



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS



JUNE 2019



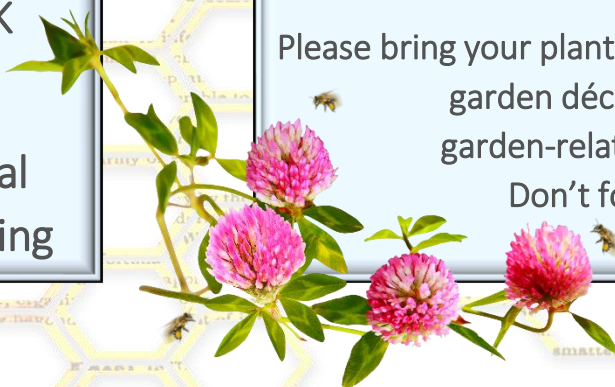
NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
JUNE 11, 2019

BERGEN PARK
FIRE HOUSE

9:00 a.m. Social
9:30 a.m. Meeting

THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE A
PLANT EXCHANGE,
SOCIAL TIME and
CRAZY GARDEN HAT CONTEST!

Please bring your plant divisions, house plants, seeds,
garden décor and/or anything
garden-related to the meeting!
Don't forget your hat!



Evergreen Garden Club Minutes

May 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by President Carol Herczeg. Board members present were Cherie Luke, Kris Waggoner, Cindy Gibson and Susan Garcia. Twenty-three additional members were in attendance.

Welcoming Committee

Donna Moore introduced new members Rhonda Voisinet and Caitlyn Dunbar to our group.

President's Report

Carol Herczeg briefly reviewed our mission statement.

The club sang "Happy Birthday" to our members born in May.

Carol encouraged members to step up and volunteer for the open board positions. She asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Louise Heern will join Joan Evashevski on the committee.

First Vice President's Report

At next month's meeting on June 11, the club will host a plant sale. Members are encouraged to donate extra plants, seeds, bulbs, etc, so that other members may purchase them. All monies collected will be added to the amount that we donate to the vegetable gardens that EChO manages. EChO will be planting their vegetable beds at the Buchanan Community Gardens on May 28, 29, and 30 if members would like to help.

There will also be a Crazy Hat Contest. The board will select a winner in each category : funniest, most unique, and most gardeny hat. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from O'Toole's Garden Center.

Kathryn Boylston will speak in September on "A Few of Our Favorite Things." Cherie reminded everyone to contribute a photo and/or description to her or to Kathryn.

A reminder that everyone who works in one of our gardens must sign a waiver, whether or not they are a member of EGC.

Second Vice President's Report

Mary reviewed the responsibilities of the Second Vice President.

Treasurer's Report

Kris Waggoner gave the financial report for the club. Currently, there is \$2,319.00 in our checking account and \$22,800.00 in the saving's account.

The reimbursement policy was reviewed. The EGC Payment Reimbursement Request can be found on our website. Click on Policies and Forms from the list on the left side of the page. Print a copy, fill it out completely, attach your receipt to the form and mail to the Post Office Box or hand deliver to the Treasurer.

Kris has paid the insurance bill for this year.



Evergreen Garden Club Minutes (Continued)

May 14, 2019

Treasurer's Report (Continued)

As we are not participating in the Rodeo this year, the \$250 that was budgeted for that was redirected to our charitable giving gift to EAS+Y.

The funds that we have received so far from the King Soopers and Safeway Community Reward Programs are much lower than what we have received in previous years. To date, we have received \$151.00. Last year we received \$776.00. Kris reviewed how members can sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program on-line. As a reminder, the club receives 5% of the money that we spend on groceries or gas.

We have received \$152.00 from purchases made at the EChO table so far. Kris hopes that donations from the June Plant sale will help to increase the amount that we pass on to EChO. Kris would like to reimburse \$15.00 to the first-time new members who have joined since January 2019 according to our policy.

