



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends of the Yampa River Botanic Park,

As our flowers and plants succumb to the crispy nights of fall, I am reminded of the sheer beauty of the changing seasons. We are so lucky to have a place like the Botanic Park to show us that wonder. We could not have this gem without people like you. Thank you!

New Gates and Fencing for our entrances

Much has happened since I last wrote to you. I want to make sure that each of you stops by before we close for the winter to see the construction progress of our new gates and fencing project. While we will not finish this by winter, we are thrilled with the progress so far. All monies for this much-needed improvement are being raised as we speak and for anyone who has not yet contributed, we would so appreciate your donation. To contribute, please visit www.yrbp.org or call the Park's Executive Director Jennifer MacNeil at 970-846-5172. THANK YOU to each of you who have already contributed!

Summer events

This season has passed at record speed and our summer was full of many wonderful activities.

The 2nd annual *Passport Through the Botanic Park* was a smashing success and all who attended not only enjoyed the fine food, wine, and online auction but also the live auction led by Steamboat's Cookie Lockhart which was a special surprise. We raised record monies thanks to the donors of auction items which included Rocky Mountain experiences, fun home and garden-themed merchandise, trips and more – and, of course, to those who purchased them! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and the more than 50 volunteers who helped us pull off this fun event!

Yoga on the Green continues to be a very popular series and we are grateful to Patty Zimmer of The Heart of Healing and her yoga instructors for their efforts. Weddings, special events, and Music on the Green with Strings continue to provide constant activity in the Park.

Many thanks go to our more than 100 volunteers – including Social Gardeners, Tour Guides, Greeters, and Special Event Volunteers.

I cannot say enough about our staff and the Park leadership. Without, Jennifer MacNeil, Sandi Molen, and Emma Friedland, this magnificent beauty would not be available for us to enjoy. And of course, our terrific Board of Directors, to which we welcome our newest board member, Wendy Baumann.

Thank you and I hope to see all of you next spring and summer enjoying our splendor of nature!

With Gratitude,

Kathy Connell
President



BREAKING GROUND

By: Jennifer MacNeil,
Executive Director



The Botanic Park broke ground on the new gateways project on August 31 at the Emerald Park Entrance after two years of planning. In the fall of 2020, I met Cales Givens, a retired landscape architect, and asked if he would be willing to help with the design. Cales joined the Botanic Park's board and we spent the majority of 2021 working with the board on the schematic design. The project has always been about the accessibility of the Park, especially for those in wheelchairs and strollers. The original entrances were very narrow making ingress and egress a challenge. But we also saw the opportunity to make a statement at our "front door" to provide an entrance that is as beautiful as the gardens within.

We spent the winter of 2022 interviewing and solidifying contractors for the job - construction management, masons, welders, and artistic welders. And of course, began fundraising! The Botanic Park Board designated \$50,000 towards the project and along with 58 donors, as of this writing, we've raised \$390,000 of our \$485,000 goal. We originally said we would begin construction this past spring, but after a conversation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding "our" osprey family and the recommendation for construction in raptor territory, we heeded the advice and waited until late August. We're glad we did.

I admit, breaking ground was nerve wracking and I know some people questioned the large holes in the ground. But I've trusted the people we hired to do the job and they



Photo by Shannon Lukens

are doing great work. I'd like to thank Soda Mountain Construction and Design, McKendrick-Vreeman Contracting, Rams Masonry, Sloop Painting, and Steamboat Steel & Sign. These teams are working together sequencing work at two entrances and racing against this Indian summer. As with all construction projects, there have been delays. Concrete delivery has been challenging as the mountain's project has increased the demand. Each hiccup sets the project back a day, a week, etc. But as of this writing, we are seeing real progress! Today there are masons and welders on site and a concrete truck is coming! We are hopeful most of the work will be complete before the snow starts sticking. However, the beautiful artistic gates won't be hung until the spring. The gates will be fabricated over the winter giving the artist the time he needs to create this TWO-of-a-kind masterpiece. And then it will be time to open the Park again for the season and welcome you all through our new "front doors."

ADVENTURE AWAITS

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." — Lao Tzu



Next June, you are once again invited to step through the gates of the Yampa River Botanic Park on a worldwide journey that will take you thousands of miles from home without leaving Steamboat Springs! *Passport Through the Botanic Park* returns June 17, 2023. Guests are invited to journey

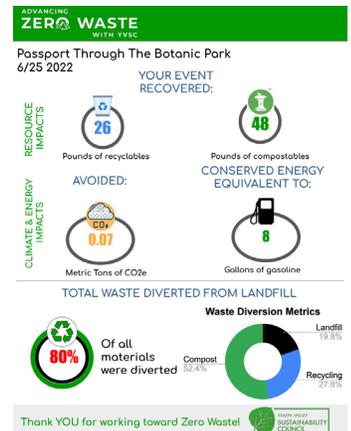
through the gardens while enjoying global cuisine, wine, and entertainment. The 2023 event will feature new gardens, plant selections, and new opportunities to learn about the Park's plant collections.

