

CPGC
May 3, 2018

The meeting was hosted by Liz Callendar, co-hosted by Heidi Robinson, Lorraine Weissman and Shannon Link. Kristin Baker, our President, called the meeting to order and roll call was taken by Kate Oravez. Twenty-three (23) members were present.

A number of announcements were made by Kristin and other members:

1. Shannon announced our account balance of \$1700.
2. We had three guests for the meeting. Heidi Robinson introduced Gayle Hommertzheim. Kate Orvez introduced Beth Ann Parsons and Lynetta Windsor.
3. Kristin provided a report of the GrowHaus tour in April. The tour was attended by six members, given by the executive director, Nathan Mackenzie. During the tour, we observed people shopping in the market, volunteers packaging healthy food, students from the Escuela de Guadalupe learning in the GrowOasis and farmers were harvesting heads of lettuce from the hydroponic and aquaponic gardens for local restaurateurs. Nathan expressed his gratitude for the Club's support and passed along links/information to a few of the items he mentioned during our tour, listed below:
 - Our Roots to Health Seedling Sales are happening on May 12 and 19.
 - Tambien is the monthly-giving membership program that supports The GrowHaus' mission
 - Volunteer opportunities are listed [here](#).
 - Upcoming workshops include [vermicomposting](#) and [home mushroom growing](#).
4. She also reminded members of the change of date for the June meeting to Tuesday, June 5th at Jennifer Van Liere's home, 5 Ivy Lane. The program will be hands-on flower arranging by Plum Sage florists. Please sign-up 2 weeks prior, cost \$45 (includes instruction, one arrangement for member and child/guest, member should bring own vase).

The Program was provided by Mervi Hjelmtos-Koski, a pollinator expert from the Denver botanical gardens. She discussed the Cultivating Minds and Landscapes for Pollinators and explained strategies for protecting and managing land to support pollinators in Colorado. This included the historical study of pollination and her work over the years. Merri explained the process of pollination that occurs in several ways. People can transfer pollen from one flower to another but most plants are pollinated without any help from people. Animals such as bees, butterflies, moths, flies and hummingbirds are pollinators. She also shared public health issues such as allergies and asthma studies. She gave us an understanding of pollination and the remarkable substance, pollen and why it is essential for the survival of most plants.