

Fall Workday

Our fall Workday is coming up on October 9th. Please find the table for your Community Garden Team and help yourself to breakfast. We'll have a brief meeting during breakfast and then we'll be off to the gardens!

Please dress for the weather and bring whatever tools you like to use. Other useful items to have are gloves, sunscreen, water, trash bags, brooms and deer/elk spray repellent. (For the plants, not for us!)

Please don't hesitate to join in due to knee, back issues etc. Record keeping, plant ID and plant list compilation, and general garden knowledge are all valuable!

If you aren't assigned to a garden, Karen MacFarquhar can help at the meeting or you can call her ahead of time at (303) 670-3749 home or (303) 520-4989 cell.

Vole Adventure

September 28, 2012

Reclaiming my yard. . . .

I'm sure most of my fellow gardeners has experienced the same signs of damage this year from the over population of voles, the extreme heat and drought conditions and limited water supplies. As last spring came forth I was seeing evidence of extensive damage from the voles, now I have always had evidence of voles around and the damage was minimal and the "home remedies" worked pretty well but what progressed throughout the summer was extensive. From my kitchen window I could watch the little critters scamper from one flower bed to another, over the walks and run along the stone walls. I could be standing on the walk way and they would run across my feet. Upon further inspection of the flower beds, it looked like a swathe had ran down the center of them with the trail getting wider by the day till there were paths about a foot wide down the center of all my beds, trails everywhere in the lawn and the rock garden had piles of soil where there weren't piles before. Then to my dismay I found holes and tunnels in my tulip clumps with pieces of chewed up tulips showing up everywhere. Needless to say I was beside myself watching my gardens disappear before my eyes and then the heat and drought was adding to the damage. Not that I can do anything about the

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**Next Meeting
Tuesday
October 9, 2012**

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:15-9:30
Brief Meeting and Breakfast
at 9:30
Work in the Community
Gardens until noon

**Please bring your own
coffee mug!**

Directories will be
available at the October
9th meeting.



Grace Coyveaux makes an announcement about the EGC member directory

Vole Adventure – cont.

heat and drought, there had to be something I could do about the voles. After spending some time searching on the internet I came across this web site that has proven to be a blessing for my gardens. www.volecontrol.com has the answers and I recommend them. After reading all their information and doing the test that they suggest I ordered their bait and bait stations. The bait stations are the answer for they are easy to set up, move around and refill; they are weather proof and only attract rodents (voles, mice, and rats) and are not accessible to other animals and children. Voles do not readily take bait (except for apples, they love apples, which I use in traps) but they take this bait and start disappearing in a few days. It is a Warfarin base bait and they die in their holes and I have not found any bodies to deal with but after 6 weeks of using it I no longer see them or any activity and the swathed trails are filling back in and attempting to bloom and the shrubs that I had to cut back to the ground has put up new growth. I have been gradually filling in their holes, tunnels and trails with no signs of them being reopened and have replanted 120 tulip bulbs to reestablish my clumps. Every Sunday I give thanks for many things as well for finding this product as I refill all the bait stations. It has to be done on a weekly base and continued throughout the winter when they are very active in order to totally eliminate all the colonies. So if you happen by and see me on my hands and knees in the snow (hopeful wishing) I'm not only paying homage to the gods for the blessed moisture but refilling the bait stations. I am very happy with the product and ease of using it and I HAVE RECLAIMED MY YARD after a very disastrous summer.

Please feel free to call me for further information and any questions you have.

Priscilla Chapin 303-697-4140



Guest, Andrea Feldkamp (Beth Feldkamp's daughter) who is an herbalist



Guests, Dave and Karen Weistrum who are organic gardeners

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If you are not assigned to a Community Garden, please contact either:
Karen MacFarquhar - the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator
or the Team Leader in charge of a particular garden

Team Leaders:

Hiwan Homestead Museum, Victorian Garden, Lucy Ginley 3/670-1935 or 3/881-2150

Hiwan Homestead Museum, Herb Garden, Jeff Davidson 3/913-5900

Evergreen Library

Evergreen Metro Water District Garden, Peggy & Dale Fetchenheir 3/674-4759 c: 3/589-6864

Post Office Garden, Paul Luzetski 3/674-7951 c: 3/229-9073

Bergen Park Traffic Circle, Diana Aldridge

Evergreen Metro District Building, Barbara Steger 3/674-0357 c: 3/330-8384

Fire Training Center, Susan Blake 3/670-7718



Frances Sorensen (shown) and Bev Wickland were presented with a Thank You Cake for their work on the Hospitality Committee.