Passport's popular on-line auction will feature even more exciting items and excursions to bid on AND the fun, fast-paced live auction will return with an opportunity to raise your paddle for a chance to win trips from around the world, and

more! Last year the event sold out so mark your calendars 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.

Don't miss Steamboat Springs' premiere summer event!

ZERO WASTE
The Botanic Park partnered with the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council to divert 80% of the event's waste! This graphic shows the impact and total waste diverted from the landfill.





LEARNING FROM AND WORKING WITH OTHER REGIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

By: Jennifer MacNeil,
Executive Director



The Botanic Park staff typically takes a road trip each season to visit another nearby botanical garden. There's always something to learn from colleagues in the field, and plus it's fun to see other gardens for us plant nerds. Last season we met with the employees down in Vail at the Betty Ford Alpine Garden for a tour and since that time have traded tips with one another on topics like recruiting interns, seasonal housing challenges, and what to buy for the spring plant sales. And this year their staff visited us for a tour and a fun day in Steamboat. Turns out, we all have a lot in common working in and managing gardens in the Rocky Mountains.

This year we took a field trip to visit the Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins and board member Georgianne Nelson and volunteer Betsy Chase tagged along for the ride. Their ED Michelle Provaznik hosted their staff and ours for a meet-and-greet lunch. Then they toured us around their gardens which recently went through a very large renovation almost doubling the size of the property, and adding a visitors center and a butterfly house, to name a few. What did I learn there? – whew! this construction project here at our garden on the new gateways is a walk in the proverbial PARK!

"Absolutely GORGEOUS! It is so amazing how much detail was put into this. Love the trails, bridges, and colors! Such a neat idea of members of this community have sections that they maintain. One of the best I have seen. Lots of areas to walk." ~ Park guest, Tonya

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

More than **120 VOLUNTEERS** gave of their time and talent to tend to the gardens, welcome guests, tour visitors, and host programs and events.

More than **850 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 **5,000 KIDDOS** in the Park.

3,000 YOGIS enjoyed exercise, mind, body, and spirit during Yoga in the Park.

In partnership with Strings Music Festival, **1,948 MUSIC LOVERS** enjoyed live music over the nine-week concert series Music on the Green.

The Steamboat Symphony Orchestra performed three concerts entertaining **323 PATRONS** during performances this summer.

Volunteer Tour Guides educated and inspired more than **600 TOUR** guests.

Provided **6,000 FREE SERENITY WALK BROCHURES** connecting visitors with nature and the gardens through senses, thoughts, and feelings.

160 NEW MEMBERS joined the Park's membership program. Wow! Thanks for the support!

The Park hosted **22 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** for meetings, educational programs, and fundraising events.

And who knows **HOW MANY VISITORS** came this year? We have no way to count **BECAUSE WE DON'T CHARGE ADMISSION** thanks to YOU!

COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

COLORADO GIVES DAY 
ColoradoGivesDay.org Dec. 6

COLORADO GIVES DAY

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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 make a difference in our community.

Last year the Botanic Park raised \$15,000 on this day – *will you help us raise more in 2022?*

To contribute to the Botanic Park for this special day of giving, visit <https://www.coloradogives.org/story/Yampariverbp> (Please donate through the Colorado Gives website and not the YVCF on this day so your funds can be incentivized and we can be eligible to win cash prizes.) 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!**

Friends of the Botanic Park

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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.

TK's Backflow & Hydrant, LLC
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Garden Sponsors

Butterfly Garden
 - Steamboat Digs Dogs, Lucky & Avie

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 - Carol Fox Endowment Fund

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 - Erin Sterns, Laura & Dean Shaffer & Families

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 - Community Cultivation

Corner Garden
 - Yampa Valley Community Foundation

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Doris's Arbor Garden
 - Georgianne Nelson

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 - Rick and Carol Dowden Endowment

Eagle Garden – Erica Lindeman

Foliage Garden - Anne & Jon Halverson

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 - Over the Hill Gang

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 - Junior Master Gardeners

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Lynne's Garden - Russ & Shine Atha

