

FALL 2020



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of the Yampa River Botanic Park,

What a summer this has been!

With all of the challenges we have faced in our community and world, one thing is for sure, people flock to and want to experience the peace, beauty and serenity of our gorgeous Botanic Park! Even with the drought and nearby forest fires, our gardens have flourished thanks to the wonderful care by our staff and volunteers. We could not do it without donations, sponsorships and memberships. Thank you!

Can you believe it? We now have 60 gardens with over 35,000 people visiting it each season! As your new President, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Sonia Franzel who has been our President for the last three years. Under her leadership we have hired a first time ever Botanic Park Executive Director, Jennifer MacNeil, survived COVID restrictions, and continued many summer events to include our always successful Yoga on the Green. Yoga contributed \$9,000 in contributions to our Park.

Record visitors meant record donations from those who visited our Park. Thanks to efforts by our Development Committee, we conducted a membership drive to encourage visitors to become members. Our Wednesday and Sunday tours of the Park were more popular than ever.

Now more than ever our Botanic Park needs your support to continue to grow and flourish. As our gardens are being prepared to sleep during the winter, I hope you will consider supporting again our existence. I wish for each of you a safe and healthy winter.



I look forward to seeing you at the Park!

Respectfully,

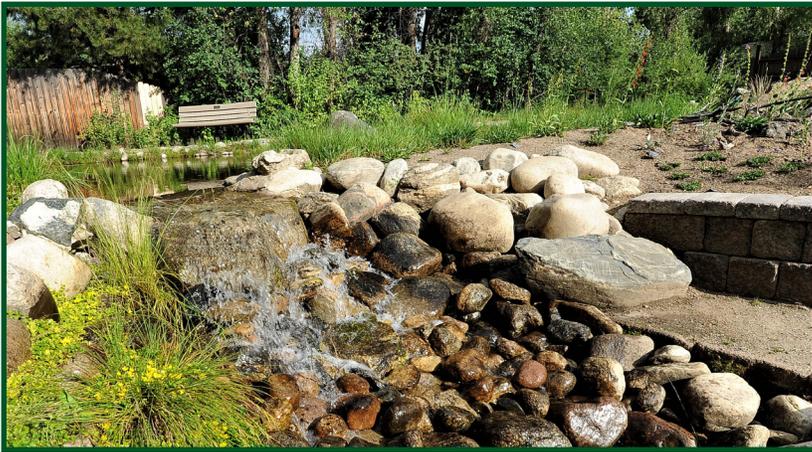
Kathy Connell, President



## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Yampa River Botanic Park Association's Annual Meeting was held on September 13, 2020 socially distant on The Green. A short business meeting was conducted at which Evlyn Berge, Karen Bomberg, Kathy Connell, and Bill Sauter were reelected to the Board for three-year terms. Carol Dowden retired from the Board but will remain a volunteer on the Horticulture Committee. Officers recommended to the Board for the 2020/2021 season: President - Kathy Connell, Vice-President - Sonia Franzel, Treasurer - Bill Sauter, Secretary - Emily Seaver. Jennifer MacNeil gave a presentation entitled "A Brief History of the Tulip," followed by a presentation by Gayle Lehman about the various bulbs that would be available at our first ever "Bulb & Peony Benefit." The evening continued with guests enjoying an individually packaged meal catered by Big Air Catering on the lush lawn among the changing fall colors.

*In 1st grade I was given the unique opportunity to help our local high schoolers plant Narrow Leaf Cottonwoods along the entrance of the Botanic Park. Twenty years later I am lucky enough for that involvement to have grown into something much larger that created a path for me to graduate from Colorado State University in Environmental Horticulture and Landscape Design and be back in Steamboat as a Landscaper for Gecko Landscaping. I hope by being back in town I can play a part in giving someone else a similar experience that will lead many more new landscape and horticulture minds to grow in Steamboat and play their part in beautifying our amazing town! – Culter Pasternak, Volunteer*



## THE SURFACE WATER THAT RUNS THROUGH OUR PARK

*By Bob Enever*

Imagine you are a snowflake that lands on the Continental Divide just beyond the ski area. In late Spring you turn into a drop of water and you flow into a little creek; soon you become part of Fish Creek. Fish Creek makes a zigzag course down the mountain, over Fish Creek Falls, past the Safeway parking lot and under US Highway 40. There the Park has a control gate and measuring device and our water flows in a ditch for about half a mile over several land ownerships and into the Park in the southeast corner. The Park has legal Water Rights dating back to 1893. Colorado law gives the owner of a water right the right to make a ditch over other people's land to receive his water. In dry states, water is King!

