. The number you get will be an approximation of the outside temperature.

Example: 30 chirps + 40 = 70° F

WHY DO CRICKETS CHIRP?*

So, how do crickets make that chirping sound? Chirping is a cricket's way of communicating. Male crickets use chirping to attract females, scare off other males, or warn of danger.

Contrary to popular belief, crickets do not use their legs to chirp! In fact, crickets produce the iconic sound by rubbing the edges of their wings together. The male cricket rubs a scraper (a sharp ridge on his wing) against a series of wrinkles, or "files", on the other wing. The tone of the chirping depends upon the distance between the wrinkles.

There are several reasons why crickets chirp. They may be:

- Calling to attract a female with a loud and monotonous sound
- Courting a nearby female with a quick, softer chirp
- Behaving aggressively during the encounter of two males
- Sounding a danger alert when sensing trouble



Crickets are part of the family Orthoptera (grasshoppers and katydids).

*<https://www.almanac.com/search/site/crickets>

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Phyllis White, Editor

<http://gardenclub.org>

Remember our

RMR website link!

<https://sites.google.com/site/rockymtngardenclubs>



RMR Rambler Deadlines

The Rocky Mountain Rambler newsletter is published quarterly~~
Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Article deadlines are set for the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Deadline	Issue
Dates	Published
January 15, 2019	February 2019

Suggestions, ideas and comments are always welcome! E-mail me —

mr Rambler@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Joanne Jeffres, Editor



Invasive Species



There was an excellent article in the September/October THE AMERICAN GARDENER by Scott Aker. It's based on predicting the emergence of pests and diseases on Growing Degree Days (GDD).

Some extension services list at what soil temperature pests emerge. You should have a soil thermometer anyway to know when to plant your seeds. This would be a great garden club project to keep a log of what plants are coming up, what pests are present, and check to see if the pests are truly pests or beneficial. You can also use your soil thermometer to determine when to apply pre-emergent herbicide.

It would yield a fun way to observe your garden differently. Soil thermometers are also great for checking your compost pile. Remember even in winter temperature can reach 140 to 160 if your compost is watered. Happy pest hunting.

Denise Fink
Invasive Species, Chairman



Blue Star Report



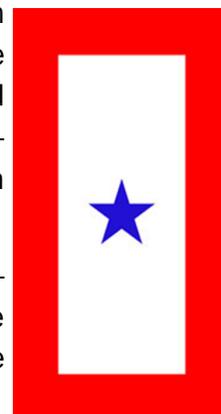
*The Service Flag**

The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

The Service flag, also called the Blue Star Flag, was designed and patented by WWI Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service. President Wilson became part of this history when in 1918 he approved a suggestion made by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defenses that mothers who had lost a child serving in the war wear a gold gilt star on the traditional black mourning arm band. This led to the tradition of covering the blue star with a gold star on the Service flag to indicate that the service member has died.

During WWII the practice of displaying the Service flag became much more widespread. Most flags were hand made by mothers across the nation. One of the most famous flags was that of the five Sullivan brothers who all perished on the U.S.S. Juneau.

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Blue Star Report ~~ cont'd



The Blue Star Mothers was founded as a Veteran Service Organization and was part of a movement to provide care packages to military members serving overseas and also provided assistance to families who encountered hardships as a result of their son or husband serving in the war.

In 1960 Congress chartered the Blue Star Mothers of America as a Veterans Service Organization and in 1966, the Department of Defense revised the specifications for design, manufacture and display of the Service flag.

The Department of Defense specifies that family members authorized to display the flag include the wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother or father, parent through adoption, foster parents, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters and half brothers or sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The flag should be displayed in a window of the residence of persons authorized.

The Service flag may also be displayed by an organization to honor the members of that organization serving during a period of war or hostilities.

The Service Flag is an indoor flag and should be flown facing out from the front window of the home or organization.

If the U.S. flag is also displayed with the Service flag, the U.S. flag should be of equal or greater proportions and should take the place of honor above the Service flag.

Each blue star on the flag represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. If several stars are displayed by one family the gold star takes the honor of being placed at the top. The gold star should be slightly smaller than the blue star to create a blue border surrounding the gold star.

Display of a Service Star Banner is done during times of war. Once again families are displaying banners at home. Blue Star Flags may be purchased through the internet, at stores, or made by hand.

Taken from: *<https://www.bluestarmothers.org/service-flag>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service_flag

Margaret Straley
 Blue Star Chairman



Disaster Relief Funds

Monies are available to help a garden club in the Rocky Mountain Region replant and restore a public area that has been damaged or destroyed by "Mother Nature's" fury such as fires, floods, ice, snow, lightning or any other. The size of the grant will be limited to a max of \$200. To apply for the grant, simply fill out the application form below and send it to Pat Westgard at LWestgard@aol.com.



Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Relief Fund Application Form

Restoration project is to be sponsored by Rocky Mountain Region Member Club. Upon review by the Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Relief Committee, a Member Club may receive a grant limited to no more than the ten percent of the amount of funds available at the time of application per natural disaster project. However, applicants may not receive more than one grant per disaster within the Rocky Mountain Region fiscal year.

Application date _____ Disaster(s) date _____

State _____ State President _____

Applicant Name _____

Address (city state zip) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Project Chairman (if different from above) _____

Address (city state zip) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please use separate sheet and list the following:

1. Nature and severity of disaster
2. Location of area to be restored
3. Proposed restoration plan by garden club
4. Estimated itemized costs of your project
5. Other funds received toward restoration project

All applications are reviewed by the Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Relief Committee.

Please note: Book of Evidence not needed, just required information

Send completed application to: Pat Westgard at LWestgard@aol.com

National Award for Regions



Member Award of Honor

Now is the time to recognize members in your state organization who have performed exemplary volunteer work during a period of five or more years. This outstanding individual has contributed to club and community in one or more of the following areas: civic development, horticulture therapy, youth activities, conservation, landscape design, horticulture, design or all-around excellence. Eligibility is any member who has never been a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors.

RULES: Send Book of Evidence to your State Awards Chairman. Book of Evidence is not to exceed 6 pages (total) to be typed and secured in a folder. No loose pages.

Include the following:

1. **A short typed description** of nominee's accomplishments.
2. **Title Page**-to include:
 - The name of your State Federation and Region
 - The area/s (listed above) of nominee's outstanding contribution(s).
 - Name, complete mailing address and phone number of nominee.
 - Sponsoring club: including club president's name, address and signature.
3. **Supporting information**, to include:
 - Maximum 3-page outline listing accomplishments of nominee (including offices and chairmanships held).
 - A picture of nominee, name of nominee/ complete mailing address must be on back of picture.

Please secure picture by stapling so it does not get lost.

DEADLINE DATE: Send entries to your State Awards Chairman by deadline set by your state. **State Chairmen** send entries to the Region Awards Chairman by **February 1, 2019**.

AWARDS:

Regional/National Winners will be presented with a certificate and pin at the National Convention and will be listed in the Awards Booklet and The National Gardener. The books of evidence will be returned at that time.

Donna Rouch, Awards Chairman



Judges Council



At the FBM in Orlando, I attended the workshop for NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards.

The majority of the workshop concerned the NGC Scale of Points for Evaluating Flower Shows for the Flower Show Achievement Award. It was pointed out that on this form, the Sum of the Points does not equal 100!!! This form is being evaluated so check later on line for additions and corrections. However, for now we are to be aware that the problems arose when Youth Exhibits/Sponsored Groups and Botanical Arts were included as optional categories for shows.

These new categories are not required. So chairmen of shows who only have the required Horticulture, Design and Educational Sections are to add these extra points from Youth & Botanical Art sections to the required sections **AND inform the judges BEFORE the show** is judged. Distribute points for YOUR show and the Sections YOUR show includes so the totals will be 100.

Another point emphasized was that the Judges who evaluate the schedule and show **MUST SIGN** the judging form. Obviously, this doesn't always happen, or it wouldn't have been mentioned!

Jeanne T. Nelson, NGC Flower Show Achievement Awards Chairman, who led the workshop outlined tasks in preparing your entries for the panel that evaluates the Application. Be sure to include **TWO copies of the NGC Award Application!!** This form has her address on it. BUT send her TWO of these Award Applications – one for her and one permanently attached to the Book of Evidence that she mails to the panel judge. Those directions are on the NGC Standard Flower Show Achievement Award Application. But they are not always followed! She reports that most years she receives 35 plus boxes of applicants that are spread out over her bed while she organizes them for shipping off to panel members. Making extra copies is not her job!!! (Where in the country do people NOT read the rules? Surely not a problem in the Rocky Mountain Region!)

ANOTHER RULE: Any AND ALL Shows rated 95+ CAN BE sent on to National – This is not just for the ONE top show in your state.