Maddy's Garden of Light
 - Alden & Susan Globe Endowment

Medicinal Herb Garden
 - Mary O'Brien

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 - Members of the YRBP

Murphy's Blue Garden
 - Stu Roberts & Lulu Gould

Painter's Garden - Barb & Bill Sanders

Penstemon Garden - Audrey Enever

Pioneer Garden
 - Virginia & John Amato

Plant Select Demonstration Garden
 - Philip Lloyd and Family

Rainbow Garden Purple
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Rainbow Garden Red/Orange
 - Strangis Family

Rainbow Garden Yellow
 - Yampa Valley Bank

Reflecting Pond - Buddhist Community, Barbara Bradley-Rutz

Rose Garden - Bob Alter & Family

Sascha's Rock Garden - Sascha Julia Franzel Everlasting Life Fund

Sensory Garden - Dave Wierman and Deb Babcock Endowment

Spring Bulb Garden - Susan Dreska

Stumpyland & Fairy Garden Village
 - Kerry & Laura Kaster

Sundial Garden
 - Kae Jenkins Garden Endowment

Sun Rose Garden
 - Betty Jameson and Pat Jameson

Tranquility Garden
 - Wendy & Michael Bush

Waterwise Garden
 - Rick Healy Endowment

Windigo Garden - Sally Hertzog

Yin & Yang Corner Garden
 - Gecko Landscape & Design

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
- Member's Only hours at the Spring Plant & Fall Bulb Benefits
- Reserve facilities
- Annual Meeting/Report Celebration with catered buffet
- 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

Every donation over \$40 enrolls you in the membership program. Memberships may be renewed annually from the date of your last donation.

"The Yampa River Botanic Park is a hidden gemstone in Steamboat. It's a great way to see wildlife and learn about Colorado's native plants. Highly recommend."
 ~ Park guest, Adielle

FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED

The Yampa River Botanic Park Association Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer to join its Board and fill the spot of Facilities Committee Chair. The Facilities Committee oversees the infrastructure that supports the Botanic Park and the growth and evolution of the Park with new construction and garden renovations.



If interested, please visit our website at www.yrbp.org for a detailed description of the Facilities Committee Chair volunteer position or contact Jennifer MacNeil at 970-846-5172.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

In partnership with Steamboat Creates, the Yampa River Botanic Park is coordinating a call for a conceptual design that will lead to the creation of the event marketing artwork to be used to promote the 3rd annual *Passport Through the Botanic Park* event on June 17, 2023. The artwork will be printed on invitations and posters -- and showcased on our website, social media, and others. The winner will receive a \$400 honorarium and a lifetime membership to the Park.



Passport Through the Botanic Park's 2022 artwork by Carole McDermott

Please help us get the word out by telling your artist friends and family! **For more information and to download the art application, please visit our website at www.yrbp.org.**

GLASSES WERE RAISED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of The Yampa River Botanic Park raised a glass to its members, volunteers, and donors at the Park's Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 18 on the Green. Participants were treated to dinner, drinks, and good company during which a short business meeting was conducted. The group was caught up to date on what was happening in the Park and what to expect next season, including the progression of the new gateways. New Board Member Wendy Baumann was voted onto the Park's board -- welcome Wendy! Volunteers and Park Staff were celebrated for their hard work and dedication.

The Park thanks Emily Griffoul, Conservation Scientist at Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, who presented her study of the Alpine Strategy and conservation efforts in the Flat Tops Wilderness Area to attendees.



"THROUGH MUD IT RISES ..."

*By: Sonia Franzel,
Board Member*



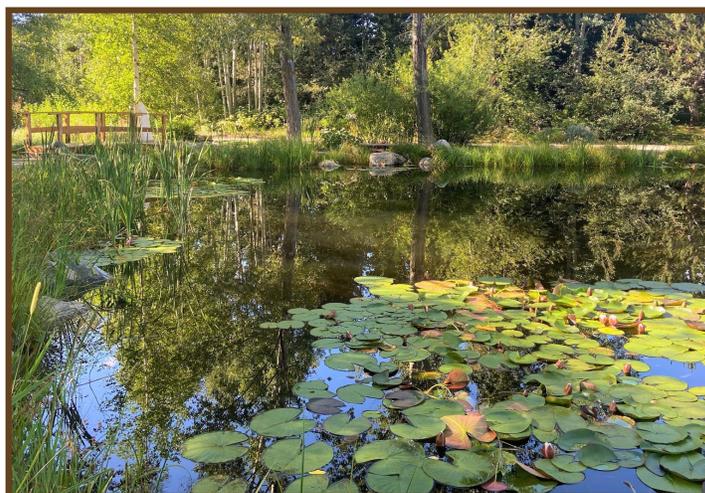
Nymphaea sp., Colorado Hardy Water Lilies

From spring to fall, water lilies bloom on Peter's Pond. They bloom with a salmon-colored flower. Three species are native to Colorado. They are rooted in the mud below and regrow every year. They not only oxygenate the water but also keep toxin levels in check.