In the Park the water flows into the Reflecting Pond, over the waterfall, into the Middle Pond, through the stepping stones and into Peter's Pond. Small fish and other aquatic life come in with the water to Peter's Pond. From Peter's Pond a ditch runs past the Annuals Garden, under Botanic Walk and into Bridge Creek, which flows under the bridge and into the wetland. Beyond the shed in the service area, the water flows into a ditch that carries the water under the Core Trail and into the Yampa River.

The Yampa River flows 125 miles to the Utah border where it joins the Green River. The Green joins the Colorado River further south and goes through the Grand Canyon. In Arizona it provides water for cities in the desert and some flows into southern California to grow America's vegetables. The Colorado River flows through a sliver of Mexico into the Sea of Cortez, and into the Pacific Ocean, but little of it reaches the sea now.

You as a snowflake at 10,400 feet elevation turned into a drop of water that flowed through the Yampa River Botanic Park and made a 2,000 mile journey downhill to sea level in the Pacific Ocean.

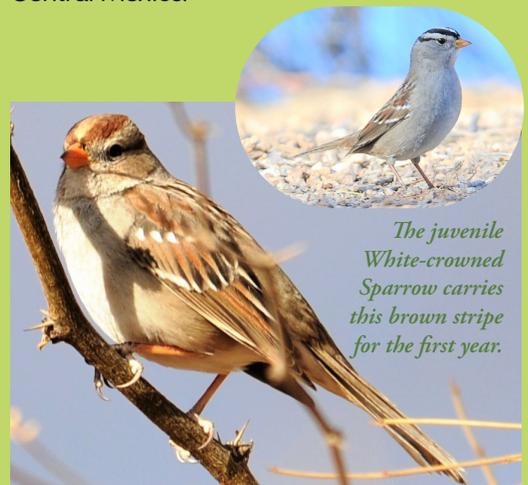
## BIRDS IN THE PARK

*by Bob Enever*

Adult White-crowned Sparrows are hard to miss in a flock of birds, with their distinctive black and white striped heads. The first-year birds have brown and beige or gray heads, which makes them similar to several other sparrow species. Several quite-distinct geographic populations of White-crowned Sparrows show almost no differences in appearance. A few birds winter here and they are from a population that breeds in Alaska and winters across the lower 48 states except the mountains. They are common in winter in Eastern Colorado.

Most of our local White-crowned Sparrows have come from further south to breed in the mountains in the summer months. They mostly nest in shrubs and tree branches below 10 feet, at high elevations close to tree line, where the warm season is very short. In favorable years they will attempt to have more than one brood of young. Mostly ground feeding birds, their primary foods are seeds, fruit and a few insects, but this changes when they have young in the nest and they feed them plenty of insects to supply their protein needs for growth. This is true of most bird species.

