

The Wild Iris

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

Thanks to everyone for all of your efforts to continue to beautify Evergreen!

I'm looking forward to the Garden Club workday, coming up on Tuesday, October 12th and I hope that all of you are too! It's a chance to get out in the dirt with fellow gardeners and share the successes, failures and comedies of the past gardening season. (Think elk and squirrels) As we have done for the past few years, we will meet for breakfast at the Fire Station at 9:30 and then go to work in the Community Gardens.

I know that everyone can't do the bending and digging, but I hope that that won't stop any of you from continuing to be involved in the Community Gardens! Please check with the contact person for your garden to see what you can do, or suggest what you would like to help with. Maybe you can share advice or tools, or keep a record of what has been done in your community garden this year. Making phone calls, taking photos or coordinating workdays would be other ways to be involved. Another important task is spraying deer/elk repellent. It doesn't take a lot of time but it can make a huge difference in the beauty of our gardens.

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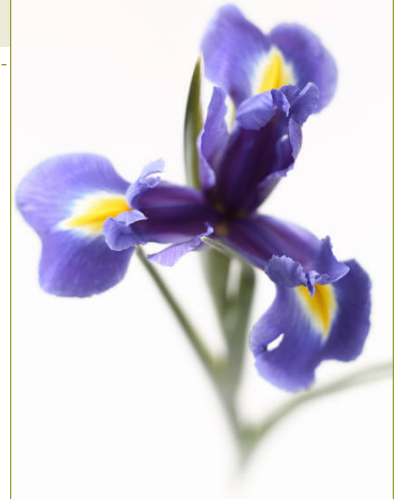
OCTOBER 12TH, 2010 MEETING & PROGRAM

“Workday”

If you are not signed up please contact either: the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator - Karen MacFarquhar or the volunteer in charge of a particular garden! (See pages 21-22 of your year book.)

Meet at the Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:30 am for breakfast and a short business meeting, then we will go out and work in the gardens. Bring your garden tools and gloves.

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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2010-2011 OFFICERS

- President—Lucy Ginley
- Vice President—Diana Aldridge & Anne Hittle
- Secretary—Nancy Latimer
- Treasurer—Dwight Gilliland
- Past President—Tina Kellogg
- Member Emeritus—Louise Mounsey

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Hilarie Anderson

Liz Emmer

Joan Evashevski

Nancy Latimer

Roseann Paslay

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Meredith Bossert

10/28 Marilyn Kaussner

10/23 Laura McReynolds



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Also, the Garden Club received an email from sunshineflower-bulb.com. They offer a wholesale flower bulb coop program. They claim that we could save 50 - 75% off retail and also put additional

revenue share back to the garden club. We'll discuss this at the next meeting. It will be a good time to contact the bulb company if we decide that we're interested.

Happy Gardening!

Lucy Ginley

FLOWERS FOR A FRIEND

The committee has met many times over the summer and we now have a preliminary budget, fundraising ideas/plan and buy-in from other Evergreen organizations.

The Budget needed is approximately 32-35K. We have 5K from an anonymous donation. The process could take 3-5 years.

We have a \$1000 photograph of "Flowers for a Friend" sculpture that Eric Bakke did for us. Eric has done photography work for Arts for the Mountain Community and was recommended to us by them. He donated his time/energy and charged us \$90.

We have several corporate sponsors who are being approached. Arts for the Mountain Community has shared these names and will be helping us with fundraising ideas, their donor list and has agreed to maintain and insure the piece once it is placed.

No site has been chosen although we would love to have more Evergreen Gardening Club members attend our next meeting on Oct 6th to give their input on placement, fundraising, etc.

Center for the Arts (Steve Sumner) has offered to allow us to kick off our fundraising by dovetailing on to one of their Art Shows. We are planning a Grand Opening Reception at the Center for the Arts at the Bergen Park facility. It will be a wine & cheese event unveiling the two Marquette's (the little girl and the Flower's for a Friend piece). This will be the first event where the Marquette's will be for sale.

EG Club members will be given a 10% off their purchase of either Marquette order thru end of Dec. If you want a Marquette for Christmas, it must be ordered by Dec 1st due to the time needed to create.

There are 18 small little girl versions available for \$600 and the 20 large Woman/Girl Marquette for 2K.