Secretary's Report

Cindy Gibson asked for approval of the April minutes as printed in the Wild Iris. The minutes were approved without additions or corrections.

Cindy reported that Susan Blake has had recent surgery. Anell and Joan gave additional information.

Technology Officer's Report

Susan Garcia would like to create a music video for our website. She is looking for volunteers to recreate "Can't Stop that Feeling" music video by Justin Timberlake. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Hospitality Committee

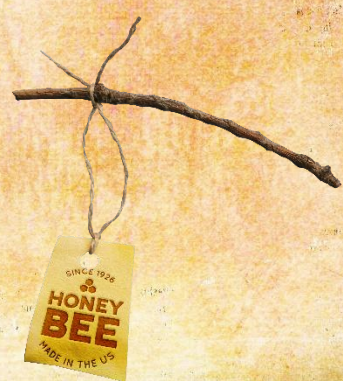
For our May work day, Anell created a flower arrangement held by a watering can that was surrounded by decorative garden tools.

Anell thanked all the food donors and passed around a sign-up sheet for treats for our June meeting.

Carol announced that the installation of new board members will be held at the next meeting. By the end of the meeting, Joan had recruited Janice Theobald as the new Secretary and Donna Moore as the new Second Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. for members to work in their respective gardens.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Gibson, Secretary
Evergreen Garden Club





THANK YOU! To the EGC members who gave their time and effort to tidy-up the community gardens after our May meeting.

MANY THANKS to this year's board and all our hard-working committee chair-persons!



Plant Select

Taking the 'guess-work' out of planting!



Plant Select is a collaborative venture by Denver Botanic Gardens and Colorado State University aimed at identifying and distributing the best plants for the Rocky Mountain Region.

While all are not necessarily native, the plants are evaluated on their performance in a wide range of garden situations in the Rocky Mountain Region along with their ability to adapt to its challenging and unique climate.

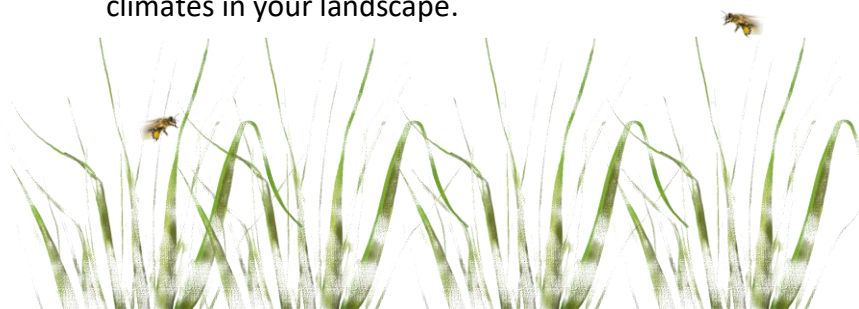
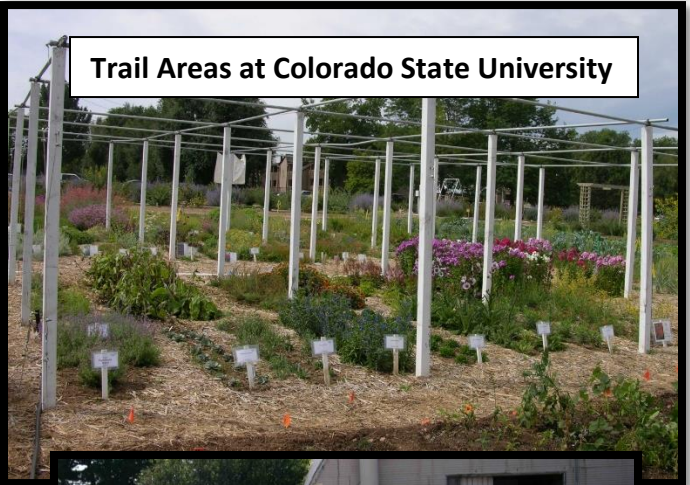
Trail areas at Denver Botanic Gardens in Chatfield and CSU in Ft. Collins, test the plant's ability to not only adapt but thrive under intensive sun, low water conditions, ease of propagation without the threat of invasiveness and resistance to pests, just to name a few.