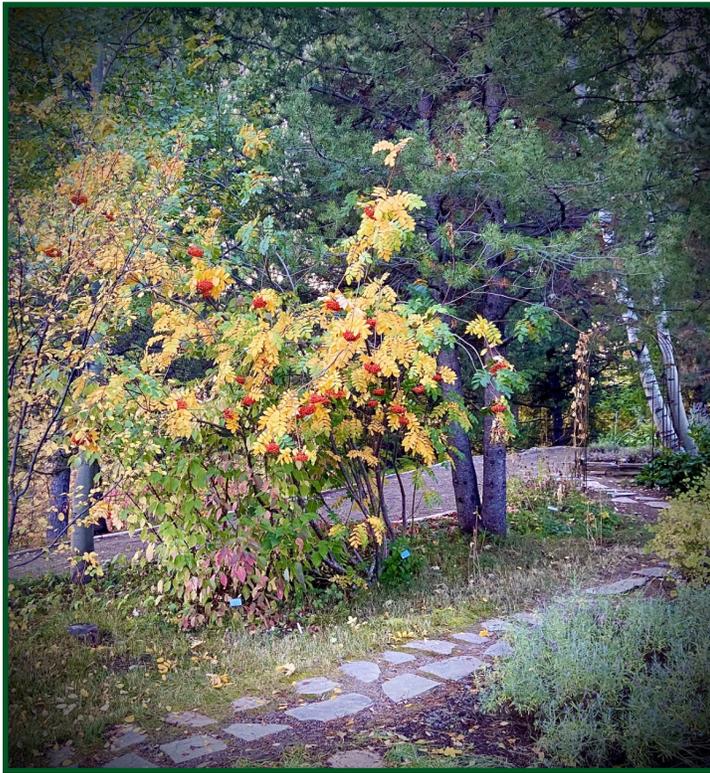
In the fall, White-crowned Sparrows return to their wintering grounds, as far south as Central Mexico.



*The juvenile White-crowned Sparrow carries this brown stripe for the first year.*

*It's hard to miss an adult White-crowned Sparrow with startlingly black and white stripes on its head.*

*"I wanted to let you know that the botanical gardens have been a healing place for our community. It has been a Mecca during the pandemic. I've personally received hope, trust, faith, acceptance, beauty and peace, all in one stroll around the place." – A Steamboat resident*



*Mountain Ash: a beautiful shrub and an important biodiverse bird feeder.*

## IF YOU PLANT IT, THEY WILL COME

By Sandi Molen

It's that time of year when food sources for birds and other wildlife become scarce, which is why it's important to create a natural food source in your landscape for the birds foraging ahead of the approaching winter. One way to help provide a biodiverse food source for birds and wildlife is by planting trees and shrubs like the *Sorbus scopulina* or Mountain Ash.

The Mountain Ash, like the one found near the Culinary Herb Garden, is a deciduous shrub that grows well in high altitudes. Large clumps of white flowers burst forth in June, followed by bright orange to red berries, called pomes. The blossoms produce food for the pollinators and the pomes, which continue to grow in clusters into the winter months, become an important food source for winter birds such as the Bohemian waxwing, northern flicker, and American robin. The Mountain Ash also provides food spring, summer and fall for the local deer and elk populations.

Despite the name "ash," these shrubs are not related to the ash family. They can grow to 12 feet tall and are native to western North America, primarily in the Rocky Mountains. Besides providing important food for birds and other foraging animals, the bitter berries are full of Vitamin C and were used for their medicinal properties by early settlers and Native people.

# 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

*What was the Park able to accomplish in this year of uncertainty?*

The horticulture crew welcomed **67 VOLUNTEERS** in Socially Distant Gardening.

Free Children's Activity Books were provided to **2,000 KIDDOS** in the Park.

**2,356 YOGIS** enjoyed exercise, mind, body, and spirit during Yoga in the Park.

In partnership with Strings Music Festival, **769 MUSIC LOVERS** enjoyed live music for the first time in 2020.

Our new friends in the Steamboat Comedy Club got **378 PEOPLE LAUGHING** during free live standup comedy shows.

The trails were improved with **1,800 LINEAR FEET** of new gravel to walk on.

Volunteer Tour Guides educated and inspired **333 TOUR GUESTS**.

**185 NEW MEMBERS** joined **490 ANNUAL MEMBERS** in the Park's membership program. Wow! Thanks for the support!

And who knows **HOW MANY VISITORS** came this year? **WE LOST COUNT...**

## COLORADO GIVES DAY

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Northwest Colorado is a special place to live, work, and play. Why not support causes in the Yampa Valley that support us?

Yampa Valley Gives asks you to **"GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE"** and a make a difference in our community.

Last year the Botanic Park raised \$9,000 on this day – **will you help us raise more in 2020?**

To contribute to the Botanic Park for this special day of giving, visit: <https://www.coloradogives.org/YampaValleyGives/YampaRiverBP>

The Botanic Park receives no tax dollars and its operations are supported 100% by donations. Every donation is tax deductible.

**Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the Yampa River Botanic Park!**



# VOLUNTEERS

## The Energy of the Botanic Park

Our fall newsletter traditionally honors the many volunteers who make the Park the special place we all love. Volunteers help in the gardens, with events, give tours, and work as leaders on the Board of Directors. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Botanic Park. **Thank you all!**

### Garden Volunteers

Vicky Barney	Kathy Gibbs	Jeff Morehead	Deirdre Rozowski
Wendy Baumann	Timothy Glass	Manny Muller	Jackson Rozowski
Chris Buck	Alden Globe	Georgianne Nelson	Margot Rozowski
Adele Carlson	Todd Hagenbuch	Lee Newick	Barb Sanders
Becky Madeira Castle	Sally Hertzog	Kaeli Nolte	Carol Sanford
Betsy Chase	Grace Holt	Linda Nolte	Richard Sanford
June Dempsey	Kerry Kaster	Kathy Olsen	Emily Seaver
Carol Dowden	Sandy Kent	Carla Owsley	Molly Shreeve
Cammie Downing	Kat Kimble	Jake Owsley	Jen Smith
John Eley	Joy Kimble	Karen Pharris	Jo Smith
Andrew Evans	Jean Lawrence	Dana Pohlman	Barbara Sparks
Devon Evans	Bridgett McManus	Maribeth Pruet	Karen Starks
Nick Evans	Jenn McManus	Cheri Radway	Lea Treanor
Linda Fairchild	Kat McManus	Gail Reed	Cathy Valades-Flynn
David Franzel	Karen McNish	Jay Ross	Hannah Walzak
Sonia Franzel	Donna Minyard	Amelie Rozowski	Mary Wilkens

### City of Steamboat Springs

We gratefully acknowledge the help of every City department, especially: Parks & Recreation, Finance, City Manager, IT, and City Council.

### Guided Tour Volunteers

Evlyn Berge  
Sally Hertzog  
Sonia Franzel  
Georgianne Nelson

### Advisors / Committee Members

John Duffey  
Emily Hines  
Ernie Jenkins  
Mike Lane  
Kathy Olsen  
Laura Sankey  
Paul Stettner

### Our Hard-Working Board Members

Bob and Audrey Enever - Founders  
Kathy Connell - President  
Sonia Franzel - Vice President  
Bill Sauter - Treasurer  
Emily Seaver - Secretary  
Russ Atha  
Mike Baran  
Evlyn Berge  
Karen Bomberg  
Angela Cosby  
Carol Dowden  
Sally Hertzog  
Kerry Kaster  
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### Garden Sponsors

Butterfly Garden - Steamboat Digs Dogs, Lucky & Avie	Jeff's Garden - Jeff Morehead	Rainbow Garden Red/Orange - Strangis Family
Carol Fox Garden - Carol Fox Endowment Fund	Junior Master Gardeners Garden - Junior Master Gardeners	Reflecting Pond - Buddhist Community, Barbara Bradley-Rutz
Community Cultivation Garden - Community Cultivation	Lavender Garden - Friends of Dr. Thomas Traynor	Rose Garden - Bob Alter
Corner Garden - Yampa Valley Community Foundation	Lily Garden - Kenneth Kane and Family	Sascha's Rock Garden - David & Sonia Franzel
Crevice Garden - Doug & Heidi Shurtleff	Lynne's Garden - Russ & Shine Atha	Sensory Garden - Dave Wierman and Deb Babcock Endowment
Doris's Arbor Garden - Georgianne Nelson	Maddie's Garden of Light - Alden & Susan Globe Endowment	Spring Bulb Garden - Susan Dreska
Dorothy's Garden - Rick and Carol Dowden Endowment	Medicinal Herb Garden - Mary O'Brien	Stumpyland & Fairy Garden - Kerry & Laura Kaster
Foliage Garden - Anne & Jon Halverson	Murphy's Blue Garden - Stu Roberts & Lulu Gould	Sundial Garden - Kae Jenkins Garden Endowment
Garden for All Seasons - Over the Hill Gang	Painter's Garden - Barb & Bill Sanders	Tranquility Garden - Bush Family
Grove Garden - Brad & Sarah Dekoter & Michelle Den Bleyker	Penstemon Garden - Audrey Enever	Waterwise Garden - Janet Kilby & Rick Healy Endowment
Hidden Garden - Pat Wessel Endowment	Pioneer Garden - Virginia & John Amato	Windigo Garden - Sally Hertzog
Hummingbird Garden - Vicky and Pat Barney	Plant Select Demonstration Garden - Philip Lloyd and Family	Yin & Yang Corner Garden - Gecko Landscape & Design