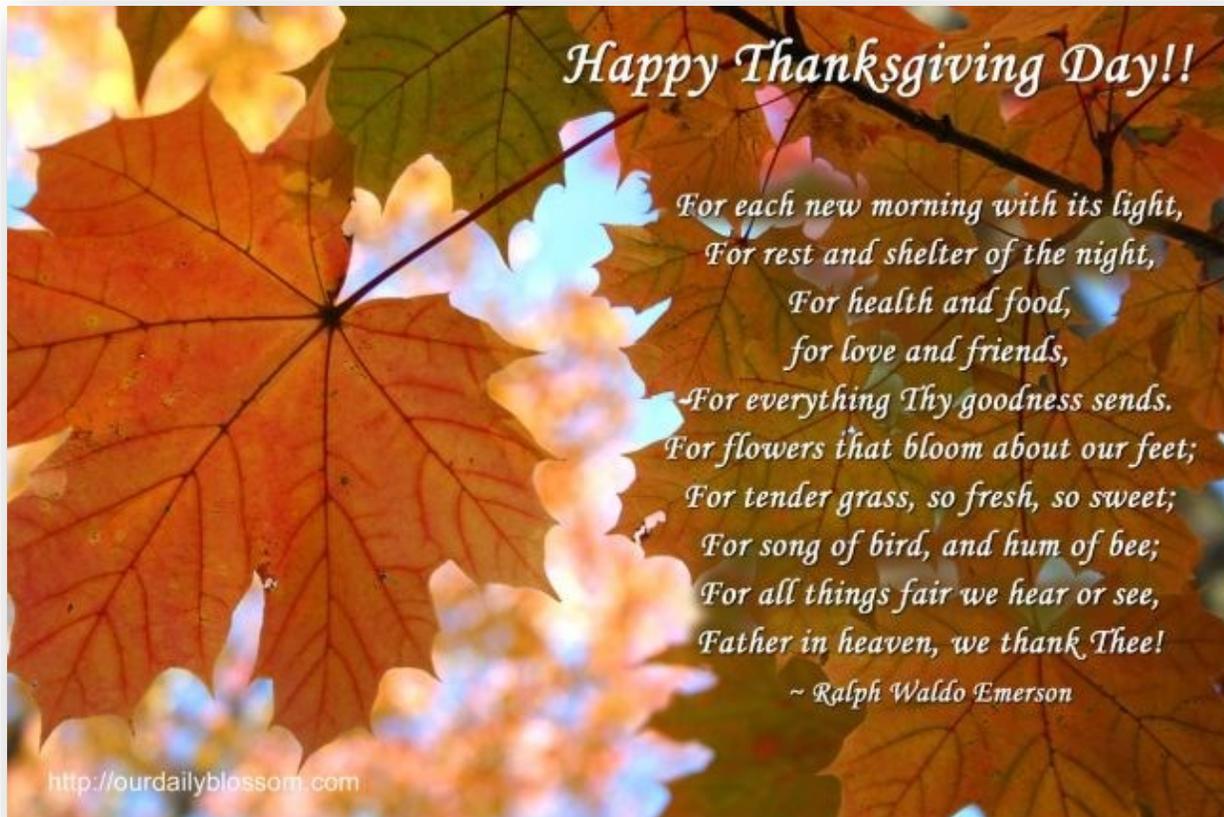
So does your State and/or Club **want** to do a **Flower Show**? Participation by most members is important! How many are involved? Is it fun? It should be! Involve your Community!! Do a class for a community group! (Maybe a youth class, an art group, a handicapped group, a senior housing/nursing home, be creative!) This class does NOT have to be judged the same as the rest of the show.

Finally, there is no longer a “Public Building Show” category. Again, be creative: A Patriotic theme?

So those are my notes from the workshop. And yes, too many !!!'s for a grammatically sensitive reader. But we are talking the beautiful flowers and human creators of God's great Creation!

Pat Westgard

Judges Council Chairman for Rocky Mountain Region



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- "Theme:
 "Plant your American Dream,
 Mind your Footprints,
 and
 Gather the Friendships"

- Region website: <https://sites.google.com/site>

- **Nancy Hargroves**, NGC President 2017-2019
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- Administration Theme: "Plant America"
- President's Special Two Year Project:



- NGC Website: <http://gardenclub.org>
- Plant America Community Grants



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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL GARDEN CLUBS
83rd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FORT ROBINSON, NEBRASKA
AUGUST 25, 2018**

Jackie Watts, RMR Director, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed members to the meeting.

Del Hemsath led the pledge of allegiance.

An invocation was given by Linda Anderson, Chaplin

Director Watts appointed Sherry Corneliusen, Andrea Staudenmaier and Linda Anderson to serve as the minutes approval committee..

Shirley Pursel and Barb Yates will serve as time keepers.

Alice Hemsath, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, gave the welcome to Fort Robinson.

Joyce Hendricks, President of the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, gave the response.

Marg Morava, activities director, welcomed everyone to Fort Robinson and gave a brief summary of available activities.

Chris Martin, President of Friendly Federated Garden Club, presented the first credentials report for a total of 81. The credentials report was adopted.

Mary Lerrsen, RMR Parliamentarian, declared a quorum.

Mary Lerrsen read the Standing Rules for the Rocky Mountain Region meeting. (page 33 of the 2017-2019 directory) The Standing Rules were adopted by 2/3 majority in a standing vote.

