

# The Wild Iris

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

I gave some thought to the randomness of last years articles and would like to do a series this year that would be a discussion on the Ten Principals of Permaculture. Not so much from a scientific parameter but one of observation and interaction. I hope this proves a little more interesting, and it's also a bit of a cop out as I won't have to wonder what I'm writing about....on the due date, no less for the Wild Iris! Besides, the gals that work putting this together do an OUTSTANDING job of getting the announcements out. Thank you to the many behind the scenes, Jeri, Beth, Liz... the contributors, Karla, Julaine and so many others who've had a hand in its publication. So here goes.

### The first principal of Permaculture: OBESERVE and INERACT

*"In times of great change, learners will inherit the earth, while the learned will be beautifully equipped for a world that no longer exists."*  
Eric Hoffer

A contact from the internet asked me once why I teach. I quickly answered honestly and rather pointedly that "people need to know how to grow food". But a much deeper answer has grown from that question

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## SEPTEMBER 8TH,2009 MEETING & PROGRAM

### "Native Plants for Mountain Communities"

Lenore Mitchell from the CSU Master Gardener Program will present a slide program about wildflowers and native plants that are adapted to mountain gardens. She will tell us about invasive plants to avoid and will give us information about the Native Plant Master program.

Meet at the Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:30 am.

Remember to bring your plants, cuttings, pots etc for the World Gardening Table...And in keeping with being green, your own coffee mug.



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- President—Tina Kellogg
- Vice President—Diana Aldridge
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## NEW MEMBERS

Glenda Cadarette  
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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/02 Cathi Edmund  
9/14 Susan Sheets  
9/16 Pam Hinish  
9/17 Dwight Gilliland  
9/18 Lucille Nelson  
9/21 Gayle Gordon  
9/26 Karen MacFarquhar



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over the years. I don't teach because I think I'm learned; I teach because I made a connection that I just can't help but share.

The garden is a classroom unto itself, the only teacher's presence required is and that of the Mother. Goddess of Green, mother nature, what ever you call that maternal, caretaking energy of the earth, IT'S out there, all you have to do is ask and she'll teach you all that you need to know. IF you have the patience to observe the infinite details of 'nature'; she will teach you. Interact, time is required. Passion, coupled with a strong sense of curiosity will make that time happen for you. Then the obsession kicks in. The need to know drives you to the information you seek. Whether it's through nature or the internet, the knowledge starts pouring in. Through nature and

observation, season after season we learn how to identify seedlings to insure an annuals survival. What's the pull, why do we spend the time? It's the beauty of the previous year's flower that caught our eye in the wild flower mix. "Wow! Look at that one. Hope they're back next year. Hmm, how can I increase the odds? Wonder what the seedlings look like? And its off you go, the need to know only grows!

I say I 'teach'...because it's an easy interpretation of what I do. But I don't teach because I think I'm all that learned; I teach because I made the connection. The one that sparks the curiosity, the understanding that one single wild-flower said "Hey! Look at me, want me to come back next year?"

*OBSERVE AND INTERACT:  
THE FIRST PRINCIPAL IN PER-  
MACULTURE*

## ORCHID CLASS

A presentation about locally grown orchids, from Longmont, Colorado - nothing like the orchids you find at the grocery store.

**Class Fee**—\$20.00 OR buy an orchid during the class presentation and the class is free.

### **When?**

Tuesday Evening: September 15th @ 6pm OR Saturday Morning: September 12th @11am

### **Where?**

Stems, A Flower Shop,  
29005 Upper Bear Creek Road,  
Evergreen, CO 80439  
Phone: 303.674.4996

PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS or with questions.

## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

—REFLECTIONS BY LOUISE —  
MOUNSEY

We are celebrating our 44th year of the Evergreen Garden Club.

How well I remember those many years ago when the decision was that we needed a garden club to learn about gardening in Evergreen. Gretchen Stoepelwerth, the Evergreen Lutheran Church minister's wife and I decided to move ahead for several members of her church had expressed an interest in a gardening club. So we arranged a meeting time at the old public service building which had a hospitality room where many clubs met and arranged an upcoming meeting. I think around ten ladies showed up all of them very enthusiastic about starting an Evergreen Garden Club. Everyone agreed to assume an office or help in some way.

We spent quite a bit of time on our mission statement which was originally written very much the same as it appears today in our current year book. It is remarkable to me that a club can remain very much the same for forty four years and still be as alive and vibrant as it was then.

Our first project was to take over an old railroad tie structure marking the hwy 74/73 intersection. What a challenge! Even though we'd go down quite early there would still be traffic. Some would stop to ask what we were

doing, could they help, and would we like fresh coffee or doughnuts. We ran a water hose down between the buildings where we had permission to get water and hurriedly watered to reduce the numbers of cars running over our hose.