## MEMBER BENEFITS

*"I just had my wedding at the Yampa River Botanic Park, and it couldn't have been more of a fairy tale. Not only was it the most affordable place in Steamboat Springs, but it was by far the most beautiful. The staff was also amazing and incredibly helpful in these pandemic times."*

- Carolyn Chotvuacs,  
Steamboat Springs

### **Yampa River Botanic Park members receive the following benefits:**

- Personalized membership card
- Park sticker
- Discounts on special events
- Subscription to and recognition in the newsletter
- Tour offering to see the native Trillium bloom
- One complimentary lantern at Glow in the Park for new members
- Annual Meeting/Report Celebration with catered buffet
- Member's Only hours at the Fall Bulb & Peony Benefit
- Reserve facilities
- Enjoy benefits of The American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program such as free admission and/or additional benefits at over 330 gardens throughout North America
- The American Public Gardens Association offers our new members to select a complimentary one-year subscription to either Better Homes and Gardens or Martha Stewart Living magazine

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Board member Sally Hertzog talks about her life in and out of the Park and its importance to the Steamboat Springs Community

By Sandi Molen



Sally Archibald Hertzog, her friends call her Archie, is a member of the Park's Board of Directors. Sally is a semi-retired speech-language pathologist who has lived in Steamboat since 1971. You've probably seen Sally in the Park working in the Windigo Garden, which she sponsors, or roaming the Park in her wide-brimmed straw hat greeting Park visitors or giving tours, telling Park tales and pointing out special plants.

We asked Sally about herself, her time in the Park and where she'd like to see the Park in five years:

**Besides your work on the Board and time spent in the Park, what do you do for fun?**

**Sally:** My favorite activities include hiking, reading, gardening, travel adventures, spending time with family and friends. I recently began a CMC drawing class and I'm always game for a new adventure.

**How long have you been associated with the Park?**

**Sally:** I've been involved with the Park since 1998. Our son, Nathan, who we lost in 1999, worked at the Park for a summer. I would visit the Park and bring him lunch. After Nathan died, I, too, worked for the Park for a summer, realizing that it is such a place of great peace and solace. In 2000, our family decided to sponsor a garden in the memory of Nathan.

His friends helped plant the garden and built a cairn with rocks from special places they had been to with Nathan. Working in this garden, called the Windigo Garden, is a great part of my week. I joined the Board in 2015 and I now serve as the Chair of the Development Committee.

**What are your favorite gardens and plants in the Park?**

**Sally:** My favorite gardens include the Windigo Garden, the Hidden Garden and the Crevice Garden. My favorite plant is the Pouch Flower – a small, delicate yellow flower on a long slender stem. It resembles a tiny lady's handbag, with a small opening on the top; it blooms in mid-summer.

**Where do you see the Park in five years?**

**Sally:** In the future, I hope that the Park can continue to partner with more organizations in the community to bring events and educational opportunities to all age groups. In this time of COVID-19, more people have realized the importance of the outdoors – and the Park has provided a gorgeous spot for artists, landscapers, photographers, and anyone desiring a tranquil spot to daydream, meditate, read a book or sit and enjoy the surroundings. Seeing children explore the Park, wandering paths, sitting on the turtle sculpture, and asking questions warms my heart. What's better than the great outdoors for children and adults alike?

