



KALEIDOSCOPE

February 2023

President's Message

DENISE LATHROP



Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Please read your NewsBlast and Notes from the State, there are many National contests that have Deadlines coming up for entry soon. It would be nice for our chapter to have some entries. Some of these contests even have a little reward attached.

Nancy Kaufman has had knee surgery and is recovering. She sent an email detailing the GFWC State Conference. It will be held in Torrington on April 28-29 at the Cobblestone Inn. Registration is \$35.00. The conference will start Saturday AM and conclude by 3-4 PM. The GFWC International Convention will be held in Louisville, Ky. June 9-12. Registration is open on the Member Portal.

I have enjoyed the beautiful snowfall; it is unbelievable that the wind did not blow. It has been years since I have seen one so peaceful. The moisture will be so welcomed come this Spring. After this last one though I think I am ready for some warmer weather, but the ground hog said six more weeks, so stay warm everyone.

See you at the meeting and remember to wear red in remembrance of Heart Health Month.

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Second Vice-President
LUCY PAULEY

The February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th. Social time starts at 11:30 with lunch being served at 12. The speaker this month is Sarah Urbanek, CASA of Laramie County. We will be doing assigned seating this month to meet new buddies and mix it up for Valentine's Day. Pick up a candy heart when you check in and check out your table number.



Corresponding Secretary
KRISTIE ACKERSON

January Correspondence

Meredith Dexter - Sympathy - Father passed away

Denise Lathrop - Sympathy - Loss of family members

Carol Horam - Sympathy - Mother-in-law passed away

Shirley Mclelland - Thinking of You - has been in and out of Hospital

Pam Crochet - Sympathy - Father-in-law passed away

COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE (CGC)

CGC 1st meeting 2/9/23 1pm at The Office in their boardroom

CGC 2nd meeting 2/23/23 at the Airport terminal in their conference room- starting time is pending.

YEARBOOK CHANGES

Changes to the 2022-23 Yearbook

Luce Anspauch, Lifetime Member
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Joyce Bailey is not the official Photographer for Christmas House
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MILITARY

Military Outreach Committee

6th annual Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to make Valentine cookies. Our club's cookies are always a huge hit! We are halfway to our goal of 600 dozen, so we are welcoming more sign ups! Here is the link with all of the details: [6th annual Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms](#)

Warren Spouses' Club's Boots & Baubles scholarship auction

The Warren Spouses' Club's annual Boots & Baubles scholarship auction will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Blue FCU World Headquarters. Our WCLC table of ladies had a blast last year! We have had such a great response from many of you who would like to attend that we will have 2 tables! We have several seats left. If you are interested, please email Lorraine Gallagher at lilrainwyo@gmail.com before the seats are gone!

We are putting together a **Fly Fishing-themed basket** to go along with a Guided Fly-Fishing trip again this year, and we are also putting together a **basket of jams, jellies, honey, pickles, etc.** If you have fly fishing-themed items or canned goods, **please bring them to our February social!**

Please join us for our Military Outreach Committee meeting this Wednesday, February 8 at 10:45 am.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The committee for Youth and Family Services will meet on Wednesday, February 8, at 10:45 to take action on some grant proposals. We will meet in the back of the luncheon area at the Country Club for a short discussion. Thank you for attending. Hopefully there will not be a snowstorm to interfere with our meeting! Thank you.

Judy Lissman

SENIOR SERVICES

Six members of the Senior Services Committee met on 1/26/23, at Dazbog Cafe on Pershing, in Cheyenne, after being rescheduled from 1/18/23, due to bad weather.

We discussed possible activities we might do for the VA long term care residents, but not sure yet what may work for us, or for them. One restriction for being in the building with these residents is being up to date on Covid vaccines. We will research this for our next meeting.

Foster Grandparents of Cheyenne contacted us, about providing some entertainment/activity for their trainees, at the end of March, as we have done in the past. We decided to do this on Wednesday, 3/29, between 11:30 to 1:00., teaching them to play Bunko. It was also approved to give gift cards for several categories of scores. We decided to make more fidget mats for other dementia units in town, starting with a combination workshop and meeting on 2/15/23, at Claudia Wilen's home, time to be determined. We will find out if Aspen Wind and or Granite are interested in these mats, and, if so, how many are in their memory care/dementia units.