Peggy Fetchenhier tells members about the Forest Heights Lodge annual Xmas event which is sponsored by our club.



Karen MacFarquhar has a community garden announcement.



September's speaker, Terry Walters, shares his knowledge about "Mountain Composting, The Art and Science of Composting at Altitude."

Pinerist Gardening
Arlene Fitterer is a fan of Pinerist Gardening and invites everyone to join in!
"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

If you would like to include something in the **Wild Iris** please send an email to editor@evergreengardenclub.org or call Lucy Ginley home 303-670-1935 or cell 303-881-2150

Minutes Evergreen Garden Club - September 11, 2012

President - Barbara Steger

Co-vice Presidents - Grace Coveyeau, Lynn Dimmick

Secretary – MaryEllen Putnam

Treasurer – Roseann Paslay

Vice-President Lynn Dimmick called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 am.

Welcoming – Grace Coveyeau. Guests were introduced, Dave and Karen Lystrom from Foothills Organic Gardeners, and Beth Feldkamp's daughter, Andrea Feldkamp

Directory available in October. Please pay dues to Grace Coveyeau and check your directory entry.

Next meeting

October 9th – Fall workday – meet here for short business meeting and hearty refreshments.

Secretary - MaryEllen Putnam, not present. The June minutes were accepted unanimously.

Workday, Community Garden Coordinator, Karen MacFarquhar

Karen hopes to have lots of help next week. She thanked all of the workers for the great looking Community Gardens. Special thanks to Jeff Davidson and his team, Lynn Dimmick, for their work on the Herb Garden.

Library Garden, Mary Dickhoff. Didn't replace plants that didn't survive. Had frost damage on a Russian sage, possibly because it came out early.

Firehouse Garden, Susan Blake. Had gophers last season but they disappeared over the winter.

Hiwan Garden, Lucy Ginley. Garden has been looking so-so. Over time has become a shade garden. Would like to remove and replace plants that are no longer suited. Karen McFarquhar suggested giving the plants to other community gardens. Peggy Fetchenhier would like the peonies for the Dam Garden.

Dam Garden, Peggy Fetchenhier. The Master Gardeners won't be at the Dam Garden next year as it was not well publicized or attended.

Traffic Circle, Required hand watering every 3-5 days.

Metro Garden, Beth Feldkamp. Replanted last year using Barbara Steger's design. Metro District added irrigation but the garden was flooded when it failed. Extensive replanting with support of the Metro District.

Sign Committee, Karen MacFarquhar said that they are working on signs for the Community Gardens but that they are waiting on funding from the 2012-2013 budget.

Treasurer - Roseann Paslay, not present, Lynn - Budget will be ready for October meeting.

Fundraising, King Soopers cards - Barb not present, Lynn. May order from Barb Steger in October. Cost of \$20 includes a \$20 credit on card.

Need webmaster

Have EGC Facebook page, we need to have someone to comment or need to get rid of it.

Hospitality

Refreshments - eat now AND later, compliments of our new Hospitality Committee members

Annell Hoy

Dee Sacks

Vivien Michaels-Agnoste

Ana Psenda

Jean Lipson

Passed sign up sheet for food for upcoming meetings. Today's food was provided by Peggy Fetchenhier and the Hospitality committee.

Garden Tour - Barbara Steger, not present. Garden Tour - save the date - Saturday, July 13th

Newsletter - Lucy Ginley. Please send info to Lucy.

Sharing our Gardens – Lucy. Had up to a dozen attendees. We got to know one another better and exchanged garden ideas. Attendance went down after 2 gardens, suggests limiting to 2 on one day.

Historian/Photographer - Susan Blake. Took photos of each Community Garden over the summer. Photos are on justaroundhere.com.

Earth Day - Diana Aldridge, Grace Covyeau, no report.

Publicity - Vail Schaeffer, not present, Pam Hinish, not present. Lindy Doty said that Vail will help until the end of the year. Need someone to volunteer. Vail has a list of publications that have been including our Club information.

Forrest Heights Lodge - Peggy and Dale Fetchenhier. Residential treatment center for 24 boys. Before Christmas take plant and cookie for each boy and talk about how to care for plants.

September 15, 10-12 am. Denver Botanic Garden hike to be lead by Panyoti Kelaidisi. Cherokee Falls.

Meeting adjourned.

Lucy presents cake to Frances Sorenson (and Bev Wickland, not present) on behalf of club and new hospitality committee. In thanks for many years of providing refreshments and decorations.

Presentation

Introduce Terry Walters for program about Composting.

Submitted by Lucy Ginley

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