Floating on the surface of Peter's Pond, their star-shaped flowers create a great attraction when they open. They produce many flowers during the season. They grow in full sun but can tolerate part shade.

The leaves are thick and waxy -- and the blooms are of incomparable beauty. Some can live 15 to 20 years.

Around 1893, Monet began to construct a water lily garden that floated on the quiet water of his stream and a Japanese bridge that closed at one end. For almost 30 years he meditated and painted the water lilies and the Japanese bridge.



The large blossoms looked suspended in space and the clouds reflected in the water. If you sit around Peter's Pond or visit the Park's new "Monet-inspired" bridge constructed between the upper and lower ponds, you will also want to meditate and reflect on the shadows and reflections of these stunning blossoms, especially during a hot afternoon when the blooms seem to be at their most brilliant state.

NEWS FROM THE SHED

By Emma Friedland,
Lead Horticulturist



It feels like yesterday that I was writing my spring greetings, getting excited about all that we had planned for our 2022 season. I imagine I am not alone when I say that the 2022 season flew by! However fast it may have passed, upon reflection, the last few months have been as fulfilling as possible.

One of the first delights of the 2022 season was to see the vibrancy of the blooms and pollinator activity that was brought into the Park with the revamped Hummingbird and Butterfly Gardens. Designed by Kathy Olsen and planted in September 2021, the new plants proved to have weathered the winter magnificently and came back in 2022 with gusto. Show-stopping Alliums, Crocosmias, Torch Lilies, and native plants such as *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Echinacea angustifolia*, and *Helenium autumnale* have delighted our winged and two-legged visitors alike. We even had a hardy Hibiscus bloom! All who wander past this garden seem to share a sentiment of wonder at the colorful playfulness shown by the variety of blooms.

Our first-ever spring plant benefit was a home run, and we were delighted to bring some exciting plants to the people of the Yampa Valley and their gardens. Our biggest lesson learned was that we needed more plants! We look forward to making the spring plant sale an annual tradition, so keep that in mind as you entertain spring planting fantasies this winter.

If you have been in the Park this fall, you may notice that the Blue, Purple, and Corner Gardens all look a little different. We are excited to announce that the installation and planting for this year's garden renovations were a success! Blue and purple foliage have made their debut in the Blue and Purple Gardens, and the Corner Garden now hosts a new pathway,

allowing visitors to get a little closer to many of the new colors, textures and blooms. We are currently working on obtaining some Himalayan Blue Poppies for the Blue Garden, which we will be planting in their dormancy this October. We currently do not have these in the Park's collections but have confidence that our cold winters and shady spots will allow them the conditions that they need to grow. Fingers crossed; these plants are so cool!

Most of all, as I sit back now, and reflect on the past few months, I feel a warm sense of gratitude. When I think about what made this season a success, it is clear that it takes many hands. And as the saying goes, many hands make light work. In the case of the Yampa River Botanic Park, many hands are doing all kinds of work! Every large and small effort makes a difference and is substantially appreciated. From those of you who work here, volunteer here, support us, or simply spend time sharing your energy with us at the Park, everyone in this community certainly helps make this place what it is.



I have also grown to appreciate knowledge sharing. So many of our employees, volunteers, and community members have specialty skills and knowledge that we need to make this place a stunning success, and they are willing to share with us. Hundreds of years of experience are accumulated amongst the people surrounding me, and it is just incredible what we can do when we put our heads together! It truly makes my world here go round. Thank you, for sharing.

THE GARDEN SHOP IS OPEN

The Garden Shop at Yampa River Botanic Park offers a selection of unique and limited-edition items designed especially for the Park that reflect the beauty of the Gardens. You may stop by the Trillium House during normal business hours to purchase one of these unique souvenirs to remember your journey through our Gardens or to gift to a special friend.

Shop the Garden Shop before the holidays for unique and garden-inspired gifts for that special person who is hard to buy for.

Visit our website to see a complete list of available items. Store hours at The Trillium House are 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday, or at the Park's Main Entrance during special events.