Respectfully,
Elise Johnson

ESO

The book club is meeting on February 20 at 9:00 am. We will start the discussion sometime after 9:15 am. We are reading this month, Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng. I hope that many of you can join us. Lucy

ENVIRONMENT

COLLECTIONS: If you have **printer cartridges** or **batteries** to be disposed of there will be a container at the meeting for them.

Christmas Lights – 90+ strings of lights were taken to the Hard to Recycle Materials Yard in Ft. Collins, most from WCLC!! Thanks for helping keep them out of our land fill!

Valentines -- For earth-related Valentines for kids, visit climatekids.nasa.gov/valentines for some really cute Valentine printables. You can also learn more about various climate related topics to show children.

Cheyenne Botanic Gardens News:

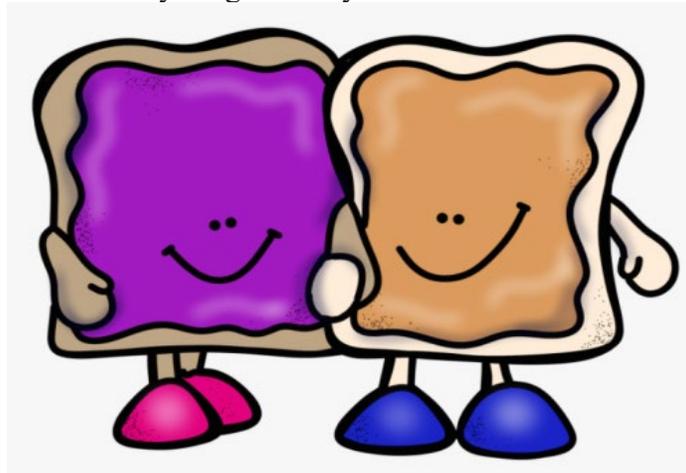
The 2nd Annual High Plains Arboretum Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, February 25. Learn about and pre-order shrubs, trees, and vegetable seeds cultivated and/or tested at the Arboretum. Orders will be taken February 25th with purchase pickup in late May.

Did you know as a member of the **Cheyenne Botanic Gardens** you can enjoy reciprocal admission to over 300 gardens around the country and in the Caribbean, including the Denver Botanic Gardens?

Phyllis

NEEDS

I wanted to let you know how much peanut butter and jelly was collected last month. We got \$95.00 donated and so I purchased peanut butter and jelly. We donated a total of 22 jellies and 20 PB&J and 1 box of cereal. It was 101 pounds. Thanks so much for all your generosity.



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I will be collecting PB & J for Needs at the meeting on Wednesday. If you want to bring money and have me purchase it for you then that works also. Thanks for all your support on this project. Lucy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met and we have a slate of officers for your consideration on Wednesday. Here are their Bios and Pictures. Nominations will also be available from the floor at the meeting.

PRESIDENT:
Claudia Wilen



Claudia Wilen has been a member of Civic League since 2015, having served a number of years as co-chair of Senior Services, 2019 Christmas House chair and currently 1st VP. She also served as state leadership chair.

She is a retired Medical Technologist, moving to Cheyenne in 2012 from the Seattle area via Sidney NE after her husband retired from The Boeing Company and corporate Cabela's. Their tenure with Boeing found them living in the Seattle area 3 times, as well as Atlanta, England and Pittsburgh---a far cry away from their ND roots. They built their last of 17 homes here... until they ultimately release the brakes on their wheelchairs and coast down the road to Primrose. They have 3 grown children with sons living in Portland OR and Kansas City, while their daughter resides here in Cheyenne with 3 of their 5 grandchildren.

Claudia is a hospice outpatient volunteer (and when Covid prevented home visits she also became the official bird feeder filler). She is a crafter and avid scrapbooker once all the gardening, landscaping, babysitting, etc. chores quiet down.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Kirstin Riley



Kristin Riley is a Cheyenne native. She is married with two children. Giving back to the community and improving Cheyenne is a priority of Kristin's. She joined Women's Civic League in 2017. She has Co-Chaired membership committee in 2019-2020, Co-Chaired the Community Grant Committee from 2020 to present and is currently the Communication & Publication Chair for GFWC Wyoming.

When she is not running her kids to their many after school activities, baking or crafting; she is giving back to the community working as a Registered Nurse at a local family practice clinic and mentoring upcoming nurses through LCCC's nursing program.