Choosing Plant Select varieties helps take some of the guess work out of 'what will grow at this altitude'. The first step in choosing is familiarizing yourself with the Plant Select varieties and then matching up the plant's needs with the conditions in your own garden. Remember that the elevation or zone recommendations given may vary from garden to garden depending on the micro-climates in your landscape.

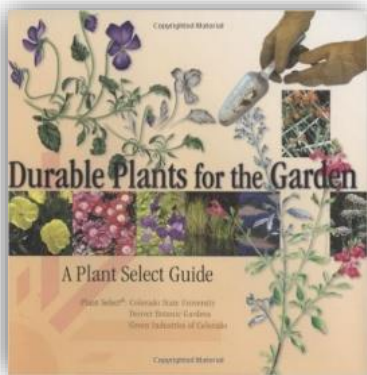
Trail Areas at Denver Botanic Gardens
Chatfield



Trail Areas at Colorado State University



While zones 3 and 4 are considered to be most likely to succeed at our Clear Creek and Jefferson County altitudes, large rocks or walls of buildings will offer protection from the wind and absorb the daytime sun and heat, keeping the plants warm at night. Thus, a zone 5 plant that might typically never make it through an Evergreen winter, may thrive in a protected pocket of the garden or landscape. The Plant Select plant varieties and how to grow them are listed in detail on their website. There is also a beautifully illustrated book called *'Durable Plants for the Garden A Plant Select Guide'* available from Amazon for around \$10.00 that features the first 74 plants promoted by Plant Select.



You won't find Plant Select varieties in any of the big box stores. There are approximately 65 licensed propagators in 17 states and Canada. So, the second step will be finding them! Once you have decided on what plants you would like to try, you may have to call your favorite nursery or garden center in the spring to see if they carry Plant Select. Some Plant Select varieties are typically available at the O'Tooles in Lakewood and Arvada. If you have a particular variety in mind, you can call the O'Tooles in Lakewood and ask for Sue. She may be able to order it for you. There is also a list of Plant Select retailers on the Plant Select website.

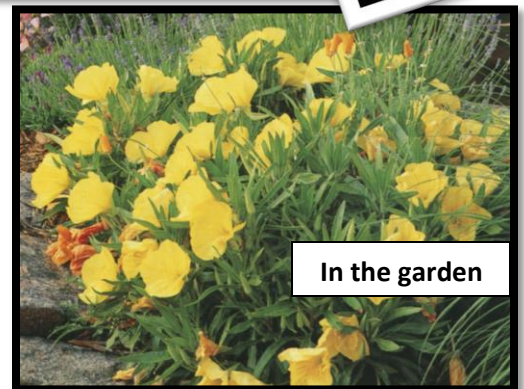
Would you like to see a Plant Select garden in bloom?

Stop by the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden and park near the main entrance where you will see a large wooden information box, which looks somewhat like a large birdhouse. This is where you enter the garden. There are dozens of Plant Select varieties planted there. Each is identified, so you can see exactly what it looks like in the garden and the approximate time it will be blooming (most likely it will be blooming a bit earlier in Golden than in Evergreen).