In addition to the 10% off for EGC members, 10% of all proceeds generated will go back to the EGC general fund.

Along with the Grand Opening reception at the Center for the Arts in Oct/early Nov, we will be

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COMMUNITY GARDENS—BEFORE & AFTER



Bergen Park Traffic Circle Garden, June 2010 &
Bergen Park Traffic Circle Garden, August 2010



Fire Training Center Garden June 2010 &
Fire Training Center Garden August 2010



Evergreen Metro District Garden June 2010 &
Evergreen Metro District Garden September 2010



Photos by Susan Blake



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

BIRD BUSINESS BY IRMA WOLF

Along with feeding birds, we have furnished a large dish full of water. But there are many better products for watering birds, available from the Evergreen Wild Bird Store below. To our delight, the birds have found it, and stand in line waiting to drink. Bigger birds have priority and little birds have to wait their turn. Sometimes the bigger birds “hang out” at the dish as if they own it, while the waiting line gets longer. The water disappears in a couple days and needs to be replenished often. During a dry spell like the one we're experiencing now, the watering traffic is heavy. We see many species in one day. From our kitchen window we can tell if the water needs replenishing by how far the birds are bending down to get their drink.

I put a flat rock in the middle of the dish, so little birds can stand and bathe without plunging too deeply into the dish. The bluebirds are the most hygienic, as they are the only species we've seen taking baths. My husband teases that they should have more manners than to bathe in others' drinking water. As of this writing, there were seven bluebirds drinking and bathing at the same time.

The water dish needs to be near cover, and should be scrubbed at least once/week. The branches of our pine tree extend over the dish, so they can jump down quickly and make a fast getaway, or wait until their turn while others are drinking. Sometimes we count the number of times a Jay will dip for a drink. Another observation we've made about flickers is that they dip for a drink and then point their beaks to the sky to let the water trickle down their throat. But they will first scan the area for about a minute, to be safe, before indulging. The crows hang out longer than the others, and sometimes dunk bread found from other sources, into the water to make it easier to swallow. The chickadee will drink even if we're 3' away. The Jay will announce his presence.

So, if you're tired of watching the cable channel, or seeing our Broncos or Rockies lose, put out a dish of water for entertainment. The Evergreen Wild Bird Store carries all sorts of bird-watering products, from \$22 and up. Visit John Sears for a complete explanation and choice of products for summer and heated winter watering. Our feathered friends will thank you.



USE 'WEEDY; NATIVE PLANTS TO FIGHT NOXIOUS WEEDS

By Irene Shonle, Director of CSU Extension in Gilpin County - reprinted from the Landowner Newsletter, Summer 2010

Warm weather and rain are bringing out the weeds. Many different kinds of weeds are now showing up along highways, public lands, and in private yards. Some of these “weeds,” however, are not noxious. In fact, they’re not a problem at all! These are the “weedy” native plants that, before the advent of our noxious weeds from Eurasia, once filled in the gaps opened by soil disturbances. Back then, these disturbances might have been from trees falling, fires, floods, animals, or other factors. Today, roads, other construction, septic system installations, etc, tend to be what causes the disturbance, and, sadly, noxious weeds often jump to fill in the disturbed soil.

Because weedy natives (more properly called early successional species) behave so much like their noxious counterparts, people often become alarmed and think they must actually be a noxious weed. Instead, these plants are just well adapted to colonizing disturbed areas. If left in place they can often prevent noxious weeds from coming in. What’s more,



Gumweed

they frequently act as “nurse” plants. These are plants under which the germination and survival of more “permanent” species are more likely because of the increased shade, soil moisture, and nutrients. One early successional plant that has been causing quite a few visits to my office lately is Scorpion weed (*Phacelia heterophylla*). This is an ungainly plant with stiff hairs and a strange looking flower. In bare ground, it can spread aggressively – but this, as you’re learning, can be a good thing. Unless you have immediate plans to replant that bare ground with something else, consider leaving it to keep the weeds out. Eventually, other plants (often prettier) will germinate underneath it, and will replace the scorpionweed.



Pineapple Weed

Other early successional native plants that look and act weedy but are helpful in filling empty spaces are gum-

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We're happy to welcome Nancy Latimer as our secretary! Stan and Liz, thanks for being our Secretaries last year, you can now relax!