We were soon asked to take over gardens at Hiwan Homestead and the Library which we still maintain today as well as several other beautiful and well kept gardens.

We soon had a plant sale with specimens dug from our own gardens to shout out "Look what we can grow here in all this decomposed granite." We established a World Gardening program and participated in the local Boot Strap Scholarship fund. Very early on we supported the Forrest Heights Lodge Boys. Helping them with their landscaping and teaching the boys about gardening.

Evergreen Garden Club was growing rapidly right along with Evergreen. Our club still has so many interesting gardens, so many involved and so many interesting endeavors. No wonder we have thrived for forty-four years and are still going strong!

Louise Mounsey  
*Founding Member*  
*Member Emeritus*





*Winter Savory*

*Summer Savory*



## GARDENING: SAVORY — THE NAME SAYS IT ALL - *BY JANE MCLEOD*

Before Eastern spices came into common use, savory was valued for its bold, spicy flavor. Before pepper was even discovered, it was utilized as a substitute — albeit a very poor one. It came originally from the mountains and cliffs of southern Europe and the moors of Provence and once again it was the Romans that traveled with it and popularized it in other countries. Lore states that savory belonged to the satyrs, the goat-like woodland deities of ancient myth, who supposedly only lived in meadows of this herb.

There are two types, the perennial winter savory (*Satureja montana*) a small woody evergreen shrub and summer savory (*S. hortensis*), an annual. Both summer and winter savory are equally useful to cooks and are somewhat reminiscent of thyme in both taste and appearance but with bigger leaves.

Summer savory is bushy and low-growing but is the sweeter or softer of the two. Its long narrow leaves (but slightly larger and more rounded than the perennial) grow sparsely along the stems bronzing slightly in late summer. The tiny flowers range from pale lilac to white. It is slow to germinate, but plant summer savory from seed where it will grow — it dislikes transplanting — in a rich, light soil where it will get lots of sun, a fair amount of moisture

and excellent drainage. Pinch lightly at the start to make it bushy and by summer, harvest the tender leaves for salads or add to culinary dishes — especially green vegetables and of these especially green beans. Like a few other herbs, summer savory has carminative properties — you were supposed to have looked that word up by now — that aid digestion and the early colonists used it, as well as dill, almost more for that purpose than flavor. I think it has a unique taste all its own but some detect an undertone of mint, thyme or even marjoram and so summer savory can have everyone munching their greens without complaint.

Winter savory, on the other hand, is a dense hardy subshrub that is evergreen in warmer climates with dark-green leaves that are smaller, stiffer and more pointed than the annual with a distinctive central vein that creates a fold. Winter savory also needs sun, can tolerate poorer soil (say a rock garden) that is well drained and less moisture. Cut back winter savory after flowering and even propagate new plants from cuttings as the plant tends to become spindly and less leafy after two years. Here it would need extra protection in winter or better yet brought indoors. Winter savory is better used in dishes that require longer cooking such as stews and

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soups where the oil in the leaves can release and have a chance to diffuse and become more of an undertone to the dish. It also is particularly good in stuffing's, rubs and the making of sausage and salami.

Now that the satyrs are gone we share savory with the bumblebees, and with a little imagination and experimentation, this herb, with few aromatic peers, will add wonderful flavor not only to our culinary efforts but also to the honey the bees make.

*Jane McLeod is a Master Gardener through the Routt County Cooperative Extension Office. For information: <http://rcextension.colostate.edu> or call 879-0825.*

## ASK THE GARDENER!

**Q** "I planted a mixture of grass seed (5 varieties mixed together), Intermountain Wildflower Blend 2009 and Bio Fertilizer the 2nd week of June and it all came up the middle of July and is still blooming. I bought the seeds at Rocky Mt. Seed Co. at their new location. The trouble is, I don't know if the flower seeds are perennial or annual. I know that the Baby's Breath is an annual, but I don't know about the others. At the end of the season, do I mow them down because they are mixed with grass seed? I know Columbine, Shasta Daisy, Calif. Poppy, Blue and Scarlet Flax and Black-eyed Susan are perennials but what about Prairie Aster, Dwarf Cornflower, Siberian Wallflower, Mountain Garland, Rocky Mtn. Bee Plant, Lance-leaved Coreopsis, Plains Coreopsis, Purple Coneflower, Indian Blanket, Globe Bilia, Iceland Poppy, Rocky Mtn. Penstemon, Calif. Blue Bell, Mexican Hat and Showy Goldeneye? Maybe some of the readers could clue me in on this question." Anxious to learn something new,  
*Lucille Nelson* (This garden is naturally beautiful.)