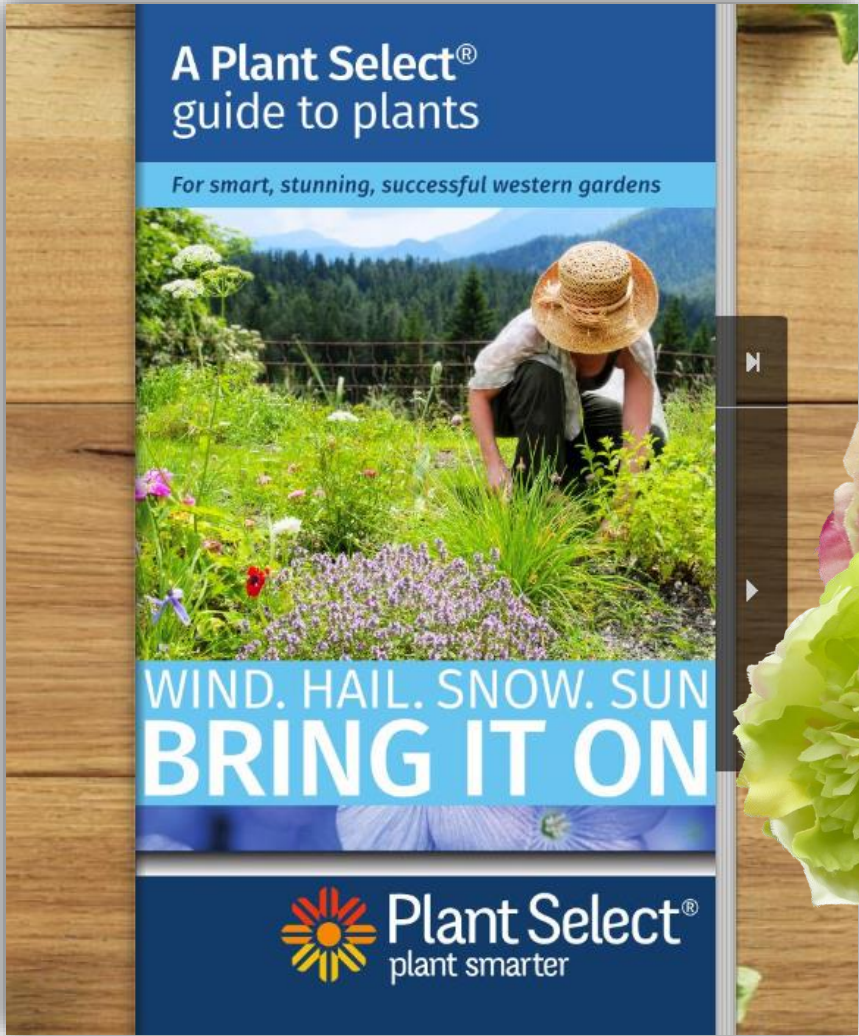
Be warned, however, that once you find your Plant Select selection you may be somewhat disappointed. This is where doing your homework comes in very handy! Plant Select varieties, like most natives, have very poor visual appeal (comparatively) in garden centers. They often have narrow leaves (so they need less water and resist hail damage) and may not yet be in bloom. (Most perennials blooming in May or June in garden centers may not necessarily be blooming in May or June when they return the following year in an Evergreen garden.) Now is the time to be strong and shop informed! Try to keep in mind what you know the variety will ultimately end up looking like.

Case in point: the photo at the top left shows what three xeric, native and/or Plant Select selections typically look like at the local garden center. Not exactly something everybody is running over to purchase, right? But in the picture below, we can see how beautiful those same or similar plants can look (and more importantly thrive) in a natural setting; all with the added bonus of needing less water once established.





New plants are added every day. Visit <http://plantselect.org/> for more detailed plant options, free downloadable design plans and so much more! This 52-page guide (below) is available on the website and can be viewed electronically or printed free of charge.





Volunteers are needed
this summer to help
water and maintain the
Fire Station Garden!

Please contact Peggy Bertrand at
peggylbertrand@gmail.com
If you would like to help!

Thank you!!

SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!



When we return in September,

Kathryn Boylston

Will be giving a presentation featuring

“Our Favorite Things”

It can be any garden-related favorite; a plant, a tool, a
garden ornament - even your 15-year-old garden hat!

Please send your photo and a brief description to

Cherie Luke at cherie7651@gmail.com



DBG ROAD TRIP!

