

BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events

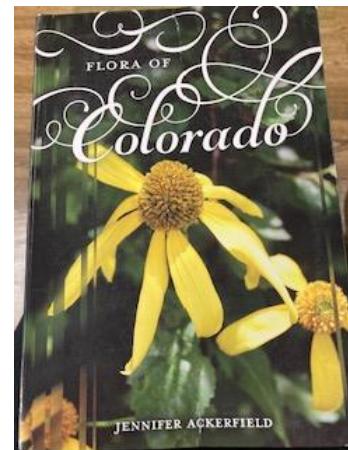
Friday, June 21, 5pm - 7pm Family Game Night/CANCELLED
Thursday, June 19, 6pm General Meeting Board and Officers
Sunday, August 4 Keepers Dinner
Saturday, August 10 Black Forest Festival
Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.
For Line Dancing classes, etc., check bfcommunityclub.org.

Saturday, May 18 Master Gardener Pam Cooley



Above: A bluebird perches on a decorative wood-pecker birdhouse. Right: Wood saysns generally fly near the ground, twisting between and through grasses, small trees and bushes.

The BFCC group of gardeners showed up with questions for Pam who so graciously showed up on a Saturday night for the BFCCs monthly event. She talked about our most common noxious weeds and plants that will grow and prosper at our altitude and semi-arid conditions. After hearing of our frustrations with the vole/pocket gopher situation and how we are drawn to deal with it, she declared us an Elmer Fudd group even though it is all fantasy.



Maybe... **Something** else that caught my attention in one of the books was this cute birdhouse that some of you woodworkers might like to try out.

Members related their successes and how their greenhouses gave them head-starts with our difficult gardening weather.

Pam had a great group of books to pass around and websites to peruse.

<https://sam.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/04/weed-statewide.pdf>

<https://ag.colorado.gov/conservation/noxious-weeds>

<https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/environmental-division/noxious-weeds/>

<https://sam.extension.colostate.edu/topics/weeds/>

<https://cwma.org/>

<https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/351.pdf>

<https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/gardening-resources/online-garden-publications/weed-management/>

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/weed-management-for-small-rural-acreages-3-106/>

[https://www.summitcountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11988/Theistle brochure good?bidId=](https://www.summitcountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11988/Theistle%20brochure%20good?bidId=)

Since the BFCC runs on volunteers, Mack Sharp, former BFCC president and director, stepped up to freshen the doors of the hall. He found a great deal on paint at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. After the logs were re-stained last fall, the painted doors showed the wear and tear of years. Winter's cooler temperatures caused the painting to be postponed until warmer weather. Great job, Mack and Tango.

Jim Collins, Board Member, also did a great job with the four thermostats to the furnaces hanging in each corner. He found that the batteries were not being monitored and has put that on a schedule to check and keep the furnaces running as needed.



NEW ON THE BFCC WEBSITE

A new feature has been added to the BFCommunityclub.org website:

"Classes," which comprises a catalog of courses accessible to all interested individuals. Please take a moment to peruse this section. It includes two distinct exercise classes, music sessions tailored for young children, and a self-protection course. Additionally, there are three opportunities for participation in Scout activities listed. We encourage you to explore these offerings; you may discover something that piques your interest.

STATUS UPDATE: BACKYARD PLANNING PROJECT

BFCC President Leif Garrison had a productive on-site meeting last week with Landscape Architect Kristin Heggem and Surveyor James Brinkman to review and fine-tune the topographical survey of the Backyard area that Mr. Brinkman is in the process of preparing. The participants walked the entire property and reviewed the challenging topography of the site as well as the existing native and transplanted trees and vegetation. Also assessed and discussed were the various structures that have accumulated on the property over the years, as well as the chronic drainage-related issues including the wet/cattail area and related "ditch," the challenges presented by the near-constant driveway erosion, and the badly eroded drainage outflow area on the north side of the property.

Mr. Brinkman presented an initial rough draft of the survey to Heggem and Garrison, and he and Ms. Heggem agreed to various updates and improvements to be made to the final version, which should be ready in the next few weeks. Once she has received the final survey map, Ms. Heggem is expected to consult with Leif about the need for and contents of an initial bid/scope of work for review and potential approval by the BFCC Board and Officers.

