



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of the Park,

I think we can all agree that this fall is the most spectacular fall we have seen in years! I also think we can agree that this summer for the Botanic Park has been the most spectacular ever!

To all the staff, volunteers and board members, we could not have done it without YOU! To all who contributed to our garden with financial support, we could not have done it without YOU! A special thanks to Sonia Franzel as outgoing Vice-President and a warm welcome to the new Vice President, our workhorse Sally Hertzog!

It is bittersweet that we say goodbye to Gayle Lehman who has led our garden creations and development for the last 24 years. We wish her health, happiness and success in her new ventures. Her retirement is so well deserved. She will be sorely missed.

It is with great enthusiasm that I give some shoutouts to our Executive Director, Jennifer MacNeil and her staff. Without her boundless energy and professionalism, we could not have accomplished all that we have this last summer. And the staff – well, they were the best ever! We are excited that Emma Friedland will take over Gayle's responsibilities for the next season.

We had our first ever large fundraiser Passport Through the Botanic Park which was a smash success that left participants waiting for next year's evening event! We have raised more money than ever through our donors, business sponsors, donation boxes, new garden sponsors and tributes to those who have departed through tree sponsorships. And, to all of our new and continuing members, your donations are so important and we cannot thank you enough!

This summer, the following gardens were re-built and/or created: the Children's Garden and Fairy Garden Village; and the Hummingbird and Butterfly Gardens. Excitement abounds for our new gates designed by our board member Cales Givens. We are negotiating a contract with Soda Mountain Construction

as our general contractor. A project of this enormity could not be done without the generous contribution of an anonymous donor. We look forward to its construction and we say thank you! We know that we need to raise some of the money for these gates and with enthusiasm, we will do so.

Now, more than ever, the Botanic Park is so important for our community and for the visitors who visit Steamboat. It is a place of natural beauty for quiet reflection. Continuing thanks to our founders Bob and Audrey Enever. They are an inspiration to all of us and what a blessing it is to have them in our community.

As your President, I have learned many wonderful lessons. The most important lesson is the power of people and the ability to work together in understanding a common mission. The diversity of opinion in our donors, volunteers, staff and board members makes leading this Botanic Park a wonderful and educational experience. I feel blessed.

Join me in celebrating this year and a wish for a quiet restful winter as our flowers and trees continue to silently grow. My best to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season.

Kathy Connell
President



A CHANCE FOR ALPINE PLANTS

By Emma Friedland
Assistant Horticulturist



Those of us who enjoy the delights of a seasonal climate are increasingly aware of the repercussions of our warming landscape. One change that high-elevation plant enthusiasts are especially aware of is the reduction in habitat for alpine plants. Alpine plants are treasures that are known and loved for their extreme hardiness, resilient structure, and beautiful and sometimes surprisingly delicate-appearing flowers. We love these plants, and the members of their ecosystems depend on their survival. Fortunately, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail and Denver Botanic Gardens are collaborating with gardeners and scientists throughout North America to implement a strategy for alpine plant and ecosystem conservation. We at YRBP are getting involved, and you can, too.

The authors of the strategy have developed a series of specific objectives to achieve by 2030. The objectives include understanding and documenting alpine plant diversity, conserving alpine plants and habitats, promoting awareness through education and outreach, and building capacity for the conservation of alpine species and habitats. At YRBP, we have long been participating in an important part of conservation, which is planting, growing, and collecting seeds for a variety of alpine plants right here in our gardens. Some local species include Moss Campion (*Silene acaulis*), James' Telesonix (*Telesonix jamesii*), Red Anemone (*Anemone multifida* var.

globosa), and Alpine Sunflower (*Hymenoxys grandiflora*). We are excited to continue to educate the public through interpretive signage throughout the Park that will address information specific to alpine plants and the conservation effort. Did you know that many alpine plants are in peril right here in the Zirkels and Flattops?

We can help the strategy by training citizen scientists to identify and voucher plants in these areas. If you are interested in becoming a citizen scientist, please contact us for more information.