**Why do you think the YRBP is such a beloved part of the Steamboat community?**

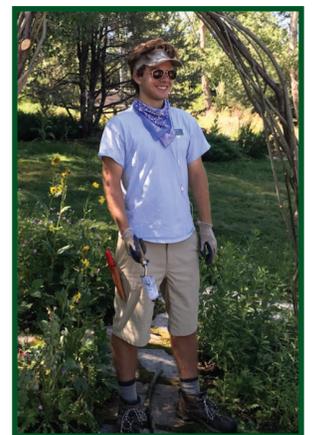
**Sally:** The YRBP has become a treasured and essential entity in the Yampa Valley community. It offers a location for people to sponsor a garden in memory of or to honor a loved one. But, also a place of serenity for people to meander through beautiful plants and flowers. Enjoying free admission, many folks are now becoming members to help support the Park. The Park is so important to our community. Not only is it a gorgeous Botanic garden where people can amble amongst native plants and trees, but it provides a location for community events such as Yoga, Music on the Green, Community Cultivation, and others.

## FROM THE EYES OF THE BOTANIC PARK'S FIRST HORTICULTURE INTERN

By Parker Strand

While driving from Pennsylvania to Colorado in the midst of a wave of protests and a national pandemic, I began to wonder what I had gotten myself into when I agreed to the internship at the Yampa River Botanic Park. However, I was fortunate to be welcomed into a close community and dynamic workplace, which not only quelled my nerves about the position, but most importantly made me feel at home. While reflecting on my time here, I realize the wide variety of experiences I was able to attain in a small garden tucked into the Rocky Mountains. Being the intern, I spent time working with the administrative, facilities, and horticulture departments, which provided me with a wide range of experience within the public horticulture

industry. Additionally, coming from the East Coast to Colorado, an area with a different climate zone, much less humidity, and a completely different plant palette, the Yampa Valley provided new perspectives and learning opportunities, expanding my horticultural expertise. Finally, spending a season working in Steamboat Springs helped me remember the fundamental joys of horticulture - seeing the happiness it brings staff members and volunteers and watching the garden serve as a community meeting place. I am looking forward to watching the Park continue to grow and, as I pursue my horticultural career, I will always remember my times in the Yampa River Botanic Park fondly.



*"Oh my goodness, what a summer we've had! From not being sure whether we would get to offer Yoga on the Green, (this COVID-19 year) to a summer of sunshine and smiling faces feeling the healing power of the Botanic Park beneath our feet." – Patty Zimmer, Yoga Instructor, Steamboat Springs*



## THE BALLAD OF ROCKSLIDE DAISY

By Georgianne Nelson

“Rockslide Daisy, you done me wrong  
Gonna put you in my song...”

Words to the latest Country Music hit? No, just my musing during one of the Music on the Green events held at the Park this summer.

Let me explain. I was posted near the renovated Penstemon Garden during the concert to help people stay socially distant. I was also reading the plant signs in the Penstemon Garden and came to the “Rockslide Daisy” sign at the same time the performer of the day was strumming a rather woeful tune on her guitar. Suddenly, I started composing, aloud, a song about a Miss known as “Rockslide Daisy” and how she might have had a bad effect on some gentleman. A song was born!

Since that moment, I have pointed out the Rockslide Daisy to visitors and it has become one of my favorites. Look at that dainty flower in a manufactured rockslide! It looks tough, and at the same time, fragile. What’s this daisy’s story then?

It is a member of the vast Aster Family. Its Latin name is *Erigeron leiomerus* (try working that into a rhyming song). It is native to the western United States, including right here in Colorado. It grows in rockslides in alpine tundra and coniferous forests at high elevation. This is a small plant, growing in tight mats close to the ground, but it is quite prominent owing to a mass of relatively large flowerheads, one per stalk. Petal color ranges from nearly white to pink or pale blue/lavender.

An interesting sidebar leapt off the page in my research: This flower was collected by Charles Parry, an eminent Colorado botanist in 1880, and was named by Asa Gray, a fellow botanist, in 1884. Look into their bios and find out how the Engelmann Spruce got its name and some Colorado mountain peaks, too.

As for the Rockslide Daisy, see it blooming in the diminutive scree field in the Penstemon Garden next spring! It just might inspire you to sing out loud!

