

In Memory of Joan Franson

1932-2014

Joan Franson joined the CSPCA in May 1979, making her a member of the club for over 35 continuous years. Some of you may not know much about Joan. Joan was a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) for 30 years. She earned and maintained the highest qualifications as a Parliamentarian. She also taught Parliamentary Procedure to others for over 20 years. From the day she joined the CSPCA she volunteered her services as a parliamentarian and was available to help at no charge. She worked for the betterment of the club and had been advising our club for all those years on the proper and correct way to conduct business. She donated thousands of hours of her time to improve the working of the club. Her advice was invaluable to this club and six other national dog clubs as well. In 2013 Joan was awarded a Lifetime Membership by the CSPCA for her long time service to the club.

She was a founding member of the Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club and the first Shar-Pei breeder in the state of Colorado. The club started out as a member of Rare Breed Clubs of Colorado, but officially became a CSPCA Affiliated Club in 1983. Joan also volunteered her services and advice to the Centennial Club from the time she helped start the club through her final days. She was a wonderful and delightful club member.

Gardening, and roses in particular, was another field that Joan was considered as an expert. For over 30 years she was on the board of the Colorado Garden Foundation and helped put on the annual Colorado Garden and Home Show. She designed the first rose garden at Hudson Gardens in Littleton, CO. She has also been district and regional director of the American Rose Society. She and her husband Herb have judged many rose and garden shows all over the country. She also conducted hundreds of rose classes over the years as well. Joan had over 110 varieties of roses in her own personal garden. Through her work with gardening and roses she learned all she could about Mason Bees. Like everything else, she became an expert on the bees, giving lectures about them when asked.

We will greatly miss Joan's help advice, wisdom and dry sense of humor. She was a true asset to both clubs and worked very hard trying to be fair to all club members when giving advice. She easily earned the respect of those that worked with her. Both clubs were better off for having her as a member.

Meeting adjourned sine die. Job well done! Rest in peace.

The following are Joan's designated charities if you would like to make a donation. Be sure to include a note that the donation is in Joan Franson's name so the family can be properly notified.

Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club – Rescue , c/o Louise Watson, 8111 Anchor Drive, Longmont, CO 80504
American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30000, Shreveport, LA 71130, <http://www.rose.org/gifts>
Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, 1556 Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80216-1450
Denver Botanical Gardens- 909 York Street, Denver, Colorado 80206
<http://www.botanicgardens.org/get-involved/donate>



Memorial by the members of the Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club