To learn more about the strategy visit
<https://bettyfordalpinegardens.org/conservation/>



PASSPORT THROUGH THE BOTANIC PARK RETURNS IN 2022

The Botanic Park's Passport committee has been brainstorming new and exciting ideas for next year's Passport Through the Botanic Park which will be held on **June 25, 2022**. While the concept will remain – guests are invited to journey through the gardens while enjoying global cuisine, wine, and entertainment – the 2022 event will feature new gardens, plant selections, and new opportunities to learn. The event's very popular on-line auction will feature even more exciting items and excursions to bid on.



The inaugural event sold out so mark your calendars with next year's date and, if you are not a member of YRBP, become a member today so you can enjoy special Member's Only pricing and the ability to purchase your tickets as soon as they go on sale.

We can't wait to take off on another worldwide adventure with you!



Staff and Family Members: Justin Dandurand, Sandi Molen, Lura Briscoe, Tim Coppola, Emma Friedland, Sasba Kreissig, Susan Globe, Alden Globe, Savannah MacNeil, Jennifer MacNeil, Jeff Morehead

"The Botanic Park was the perfect setting for my wedding. Not only was it a gorgeous day, but the flowers were beautiful, the grass was fresh and the leaves were turning. I could not think of a better place to have so many colors. I received so many compliments about the town I grew up in, and the place that has meant so much to me for years."

~ Ellie Baker Gipson, Bride



THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

By *Sonia Franzel*,
Member, Board of Directors



Did you know that the hummingbirds who visit the Botanic Park every year fly 1,400 to 1,500 miles every summer from Mexico to Steamboat Springs? They flap their wings 80 times per second and weigh the same as a penny. Hummingbirds are native to the Americas. There are 360 species, and they live 3 to 5 years. Their heart rate is 1,260 beats per minute, but on a cold night it changes to 50 to 180 beats per minute as they experience a hibernation-like state. They are the smallest migration bird. The name “hummingbird” comes from the noise their wings make. They can fly backwards. They have no sense of smell. They cannot walk or hop.

Butterflies cannot see their beautiful wings. Butterflies existed 56 million years ago. Monarchs and painted ladies are known to fly long distances. Painted ladies live 12 months. Butterflies are considered by many to be nature’s angels.

There are over 20,000 species of bees in the world. All worker bees are female. Bees are the world’s top pollinators. Bees are attracted to dark colors, perfumes, and colognes so avoid them when bees are present. Bees do not like citronella oil, lavender oil, lemon, and lime. Depending on the type, they live 6 to 8 weeks during the summer and 5 months during the winter.

Bees have 5 eyes. Two bulging ones in front and 3 black dots on top of the head. Their eyes are hairy to detect wind direction. Bees use the sun and wind to navigate. They can see the sun even on cloudy days. Bees love purple, violet, and blue. They beat their wings 200 times per second. Bees are the only insects that produce food we can eat. Honey! Without bees, 70 percent of the world’s crops would fail.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

More than **70 VOLUNTEERS** gave of their time and talent to tend to the gardens, welcome guests, tour visitors, and host programs and events.

More than **1,700 NEW PLANTS AND BULBS** were added to increase the diversity in the collections and beautify the gardens.

Free Children’s Activity Books were provided to **3,500 KIDDOS** in the Park.

3,337 YOGIS enjoyed exercise, mind, body, and spirit during Yoga in the Park.

In partnership with Strings Music Festival, **2,000 MUSIC LOVERS** enjoyed live music over the 8-week concert series, Music on the Green.

The Steamboat Symphony Orchestra performed four concerts entertaining more than **100 PATRONS** during each performance this summer.

Volunteer Tour Guides educated and inspired **OVER 500 TOUR GUESTS**.

310 NEW MEMBERS joined **605 ANNUAL MEMBERS** in the Park’s membership program. Wow! Thanks for the support!

We hosted **20 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** for meetings, educational programs, & fundraising events.

And who knows **HOW MANY VISITORS** came this year? We have no way to count **BECAUSE WE DON’T CHARGE ADMISSION**.



COLORADO GIVES DAY

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

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 ask you to “GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE” and make a difference in our community.