## GRACE IN THE GARDEN

By Sandi Molen

Grace Holt’s journey at the YRBP began 10 years ago when she worked in the Park as a part-time gardener. Today, Grace is one of the Park’s many loyal volunteers. Grace is a third-generation gardener. Her mother kept a garden and Grace remembers getting her hands dirty in her grandmother’s huge flower garden.

Grace has lived in Steamboat Springs since 1971. She is married to Kent Holt, has a daughter, Jessica, and a Golden Retriever named Copper.

Besides volunteering once a week in the Park, Grace volunteers at the Respite House, a senior living community in Steamboat Springs, and she’s involved with Steamboat Digs Dogs where she helps with fundraising – “And poop pick up!” she said. In her free time, Grace likes to hike and hunt down wildflowers

– many of the names she learned from Gayle Lehman, the Park’s Lead Horticulturist and one of Grace’s hiking buddies.

“I learned so much from Gayle when I worked in the Park,” she said. “And I still enjoy learning about plants from her, and from the staff, and fellow volunteers.”

Whether it’s digging around in her own personal garden at home, which was designed by Karen Vail, owner of Karen’s Growing Ideas, or digging around the Park, Grace likes to be outdoors, period.

When she’s not working in the gardens in the Park, Grace enjoys strolling through them and simply enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Her favorite garden? “It’s hard to pick a favorite garden,” she said but the plants and rocks in the Tufa and Crevice Garden are at the top of her list.

“I also enjoy Sascha’s, Dorothy’s, and Jeff’s Gardens,” she said. “In fact, I could go to any of them and feel that I’ve had a great experience. I like watching the squirrels collect pine and spruce cones – and mushrooms for the winter. I’m always amazed every time I go in the Park by what is blooming right then.”



*“I really appreciate the Fairy Garden. It is difficult to find things to do in town with children that provides some distance from others right now. For the last 2 days, my 7-year-old daughter has happily played in the Fairy Garden for hours. What a lovely way for my daughter to appreciate the Botanic Park by being able to interact with the surroundings without getting in trouble for wanting to touch things.” – Genie Loue, Park visitor*



*The Plant Select Demonstration Garden; Renovation made possible by a grant from the Colorado Garden Foundation. Planted with the help of Routt County Master Gardeners.*

## GAYLE'S NEWS FROM THE SHED

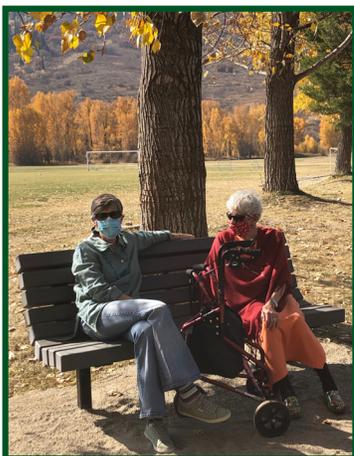
By Gayle Lehman

Reflecting on this past season, 'wow' is what comes to mind. Much was accomplished this year. My first priority was to complete the Penstemon Garden. The cap stone was installed and really added the finishing touch. To find more Penstemons I drove to Boulder's Harlequins Gardens, met with the head propagator, and returned with 13 more species. With a few donations from the Denver Botanic Gardens we now have 80 species of Penstemons and 50 other species in this garden. Keep your eye on this one as it matures.

As Lead Horticulturist this year I was able to really concentrate on some trouble spots, divide plants, and add new plants to empty places. Tim Boyle came on board and took over facilities with knowledge and enthusiasm freeing my time to concentrate on the flora. We renovated the old Coreopsis Garden the edge of the Green showcasing Plant Select plants. It has a more formal feel and features a nice array of Plant Select plants which are proven to thrive in high plains and intermountain regions.

With more visitors than ever this season, the Park has matured into an amazing community place to gather. Most days the benches were full, groups of people lounging and picnicking on the Green, a guitar player next to the pond, kids crawling on the turtle with the sound of the waterfall playing the music. Wonderful to see.

See you next year at the Shed!