Join your fellow EGC members
for a day at the
Denver Botanical Gardens!
June 18, 2019

Interested members please
meet at the
**Bergen Park n Ride at
8:30 am to carpool**



The Gilpin County Plant Sale
will be held on June 8
from at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the Extension Office.
230 Norton Drive
Black Hawk, Colorado



Anthophora penicillata

Anthophora dufrenoyi



Pretty Combinations Worth Repeating

From Gardenia



**Papaver oriental
'Raspberry Queen'
(Oriental Poppy)
Zone 3**



**Salvia nemorosa
'Caradonna' (Sage)
Zone 4**



**Allium 'Globemaster'
(Ornamental Onion) Zone 5**



**Iris 'Venita Faye'
(Bearded Iris)
Zone 3**

Share

Share your garden this summer!

Contact Cherie Luke at
cherie7651@gmail.com
to arrange.

Louise Heern will be sharing her garden
Thursday June 27, 2019
From 9 am – 11:00 am
(directions to follow)
louiseheern@gmail.com

your

GARDEN



JUNE 11, 2019 EGC MEETING



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for purchase by other members.

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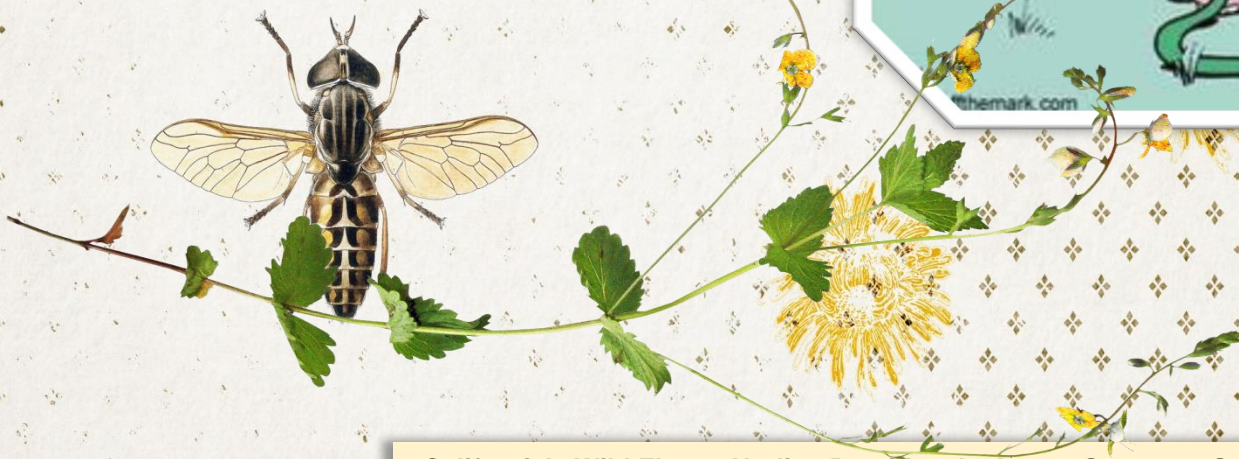
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California's Wild Flower Hotline Provides the Latest Scoop on Super-blooms

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/california-wildflower-hotline>

Submitted by Kristina Sherwood

A 'Century Plant' in Chicago is having an Epic Growth Spurt

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**THE HOLLY BERRY
SUNDANCE GARDENS
LANDSCAPE &
ARCHITECTURE
WILDFLOWER CAFE**

**STEMS
ECHO DESIGNS
EVERGREEN
GOLDSMITHS**

**NELLYBELLE
GO PAINT!
STEPHEN PARKS
GOLDSMITH & FINE
JEWELER**

**JAVA GROOVE
JP TOTAL
EVERGREEN BANK
BEAUJOS**

*A special thank you to all who contributed to the Wild Iris.
Wishing you all a great summer of Happy Gardening!*

*See you in September!
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