

Dogwood Garden Club



Bloomin' News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow DGCers:

2017 is quickly coming to an end and what a year it was! By year's end, we will have ambitiously taken on 4 fund raisers - 3 of which kept Sylvia Hamblin and the Crafts Team very busy - the craft and bake sale at the Arbor Day/Wildfire Preparedness Day didn't go as well as hoped but the Peddlers and Pickers Fair not only raised us a good amount of money, it was fun! The root beer float sale to raise money for the Community Center was a great idea brought down by bad weather. I hope Mary Bourn and her group will be willing to try again next year. What are the odds of it being 40 below 2 Junes in a row?!

We had some great meeting programs including learning everything you ever wanted to know about raising bees at Hooterville, checking out the bonsai's at Lotus Bonsai Nursery, touring and getting a demonstration on glass blowing and a real functioning blacksmith's shop at Porter Glass works and a wonderful lunch at Kit Carson Carson Lodge at Silver Lake. Marilu Blau will be coordinating programs for 2018. If you have some great ideas and would like to host a meeting, I'm sure she'd be happy to hear from you.

We still have the Holiday Gift Bazaar in the Pines coming up this weekend on the 19th. If you haven't signed up to help but would like to, you can show up at the Community Center on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. or Sunday morning at 7:30 or come later in the day to help keep thing running smoothly, clean ups and to enjoy the festivities!

We also have the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Store during the week of December 4-7. If you haven't signed up to help, I encourage you to do so by contacting Maureen Julian. It's so much fun!

And don't forget the Christmas Luncheon coming up on December 6th. The deadline of November 17th is rapidly approaching. If you haven't signed up and want to attend, please contact Pat Schoggins. A flyer is included.

Sadly, we said au revoir to Bunny Minkin who has moved to Fairfield and to the Schulz's who moved up to Portland. We will miss them all terribly. Tom and Nancy Shultz were responsible for coordinating the flower bed planting at the entrance to Sly Park. We are looking for someone or two to take over responsibility for this little task. If you are interested, please contact me.

It's time- to renew your membership for 2018! The renewal form is attached. The cost is \$30 for the year if you renew before December 31st and \$35 if you renew after that date. Please use the updated form attached when renewing.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you all for supporting me this year as president. I was very nervous at first and sometimes I got a bit overwhelmed and would forget things but I have had so much positive feedback that it has really been a good time. I want to thank my board - Marilu Blau, VP, Lexa Mack, Secretary and Carol McBride, Treasurer for their support and excellent ability to jump right in and help! This was a big year of transitions so I'd also like to thank those who took responsibility for all those things we do - Pat Schoggins - library maintenance, Pinewood memorial garden and membership; Marilyn Johnson - Friends of the Library and sunshine correspondence; Becky McIntyre - website/archive; Leslie Sinclair - Arbor Day celebration; Mary Bourn - Peddlers and Pickers Fair; Sylvia Hamblin - Crafts Team; Janet Sullivan - Birthday lunches; Marilu Blau - Programs; Maureen Julian - Boys and Girls Club.

I wish every one of you and your families a very enjoyable holiday season. Until 2018, this is

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your President, signing out.

Attachments: Minutes from the November 1st meeting
Christmas Luncheon sign up form
Membership Renewal Form