**A** Regarding the wildflower mix—some seeds are annuals, some perennials, some biennials. To keep the blooming continuous reseeding needs to be done every year.

Throw seeds down during a spring snow storm and the snow will cover the seeds to stop the birds from eating them all. In addition the moisture from the snow will help the seeds plant themselves and they will be ready to bloom in the summer.

*Be Well, Karla*

*send your questions to [Editor@EvergreenGardenClub.org](mailto:Editor@EvergreenGardenClub.org)*

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## MINUTES—JUNE 9, 2009 MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. was held on June 9, 2009 and a quorum of the members was present. Pursuant to Section 7-127-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, the following actions were taken by the majority of voting members of Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. pursuant to the Bylaws:

**RESOLVED**, that the following directors are hereby elected by the members to serve for the 2000-2010 term or until the next annual meeting of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualified:

Tina Kellogg, Diana Aldridge, Dwight Gilliland, Stan Barrett, Liz Barrett, Karla Briggs, Louise Mounsey

**RESOLVED**, that the following persons are hereby elected by the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Directors of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualified:

President: Tina Kellogg

Vice President: Diana Aldridge

Treasurer: Dwight Gilliland

Secretary: Stan Barrett, Co-Secretary & Liz Barrett, Co-Secretary

Past President: Karla Briggs

Member Emeritus: Louise Mounsey

**WHEREAS, THE** Bylaws of the Corporation authorize the securing of insurance policies and the Corporation has obtained liability insurance through State Farm Insurance for a one-year term commencing June 2, 2009, it is:

**RESOLVED**, that securing of said insurance policy and payment of all required premiums be and hereby is ratified and approved.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation donated \$4000 to Evergreen Scholarship Bootstraps, Inc., said donation to be used for a high school scholarship in the Corporation's name;

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation donated \$500 each to the Mountain Research Center, the Evergreen Christian Outreach Center, and the Senior Resource Center for their food banks in December 2008;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Corporation donated \$544.80 to World's Children, Inc., it is:

**RESOLVED**, that said donations by the Corporation be and hereby are ratified and approved.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation's Plant Sale fundraiser generated \$2210.30 in income for the organization, it is:

**RESOLVED**, that said income generated as a result of its fundraiser be and hereby is ratified and approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all purchases, contracts, contributions, compensations, acts, decisions, proceedings, elections, and appointments by the Board of Directors since the last Annual Meeting of Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. be, and the same hereby are, approved and ratified.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Pam Hinish, Secretary*



*Tina & The Memorial Tree from Sundance Gardens*

## GREEN NEWS & REQUESTS

The Evergreen Chamber of Commerce website has a great resource on where to recycle everything from cardboard and paper to hearing aids, washing machines and cooking oil.

Did you know that Cactus

Jacks takes your used cooking oil, every 1st Sunday of the month?

View more information online at

[www.evergreenchamber.org/recycling.htm](http://www.evergreenchamber.org/recycling.htm)

## HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for September 2009 is as follows:

### **2009—2010 Board Members**

*Tina Kellogg, Diana Aldridge, Stan & Liz Barrett, Dwight Gilliland, Karla Briggs, Louise Mounsey.*

Please would you arrive between 8:45 & 9:00 am to help set up the room and be prepared to stay after the meeting for clean-up. THANKS!

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## EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB

The Wild Iris is a free monthly publication for members of the Evergreen Garden Club.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from Sept. to June at Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

For membership information please contact Dwight Gilliland at (303) 679-1846 or Mem-bers@EvergreenGardenClub.org

Newsletter Contributions are due by the 20th of each month to Editor@EvergreenGardenClub.com

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Public Lectures at Denver Botanical Gardens

Darwinians in the Rockies: Three Great 19th-Century Botanists Explore Colorado

With Steve Ruskin  
Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.

Darwin's Galapagos: Garden of Eden or Hell on Earth?

With Dr. Dean Saitta  
Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30-8 p.m.

Bonfils-Stanton Series presents:

'Wilderness as Muse': Selected Readings by Terry Tempest Williams  
Thursday, October 15, 7 p.m.

Rock Garden 'Quintuple Day'

Saturday, October 24, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
See Life-Long Learning for information and to register online.

'Café Botanique'

These lectures create an atmosphere where botanical science, research and art provide communication topics for academia, artists and the general public at Denver Botanic Gardens' Botanical Art and Illustration.

View the Denver Botanical Gardens website for more information  
<http://www.botanicgardens.org/content/public-lectures>

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