Last year the Botanic Park raised \$11,500 on this day
– will you help us raise more in 2021?

To contribute to the Botanic Park for this special day of giving, visit <https://www.coloradogives.org/YampaValleyGives/YampaRiverBP>
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, greet our guests and work as leaders on the Board of Directors. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Botanic Park. **Thank you all!**

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- Members of the YRBP

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Tranquility Garden
- Wendy & Michael Bush

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- Rick Healy Endowment

Windigo Garden - Sally Hertzog

Yin & Yang Corner Garden
- Gecko Landscape & Design

City of Steamboat Springs

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

Business Volunteers

We are especially grateful for the businesses that have provided in-kind services this season.

Colorado Cadastral Surveyors
Rams Masonry
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MEMBER BENEFITS

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 345 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

*"It's really interesting for us because we like plants. We are always looking for inspiration and something different to do in our yard."
~ Lynn and Lonnie, visitors*

ALL ABOUT AUDREY

By *Georgianne Nelson*
Member, Board of Directors



Here are some of the positions held and innovations made at the Yampa River Botanic Park by Audrey Enever: Co-Founder, Treasurer, Director of Horticulture, Garden Sponsor, Tour Guide, Acting Secretary of the Board. Perhaps you know of others? Maybe you have sampled the famous Rhubarb Cake she bakes each year for the volunteers planting the Annuals Garden to enjoy after their toil. But she would probably bat away all the superlatives we could heap upon her. In an article she wrote for our newsletter in 2017, the year the Park celebrated its 20th anniversary, she mentions everyone by name and their contributions to the Park's success - beyond her dreams.



A little about Audrey before she became the doyenne of Yampa River Botanic Park...

"Gardening in England is part of your life," Audrey said as she recalled her father and mother being avid gardeners. Her father, while not a botanist and largely self-taught, grafted rose briars and moved on to experimenting with delphiniums and then chrysanthemums. Audrey grew up with a huge vegetable garden and a curiosity about everything which earned her a full scholarship to university in Southampton at age 18 where she met Bob Enever.

in 1952, Audrey sailed from Southampton on the *Queen Mary* to New York on her way to the University of Wisconsin to pursue a master's degree in mathematics in the earliest days of computers. More adventure awaited in 1955 when all alone Audrey travelled by train from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Kitimat, British Columbia to marry Bob...in Bob's office in front of a Justice of the Peace!

Gardening took a back seat while Audrey moved about and lived in a rainy BC "basement apartment" while Bob worked. In Chicago, in

another "basement apartment" Bob taught Audrey the principles of bookkeeping. Audrey took that skill into the digitized computer era with IBM. From there, Michigan was home for 12 years while both Bob and Audrey worked for the Ford Motor Company and raised two sons.

The Enevers came to Steamboat, population about 2,340, in 1971 and bought a house for \$18,000! Audrey brought computer data processing to the Yampa Valley and wrote original programs for the City and County's systems. But still no space for gardening in her busy life.

They bought the land and built their home on Anglers Drive in 1989 and finally there was time and space for wraparound gardens. It is well known that Audrey is a member of the American Penstemon Society and that she sponsors the Penstemon Garden at the Park. Audrey's favorite is the Rocky Mountain Penstemon which sprang up in the disturbed soil around their new house; second favorite, the Pine Leaf Penstemon.



The idea for a botanic park was Bob's, with Audrey's input, of course, but Audrey was the one who had to structure their finances to fund it. The story of the Park's origin is well known. But here is a little-known fact: The City pressed the Enevers to establish an arboretum, but there was pushback from the community who wanted "a pretty place" instead of a tree park or another traditional city park.

Her life has slowed recently. This summer Audrey has been recovering at home from a stroke. There are California poppies and bluebells in the gravel by the entrance to the Enever house. Audrey is happy to let them seed out and spread about as they wish.

There is one more, rather substantial, thing to attribute to Audrey: Her institutional memory of all facets of the Botanic Park's history. Oh, Audrey, we owe you so much!

PLANT SPOTLIGHT CHARMING ...