RMR Meeting Chairman Alice Hemsath presented the Program and moved for its adoption. The program was adopted.

Director Watts introduced the RMR officers:

Alternate Director: Darla Anderson, Utah

Secretary: Joyce Hendricks, Montana

Treasurer: Lynette Jeffres, Wyoming

Parliamentarian: Mary Lerrsen, South Dakota

Advisory Committee Chair: Darlene Skari, Montana

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83rd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING~~cont'd

State Presidents were introduced:

Betty Roberts, Colorado
Jean Tinberg, Kansas
Joyce Hendricks, Montana
Alice Hemsath, Nebraska
Les Westgard, North Dakota
Virginia Sandmeier, South Dakota
Connie MacKay, Utah
Lynette Jeffres, Wyoming

Past Regional Directors were introduced.

Pat Westgard, Sandy Dennis, Terry Kroke, Beverly Heidelberger, and Darlene Skari.

Minutes: The 2017 meeting minutes were circulated. Several typographical errors were identified. The minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurers Report: (see attachments) Lynette Jeffres presented the financial report and circulated written reports. Lynette presented the 2018-19 budget. The executive committee recommends and moves the approval of the budget as presented. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Les Westgard and Lynette discussed the investment of \$10,000 with Edward Jones (see attachment) The committee was made up of Les, Lynette and Jackie .

Les Westgard and Jean Tinberg were appointed to review the treasurer's books before the next Board Meeting.

Disaster Fund Committee: Pat Westgard and Donna Rouch report no funds have been requested. Clubs can request up to \$200 for the restoration of a project that has been damaged by a disaster.

The Secretary reported there was no correspondence requiring action.

Advisory Committee Chair, Darlene Skari, had no report.

New Business: none

State Presidents reports: Each president gave a report limited to 2 minutes. Reports are filed with the secretary's minutes.

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83rd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING~~cont'd

RMR chairs reports: Written reports are filed with the secretary's minutes

Awards: Donna Rouch: deferred until this evening

Birds: Audrey Coyle: no report

Blue Star memorial Markers: Margaret Straley reported

Butterflies: Charlotte Swanson: no report

Environmental Concerns: energy, land, water: Terry Kroke: no report

Flower Show Schools and Symposiums: Jim Sadler: no report

Gardening School Liaison: Margie Soileau: no report

Invasive Plant Species: Denise Fink: no report

Judges Council: Pat Westgard: reported

Life memberships NGC and RMR: Lynette Jeffres: reported

Membership: Shirley Pursel: no report

NGC President's Projects: Beverly Heidelberger: reported Plant America grant applications are due October 15th.

Penny Pines: Del Hemsath: reported check on line for the forms to submit with your donations.

Personnel: Darla Anderson: reported

RMR Award of Excellence for Regions: Sandra Dennis: reported

RMR Newsletter: Joanne Jeffres: reported articles are due for the next edition by September 1st.

RMR Webmaster: Phyllis White: reported

Smokey Bear: Brenda Slaughter: reported

Wildflowers and Native Plants: June Openshaw: no report

Xeriscape Gardens: Doris Duckworth: has brochures if people desire them.

NGC Chairman or Committee Member:

Karen Booker: calendar committee: no report

Phyllis White: communication: reminded members of the importance of social media to communicate with members and potential members.

Doris Duckworth: Environmental/Xeriscape: no report

Pat Westgard: finance committee: no report

Audrey Coyle: horticulture, trees and shrubs: no report

Donna Rouch: membership: there are handouts that can be downloaded from the NGC web site to give to interested potential members. There is also a handout on fund raising ideas that members can take to their clubs.

Sandra Dennis, Beverly Heidelberger, and Terry Kroke: nominating: no report

Les Westgard: Permanent Home & Endowment Trustee: reported on the renovation of the property in St. Louis. Encouraged donations to the Endowment fund. ~~~cont'd

83rd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING~~cont'd

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 for lunch

1:30-4:30 Leadership Workshop with Robin Pokorski

Meeting resumed at 6:30 with Darla Anderson, Alternate Director presiding.

Blessing was given by Linda Anderson

Speaker: Jackie Watts, RMR Director (see attached)

Awards: Donna Rouch, RMR Awards Chair: many awards were given. A report on the photo contest was also given by Donna. Many wonderful photo's were entered.

Special Presentation: Joanne Jeffres was honored for her dedication as the editor of the Rocky Mountain Rambler.

Chris Martin gave the final credentials report and moved to adopt the report. Motion passed. (see attached)

Courtesy Resolution was presented by Mary Lerrsen. The resolution was adopted.

Benediction by Jim Rouch.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Sine die

Joyce Hendricks, Secretary



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