

# Columbine Garden Club

Newsletter  
November 2022



## Meeting Presentation - October 13, 2022

CGC Members and guests recently enjoyed a fantastic presentation by **Bob Zamastil of Bonsai Creations Colorado**. Bob demonstrated how to take a jade plant from basic greenhouse form to a lovely display plant. Bob has 22-plus years of experience in bonsai, and clearly loves his job. He must, as he is the caretaker for up to 1500 plants which require frequent watering.

Bonsai can be created from nearly any woody-stemmed tree or shrub that produces true branches and a singular trunk. Root pruning is done to allow the plant to fit into a shallow pot, which is filled with potting medium specifically designed for bonsai. Bob uses a combination of gravel, lava rock and potting mix. The correct soil mix provides nutrients, drainage, aeration and just enough water retention. Throughout the life of the plant, it is shaped to limit growth, to send energy to areas requiring further development, and to meet the artist's design vision.

The practice of bonsai can be life-enhancing. It develops patience. It fosters creativity. It creates a relationship with a living thing due to the nurturing required over a long period of time. Most of all it requires thought – planning, problem-solving and potentially learning new skills for trimming and training.

Bob and his wife, Susie, make semi-annual trips to Florida to buy plants including jade, Lavender Star, Green Island Ficus, boxwood and Brazilian Rain Tree. They also have a selection of house plants including African Violets, pothos, orchids, Ponytail palms and staghorn ferns.

Bonsai Creations Colorado is located at 1615 CR 308, (use exit 234 on I-70) in Dumont, CO. Bob can be contacted at 970-363-9977. Hours are Monday-Saturday 9 to 5, and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Their website is <https://bonsaicreationscolorado.com>

*And by the way, it's pronounced "bone-sai", not "bon-sai"!*

### OUR NEXT MEETING...

The Columbine Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 10th at the Idaho Springs Elks Club. The topic is "Putting the Garden to Bed" presented by Linda Campbell. The meeting begins at noon. The buffet lunch, featuring pork tenderloin roulade, is \$10.00.

RSVP to Linda Yowell at 303-898-8017 by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Annual dues are \$12.00 for an individual or \$20.00 for a couple.

Please bring non-perishable items to be donated to Loaves and Fishes!

### WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF THOSE LATE-RIPENING TOMATOES...

#### PICO DE GALLO

3 tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped  
1 cup chopped white onion  
1 4 oz. can chopped green chilies  
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 jalapeno chilies, seeded and minced  
3 T. fresh lime juice  
¾ t. salt  
(optional: add ½ cup diced fresh mango)  
Combine all ingredients. Cover and chill.

-Submitted by Linda Yowell

### DID YOU KNOW...

There is a new florist in Idaho Springs? Tara Worley opened *Marigold* at 1620 Miner Street on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She reports that business has been brisk! Fresh flowers, home goods and gifts fill the bright and airy space. Tara is looking forward to coming to one of our meetings, and hopefully, becoming a Club member! Stop by and introduce yourself or call 720-635-6665. Tara designed the lovely bouquet in the photo on Page 1.

### CGC/COLORADO GARDEN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

Kris Miller reports that our grant application has been submitted. The request for \$15,000, if fulfilled, will be used to upgrade the landscape, hardscape, signage and amenities at Ruth Mill Park, located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Blvd. in Idaho Springs. Work would be completed next Spring/Summer, with cooperation and assistance from the City of Idaho Springs. We should have a response by Thanksgiving.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN:

Idaho Springs Elks Club Holiday Craft Fair – Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mill Creek Valley Historical Society Christmas Sale at the Dumont School – December 3 and 4, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk-in Vaccine Clinic – Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the CC County Health & Wellness Center. Many types of vaccines are available.

Heritage Hops – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 p.m. Bites and brews to benefit the Georgetown Heritage Center and Cultural Arts at the Old School in Georgetown. 809 Taos St. \$40 p.p. <https://www.eventbrite.com>

Tommyknocker Holiday Bazaar/Teller House/Central City – December 3-4, 10 a.m. 4 p.m.