Anemone x hybrida 'September Charm' commonly called windflower or Japanese anemone, is a late summer to fall blooming perennial. 'September Charm' is best planted in partially shady locations as its dark green foliage tends to burn in sunnier, hot locations. One of the longest-blooming perennials in the garden, 'September Charm' will grace your garden with its pale silvery to deep pink petals and yellow center. Find this one dancing in the breeze in Sascha's Rock Garden.





Schematic design by Cales Givens, retired landscape architect and YRBP board member



ENTRANCE RENOVATIONS, FROM THIS TO THAT

“This will be a marquee project for the town.”

– Zach Buckallew, Project Manager, Soda Mountain Construction

Wider openings improve accessibility for strollers wheelchairs, bicycles, adaptive equipment, and more.

Unique to the Yampa River Botanic Park, the design and construction draws visitors in with a more inviting entryway.

The gates themselves create a beautiful artistic statement in Steamboat that pays homage to the Yampa River and the surrounding landscape.

If you would like to learn more or contribute to this project please call Jennifer MacNeil 970-846-5172.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: RETIRING HORTICULTURIST PUTS THE “BOTANIC” IN BOTANIC PARK

By Sandi Molen, Membership and Visitor Services Coordinator



After almost a quarter century serving the Yampa River Botanic Park, Lead Horticulturist Gayle Lehman is hanging up her gardening gloves and is retiring from the Park she has helped grow from a six-acre horse pasture into one of the most popular and beautiful gardens in Colorado.

The Botanic Park is home to some 500 trees; Gayle has nurtured each of the saplings into the sheltering giants they are today. The Park is home to 65 gardens; Gayle planted or supervised the planting of most of them with love and an extensive knowledge of plants

and how to grow them in high altitude. The Park has employed more than 120 gardeners since its inception and has welcomed volunteer gardeners too many to count; Gayle has supervised them all.

“Gayle has put the “Botanic” into the Botanic Park,” said Bob Enever, Park Co-Founder. “I think her greatest achievement has been her plant selections. They were based on years of experience of what worked and what didn’t. She has friends at Denver Botanic and elsewhere, who share plants and knowledge of plants. She experimented every year. Her arrangements of the plants within the gardens were also based on knowledge gained over the years. She had to study the environment that each plant required. That determined where she could plant each flower, depending on the soil conditions, acidity, sun exposure, irrigation.”

After 24 years, Gayle says retiring is a mixed bag. She’ll miss the plants; sitting alone on her favorite bench in the Crevice Garden in the early morning before anyone else is in the Park; talking with visitors from around the world; walking the Park with someone grieving the loss of a loved one and helping them find the perfect tree or shrub to sponsor; her work family; and, being thanked on a daily basis for doing what she loves. “I started with a blank canvas and created this most amazing space,” Gayle said. “I’ve watched it and nurtured it to grow into a community gem. I’m very proud.”

While announcing Gayle’s retirement at the Park’s recent annual meeting, Bob referred to Gayle as an artist. He said, “I don’t think anyone here will disagree that the creation of flower gardens is an art form. Gayle has been our permanent resident artist. She’s painted with a big brush. We have all enjoyed her work.”

Assistant Horticulturist Emma Friedland will take the reins in 2022, filling some mighty big boots!



ANNUAL MEETING BRINGS LAUGHTER AND TEARS

The Yampa River Botanic Park’s Annual Meeting and Celebration brings people together who are passionate about beautiful gardens and the serenity the Botanic Park brings to Steamboat Springs. On September 12, Botanic Park members, staff, and volunteers gathered on The Green to share great news, induct new board members, applaud departing board members, and thank dedicated volunteers and hard-working staff. Those in attendance learned about exciting renovations, they were treated to a delicious dinner buffet and had an opportunity to say farewell to the Botanic Park’s long-time supervisor and Lead Horticulturist, Gayle Lehman, who is retiring this season. It was a special time of laughter, a few tears, and an opportunity to chat and visit with friends.

NEWS FROM THE SHED

By Gayle Lehman, Lead Horticulturist



As I sit at my desk waiting for the first real snow to happen, it feels like the summer of 2021 really zipped by. Spring came on early and so did the heat. We had temperatures in the 90's by mid-June fueling the flowers to bloom a bit earlier than we are used to. The water lilies really went off huge this year.