Nominations for Keeper of the Keys to The Forest

Start thinking about which Black Forester you think should be nominated as Keeper of the Keys this year. Nominations will begin on June 7 and can be mailed to ***Keeper Election Committee, PO Box 88088, Colorado Springs, CO. 80908.*** Nominations must be postmarked by July 5. Voting will start July 13 and end August 1, 2024. Instructions for voting will be in the next newsletter.

All nominees should have lived in the Forest for at least 10 years, have volunteered in the Forest, and tried to improve our community.

The nomination letter should include your reasons for nominating this person or couple. The winner will be announced and presented with the **Keys and Staff on Sunday, August 4 at the Keeper Pot Luck Dinner starting at 6pm.** More information about the dinner to be presented in the July newsletter and Posters around the Black Forest.
If you have questions or need help in submitting your nomination, call 719 495-3948.



**BLACK FOREST
SUMMER
JAZZ SERIES**

FREE for the whole family

Join us at the Pavilion for fantastic music and dancing

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase

Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the incredible sounds of these very talented groups

Music begins at 6 pm and will transition indoors if the weather turns bad.

6/20 The Bill Emery Band
6/27 Front Range Big Band
7/11 Kicks Big Band
7/18 Swing Factory
7/25 Peak Big Band
8/1 Academy Jazz Ensemble
8/8 Kicks Quintet
8/15 Triple Play

Design by *Stevie Lidderdale*

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2024 Black Forest Festival Outhouse Races Are On!
Saturday, August 10th
The Outhouse Races begin immediately following the parade

The Black Forest Festival Outhouse Races are a local favorite!
More details about entering the 2024 Black Forest Outhouse Races will be available soon.

Firehouse Fundraiser to Benefit the Black Forest Community Club for the Annual Parade July 13 noon to 8pm

To aid in the insurance required to cover the annual parade the Firehouse has decided to do a fundraiser Saturday, July 13 from noon to 8pm. Contact Tess Knoll at 719 686-4223.

History is not there for you to like or dislike.
It Is there for you to learn from.
If it offends you, even better,
Because then you are less likely to repeat it.
It's not yours to erase.
It belongs to all of us.

. Lt Col (ret.) Allen West, West Point Graduate, Florida Congressman

Got a Grouchy Lawnmower? This may be your Solution.

Our new board member, Jim Collins, heard that our BFCC lawnmower was on its last legs. That lawnmower had been donated over 10 years ago by Bill Buckman. Jim's neighbor, James Clary, has a small engine repair and service business here in the Forest. He pronounced our old mower DOA but came up with a self-propelled Husqvarna that he donated to the BFCC. It has new drive wheels, sharpened blade and new drive cable, all at no charge to the Club.

Thank you to Jim Collins for being resourceful AND thank you to James Clary for being so generous.

James Clary is a Black Forest native and starting his own business and obviously community oriented. So next time your machine doesn't even growl at you, think:

Black Forest Small Engine Repair and Service 719 645-5630
<https://www.blackforestsmallengine.com> James Clary, owner



The Club is looking for suggestions for improvements or additions to the Club web page <https://bfcommunityclub.org>. Suggestions can be made at this link:
<https://www.bfcommunityclub.org/webimprov.html>

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application
P.O. Box 88034
Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034
WEBSITE:
www.bfcommunityclub.org

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

Monthly newsletter — (circle one) Electronic Hardcopy
Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

\$15.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$15.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival
Land Use
Publicity
Membership

Hall Maintenance
Club Programs
Hall Rental Management
BFCC Property Development

Pay Your Membership Dues Online! You can now pay your membership dues online via PayPal. Just go to www.bfcommunityclub.org and click on "Become a Member" on the left side of the home page or "Click Here to pay online." You do not have to have a PayPal account to use it. You can choose debit or credit with VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, or AMERICAN EXPRESS. Choose this easy way to pay your membership dues or use the membership form above. **Don't Know If Your Membership Is Current?** Just look at the address label and note the year date in the upper right corner. If it says 2024 or later, you are up to date. For those getting your newsletter by email, there is a similar designation. If you have questions, contact Chuck at 719 495-8675

Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)

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