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* A limited-edition umbrella that features a photograph of an oil on canvas painting of the Member's Rock Garden by local and nationally acclaimed artist, Carole McDermott. \$35

* A Yampa River Botanic Park limited edition sun visor. \$20



* A canvas tote with colorful botanical illustrations of plants featured around the Gardens, most of which are native to Colorado. \$30

* Books: "Steamboat's Botanic Park," "Birds of Steamboat Springs," and "Steamboat's Osprey Family," all by Bob Enever.

WE HAVE THE BEST VISITORS!

By: *Georgianne Nelson,*
Board Member



From my location, while working in Doris' Arbor Garden for a few hours every week this summer, I've had the opportunity to observe and connect with many people. The Arbor attracts many visitors and offers a chance to sit in the shade for a minute or two and look out at the expanse of the Members Rock and the Crevice Gardens.



Our visitors are amazed by the big showy gardens and by the hypertufa planters stuffed with tiny fairy-like plants.

They are curious, ask questions, and seek answers. "How many varieties of pine do you have in this Park?" a gentleman asked with great urgency. I have to think. Five is the answer. There are Ponderosa, Pinyon, Lodgepole, Limber and Bristlecone.

Many are inspired by the Crevice Garden and think they have just the right spot, and the wherewithal, to build one on their own property.

They write in notebooks and take photos of plant labels to get the scientific names of the plants they might want to try in their garden at home.

Some want to naturalize their yards and remove part or all of their lawn. They've come to the Park for ideas!

They come equipped with photographic equipment and sit patiently and point a camera in search of a hummingbird or butterfly.

Some come with knowledge of the osprey nest and are delighted when I can show them the perfect spot to see and watch the nest.

They bring their kids, big and little, and hopefully, this will inspire the next generation to love plants, flowers, insects, snakes, and gardens.

They describe their own gardens in detail. They talk about the weeds, deer, rabbits, and voles that challenge them. They tell me who is watering their garden at home while they are on vacation.



And there is always talk of the weather. The weather here and the weather at home. Early this summer one fellow who lives near Furnace Creek in Death Valley was anxious to get home where it was warm!

The surprise of blooming Colchicum brings delight to a group of ladies on a September visit.

One woman humorously suggests her solution to weeding, "we should grow the weeds and pull the flowers."

Our visitors are full of gratitude for the beauty within Park. They are simply the Best!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sharing The Serenity

Cammie Downing stands next to the aspen tree in the Windigo Garden sponsored in honor of her 50th wedding anniversary.

By *Sandi Molen, Membership and Visitor Services Coordinator*



If you want to chat about plants, learn how to garden at higher elevations, or hear about the Park's history, Cammie Downing is your gal! Cammie is a popular volunteer tour guide with the Friends of the Park's volunteer program.

If you are simply having a bad day, Cammie's infectious laugh and friendly, pleasant personality will surely turn your lemons into lemonade!

"I enjoy getting to know our visitors and sharing YRBP with them," Cammie said. "I always encourage them to share their gardening experiences and together we compare Steamboat gardening to where they live. I learn so much from them."

Like many Steamboat residents, Cammie and her husband David, who moved to Steamboat from Kansas, are victims of the "Yampa Valley curse." The couple skied the area in the 1970s, making the drive from Overland Park for many memorable ski vacations. The call of the mountains became too much for the couple to resist and they made Steamboat their permanent home six years ago. The Downing's son and daughter-in-law have also recently become Steamboat residents, and the area is a popular vacation spot for her daughter and family who live in Minnesota.

"YRBP has been a must-see for all our family and visitors," she said.

Cammie is a former educator with The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO. Cammie is a Master Gardener – she originally joined the Park as a volunteer Social Gardener – and is also a volunteer at the Steamboat Art Museum.

Cammie's tours begin and end with two of her favorite gardens: Maddy's Garden of Light and the Junior Master Gardeners' vegetable garden. "Along the way, we talk about various plants and trees, and I always point out that like any garden, it is always changing. That, combined with the renovations and hard work of the staff, is a reason to always come back," she tells her tour guests.

Cammie's favorite spot in the Park is a bench in the Windigo Garden near the aspen tree sponsored in honor of her and David's 50th wedding anniversary.

"I love just to sit and enjoy," she said. "For me, THIS is the serenity that is part of the Park's mission statement."

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The Newsletter Crew – Sonia Franzel, Emma Friedland, Jennifer MacNeil, Sandi Molen, Georgianne Nelson, and Northwest Graphics.

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"We visit these gardens every time we stay in Steamboat. They never disappoint! Each section is well-manicured. Plants and gardens are clearly labeled, and the trails meander in all directions. It is a fun place to visit in the evening after dinner."
~ Park guest, Steve



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Membership Renewal Reminder

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- Individual - \$40
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