July was packed with events and tourists. Staff did an amazing job keeping our collections looking great. The Frida Kahlo's Garden display was happy with the hot weather too.

In August we ramped up for our HUGE renovation of the Hummingbird and Butterfly gardens. We transplanted some of the more unusual plants around the Park; potted up many of the other plants and invited our volunteers, Master Gardeners and others to come in and pot up more to take home to plant in their own gardens. After a chemical treatment of remaining plant material, the demolition crew came in. Over a couple of weeks, the new hardscape was in and hundreds of plants arrived in time for a mass planting. The addition of about 700 bulbs planted in one morning tops off this gem!

Be sure to visit next year and see how it grows. I will be visiting too as this is my last News from the Shed – stepping down from the Park by the time you read this!

GARDEN SPOTLIGHT: THE LILAC QUEEN TAKES SAIL IN THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Thanks to the immigration and hard work of Kerry Kaster, the Children's Garden recently sprouted a new look with new and exciting features including a redesign of its play structure into a Steamboat. The Botanic Park's young guests christened the boat "The Lilac Queen," due in part to its proximity to a nearby lilac bush. The "Lilac Queen" houses a fabulous new children's library that features books from Growing Good Kids Book Awards collection, National Awards for Children's Literature About Gardens and Nature. Also featured is a namesake paddle wheel which pays homage to Steamboat Springs, and two smokestacks! As part of the redesign, the Botanic Park's original Fairy Garden has been relocated to the Children's Garden in the new Fairy Garden Village where fairy houses are now off the ground and at children's height. Thank you to Rams Masonry for its design and construction *in gratis!* Storytime in the Park with storytellers from the Bud Werner Memorial Library was held in the Children's Garden with new stories and outdoor activities every Friday this summer.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT A Friend of the Botanic Park

By Sandi Molen, Membership and
Visitor Services Coordinator



Meet Betsy Chase, one of the Botanic Park's dedicated Friends of the Botanic Park volunteers. If you've visited the Park this summer Betsy may have been the charming soft-spoken woman who greeted you at the front gate as one of our Volunteer Greeters or you may recognize her in her gardening gloves clipping, raking, or pulling weeds as a Volunteer Social Gardener. "I no longer have a garden of my own, so it is fun to keep my thumb "green" by helping out here," said the New England native who made Colorado her home in 1969. "I don't know which is more beautiful: the gardens or the people involved here."

When she's not volunteering in the Botanic Park, Betsy, who is a retired schoolteacher, visits with her 5-year-old grandson enjoying Storytime in the Children's Garden and picnicking on the Green. Betsy's favorite garden is the Rose Garden, but she really loves them all. "It's a thrill to watch the many gardens change from one week to the next," she said.

The return of the osprey couple each season is always an anticipated moment for Betsy. "I enjoy witnessing the arrival of the osprey and the birth of new chicks each spring. The cycle of nature is amazing!" she said.

Betsy hikes, plays tennis, and cross-country skis in her spare time. And like many plant lovers, she tries to visit botanic gardens whenever she travels. Her favorites are in Santa Barbara and Boothbay, Maine. "The garden in Maine is especially beautiful, as so much of it lies along the coast," she said. "I think it's wonderful that our (Yampa River Botanic Park) membership grants us to free admission at many botanic parks around the country."

"During a summer crowded by traffic, smoke, noise and congestion, the sanctuary of the Park has been a special blessing that I will remember and treasure. We are so lucky to have this wonderful place in our community!" Betsy said.

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"When the library got to provide in person storytimes again and Yampa River Botanic Park offered to host them every Friday it felt like the perfect partnership. With over 100 attendees week after week, this program was clearly filling a need in the community providing laughter, literacy, beauty, and learning. We can't wait to do it again next summer!" Jaime Collins – Bud Werner Library, Children's Librarian



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Membership Renewal Reminder

To donate by Visa/Mastercard, please visit www.yvcf.org/park and click on **Become a Member**.

To Donate with a check, please send your check with this form to:

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