Kristin is looking forward being the 1st VP for the 2023-2024 club year, bringing exhilarating and informative programs to the general membership. She is excited to see what the next club year brings.

Second Vice President

Rochelle Toll (Shelly)



I was born in Germany (military brat), raised in Minnesota and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I attended Stephen's College in Missouri. I modeled until I was married and expecting my first of three children (one daughter, the oldest, and two boys) when my husband and I moved to Southern California.

In 1996 with children in tow, I moved back to New Mexico to care for my mother. After she passed, we decided to make New Mexico our home. I was now happily single raising my three children, the best job I ever had.

I opened one, then two, then three boutiques. I was recruited to do a live fashion segment called "Fashion Friday" for NBC, El Paso, Texas for 4 years until selling my boutiques in 2006 and relocating to Colorado to be closer to my brother (my only sibling.)

My daughter was Miss New Mexico Teen and Miss New Mexico. She now lives in Vermont with her husband and my three adorable grandsons. She is expecting her fourth child, a daughter, in May (insert happy dance.)

Both my boys live in Colorado and own their own businesses, neither are married. I see them often, but never, never, often enough.

I moved to Cheyenne 3 years ago (literally as we preparing to shut down for the pandemic) to be with my best

friend and now husband, Tim. We own a transportation company here in Cheyenne along with two cats, four birds and a Boarder Collie, all are rescues.

I'm an artist, animal lover and a novice interior decorator. I enjoy reading but live music is my happy place, if you can't find me, I'm at a concert making friends and singing out of tune...in one of my beloved hats.

Recording Secretary

Lynn McLaughlin



Born in Toronto Ontario Canada during WWII. Moved to Vancouver B.C., where I grew up. Married had a daughter, moved to the USA. Lived in South Carolina and Michigan where I had a son. Moved to Louisiana and became a RN. Taught nursing at LSU Alexandria Louisiana, and UTMB Galveston Texas. While in Galveston I earned a master's degree in nursing. Opened a Nursing home in Huntsville Texas.

I moved back to Alexandria and started a women's Center at Rapides Hospital in Alexandria. Became Director of nursing at LSU Lafayette Louisiana.

Retired Bought an Rv. For next 10 years traveled the USA collecting rock meeting many wonderful and interesting people. During that time, we learned much about the geology of the United States. Moved to Cheyenne about 5 years ago. Joined Civic League four years ago. Love to travel, knit, bake, garden. I also love to do many crafts. Love Wyoming. Hope to serve your as recording secretary.

Corresponding Secretary

Kristie Ackerson



Born and raised in Cheyenne WY. Graduated from East High school. Worked for the State of Wyoming and retired from the State of Wyoming. Married and have 3 kids. Enjoy bowling and traveling. Has been serving as Corresponding Secretary this past year.

Treasurer

Deb Fairchild



Deb Fairchild moved to Cheyenne in 2017 from the region of East Anglia in England. She joined Women's Civic League in 2020 and has been an active member since. She currently is a Realtor working with Keller Williams Realty Frontier.

She was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas and met her husband Clancy when he was stationed at the Air Base there. They were sent to England in 2005 and she resided there until 2017. She has held various jobs throughout the years; over 20 years as bookkeeper and human resources for multiple industries in the US and overseas, Operations manager of a building maintenance company and employment agency, and started in real estate in 2020.

She currently loves her job in real estate because it gives her a more flexible schedule and allows her to serve her community. She sits as President on the Cheyenne Winter Farmers Market board as well as the Laramie County Republic Women's board. She has served on committees in the Civic League and Co-Chaired Christmas House in 2022. She also is active in serving her church group at Cheyenne Church of Christ and leads a women's self-development seminar, SHINE, at her husband's church, Cross T Cowboy Ministries. When she has free time you will find her either playing an Icelandic Viking named Ursula in the Society for Creative Anachronism or making candy in her kitchen.

KINGS SOOPER

Did you know we receive a small check from Kings Sooper quarterly? It's small but helps. Here is how you can contribute. Log in to your Kings Sooper app, click on My Account. Under My Account scroll down to Community Rewards and select GFWC Womens Civic League of Cheyenne for the Organization. If you have any questions contact Linda Stowers, lpstowers54@gmail.com or 307-220-1219

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