MINUTES—JUNE 8, 2009 MEETING

The meeting was opened at 9:36 by President Lucy Gingley. Lucy welcomed several guests and new members.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Presidents Report: Diana Aldridge will be keeping the corrections for the yearbook, please check the current year book and send any correction to her. You can email her at dianaaldridge@comcast.net.

Another request was made to help out for the open position of Secretary.

Secretary's Report: There was no report as the position is still open.

Treasures Report: Dwight Gilliland presented a summary of the activity and balances of the Clubs bank accounts. With no garden sale last year we don't have the additional funds we hoped for to donate to charity. The Garden Tour costs and proposed income has been transferred over into this coming years budget. As some things can be reused and not have to be paid for again – like the tickets, then we will not have as much expenditure. We still have 455 usable tickets (we will change the date and reuse) and \$350 of the ticket sales were given as a donation to the club.

BUSINESS

Garden Tour co-coordinators for next year are Barbara Steger & Karen McFarquhar.

A presentation was given by the Flowers for a Friend Sculpture Committee an update will be in the next Wild Iris. to help on the committee please contact Sandy Swan swany39@hotmail.com

The recent letter in the Courier caused some concerns from members, however Lucy said the club has not been officially approached for the work they suggest and it would go to the members to vote if we were.

Traffic Circle and other gardens should NOT have signs planted in them for open houses or anything else. Contact CDOT and complain if you see them and ask they be removed.

Lucy thanked everyone that has worked so hard in the community gardens this year, they are AMAZING!

If you are not getting the Wild Iris please let Beth or Jeri know and you will be added to either the email list or mailing list.

World Gardening – bring seeds from the gardens on work day. Put them in an envelope and label them with place and flower name.

New Facebook page is up, become a fan to see photos and info.

Shred your old yearbooks – they have sensitive info contained in them and we do not want that to be found in a trash can somewhere.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and a presentation by Jan Murphy was given on "An Historical Overview of Evergreen's Gardens & Gardeners"

Submitted by Liz Alumbaugh (standing in for secretary)

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weed (*Grindelia squarrosa*), tansy aster (*Macaeranthera bigelovii*), common evening primrose (*Oenothera villosa*), fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*), yarrow (*Achillea lanulosa*), foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*), and pineapple weed (*Matricaria discoidea*). Consider enlisting the help of these sometimes cosmetically-challenged native species to fight your weed battle for you! Pineapple weed Gumweed.

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rotating the little girl Marquette between Evergreen art galleries. With the photo we now have, note cards and posters will be created.

On going fundraising will occur approaching the corporate sponsors. Our second round of fundraising next Spring will be a Spring/Summer garden events. We will invite the EGC members and the public to various gardens for garden tea and dessert, wine/cheese or light lunch. A fee will be charged and there will be limited tickets sold for each event.

At each Spring/Summer event, pictures of each garden (with a Marquette) will be taken and note cards created to be used for additional fundraising.

We have a very talented graphic designer that is willing to donate his time/energy for very little cost to create note cards, website links, Face book fan page, Blogging sites, etc

We have contacts in the Denver Post, Mountain newspapers to create publicity pieces and awareness of the Flower's for a Friend sculpture efforts.

Our 3rd round of fundraising will involve the purchase of bricks and/or engravings that will be near or around the Flower's for a Friend final placement.



HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for October 2010 is as follows:

Ruth Alford, Sharon Eves, Linda Ringrose, Lucille Nelson, Vivian Michaels, Lousie Mounsey, Barbara Steger, Nickie Meinert, Arlene Fitterer

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 Members@EvergreenGardenClub.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10th FOOTHILLS ENERGY FORUM: PERSONAL CHOICES, PERSONAL SAVINGS

350.org and the Green Team at E H S are sponsoring the Foothills Energy Forum at Evergreen High School on October 10 2010 from 12 – 5pm -

Topics include Home Energy, Transportation and Lifestyles

Everyone welcome –free admission and refreshments.

More information at

<http://www.350.org/en/foothills-energy-forum>

October 21st: Stems hosts their Autumn Open House with Aspen Specialty Catering. Call for details 303 674 4995

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