*Thanks to a generous donation from the Steamboat Springs Board of REALTORS®, and individual realtors in the community, there is now a place to sit and rest by the parking lot along the Botanic Walk. The bench will be helpful to visitors with mobility challenges. It's a long walk for some. And some wait for transportation here. Visitors have needed this for a long time and we are grateful to be able to provide a place to sit down under the shade of a cottonwood.*



*Garden sponsor, volunteer, and employee builds flourishing rapport with Park visitors.*

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

By Sandi Molen

If you've visited the Park, there's a very good chance you've met Jeff Morehead. Jeff is the eyes and the ears of the Yampa River Botanic Park. He has a "bird's eye view" of the Park from the deck of his mobile home adjacent to the Park and across from the garden he maintains which is aptly called, Jeff's Garden. Jeff's is the friendly and knowledgeable voice you may have heard as you've meandered down the garden paths: "Have you seen the Osprey nest," he often asks.

Maybe he's shared his panoramic photos of the Park, before and after its construction. Or, maybe you've met Jeff's beloved Oso and the Park's official mouser before he passed, or maybe Jeff's new cat, Tripp.

Jeff is the Park's first official volunteer. He has been around since the inception of the Park back in the mid-90s and has helped build much of the Park's infrastructure. Bob Enever remembers working in the Park one day when a man approached him and said, hey what are you up to over here? And the rest is history.

Jeff was not a gardener before Bob and Audrey Enever, the founders of the Park, allowed him to cultivate the berm near his home. Today, Jeff's Garden is one of the most popular gardens in the Park with its splash of color, numerous rocks Jeff transported from the family ranch, and plants he's been given by visitors to the Park. Jeff's favorite plant is a *Lycoris squamigera*, Surprise or Resurrection Lily a Park visitor gave him from her garden in Iowa. "I had given her Bee Balm the year before. I trade plants with visitors to add diversity to my plant selection," Jeff explained. "Many summer Steamboat visitors love this trade out program I started."

Jeff works part-time for the Park when he's not managing his family's ranch south of town in the flat tops and he served on the Park's board, prior to being an employee. When he's not maintaining his garden or "clucking" (his words, not ours!) with visitors, you'll find Jeff on his bicycle climbing a nearby mountain, or on the Green practicing Yoga with thousands of Yogis throughout the summer.

Ask Jeff where he sees himself in 10 years and he'll say right here, where else? "I will be right here, and my garden will continue to evolve," he says. "I'm grateful to be stranded here in paradise and able to bike, ski, and garden here in our valley."

## OFFICERS + BOARD MEMBERS

*Bob & Audrey Enever – Founders*  
*Kathy Connell – President*  
*Sonia Franzel – Vice President*  
*Emily Seaver – Secretary*  
*Bill Sauter – Treasurer*

*Russ Atha*                      *Angela Cosby*  
*Mike Baran*                   *Sally Hertzog*  
*Eulyn Berge*                 *Kerry Kaster*  
*Karen Bomberg*             *Georgianne Nelson*

*Jennifer MacNeil – Executive Director*  
*Gayle Lehman – Lead Horticulturist*  
*The Newsletter Crew – Jennifer MacNeil,*  
*Sandi Molen, and Northwest Graphics*

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*“Such a gorgeous garden to spend time strolling through!! My whole family adores this place. Even my husband gave it two thumbs way up! Putting this on my “must see” recommendations for the area! Thank you!”*  
– Jen St. Vrain, Park visitor & Facebook friend



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## Membership Renewal Reminder

To donate by Visa/Mastercard, please visit [www.yvcf.org/park](http://www.yvcf.org/park) and click on **Become a Member**.

To Donate with a check, please send your check with this form to:  
Yampa River Botanic Park, P.O. Box 776269, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80477.

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**I WANT TO VOLUNTEER:**     Gardening             Serve on the Board     Guided Tours             Plant Inventory  
    Plant Labeling         Events                     Tool Care                 Music on the Green

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forget-Me-Not - \$5,000+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trillium - \$250+  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Segoe Lily - \$2,000+    | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbine - \$100+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Star - \$1,000+ |   |

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

- Individual - \$40
- Family - \$60
- Business - \$100

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