

# The Wild Iris

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

I hope that all of you have had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming Holidays! Our December Party/meeting will showcase the talents of our members, so I invite you to bring something to share-please see the article in this newsletter about the meeting.

As you prepare for this Holiday Season I hope that you will take a few minutes to anticipate next year’s Garden Season. I like to think of the Garden Club as “friends who like to play in the dirt”, but I would like to know what the Garden Club is to You! I hope that all of you will give me your ideas and suggestions so that the Garden Club can continue to offer something for everyone!

See you at the Party!

*Lucy Ginley, President*

## DECEMBER 13TH, 2011 “HOLIDAY PARTY”

December 13th is our annual holiday party. Come enjoy the special decorations, games, and refreshments. We’ll, also, have an opportunity to admire, hold, and even purchase the handiwork and crafts created by some of our very own talented members.



Grace Coveyeau and Lynn Dimmick (co-vice presidents) - photo by Susan Blake

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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### 2011-2012 OFFICERS

- President—Lucy Ginley
- Vice President/s— Lynn Dimmick & Grace Coveyeau
- Secretary— Gina Kokinda
- Treasurer— Open
- Member Emeritus—Louise Mounsey



Paul Luzetski tells members about the 2012 Master Gardeners calendar which is for sale.

## 2012 GARDENER'S CALENDAR



From the Master Gardeners of Jefferson County.

**Only \$13.00 + \$2.25 for USPS shipping**

...for a year filled with education and tips for outdoor and indoor

gardeners. You'll find sources and information on spring and fall planting, winter care and summer harvesting of flowers and vegetables. There is space to follow your gardening activities from planting to enjoying the fruits of your work. You can follow the lunar cycles, be prepared for holidays and make note of those important events. This calendar is available for purchase at these locations:

### **Jefferson County Extension Office**

15200 W. 6th Ave.  
Golden, CO

### **Timberline Garden Center**

11700 W. 58th Ave.  
Arvada, CO

### **O'Toole Garden Center**

1404 Quail St.  
Lakewood, CO

## FUNDRAISER

### **King Sooper Fund Raiser for EGC**

At December's meeting, \$20.00 Gift Cards for King Sooper will be available for purchase. King Sooper will donate 5% of the purchases made with these cards to EGC.

These cards are reloadable at King Sooper's Customer Service and should not be tossed away after use. An Iris sticker on each card will help you remember not to discard it. Each card's number is connected to our club. There is no expiration on the card.

This is a simple way to get a little extra in the bank with little effort on the part of our members. Cash or checks made to Barbara Steger will be accepted. If you can't make the meeting, but would like a card, please give Barbara a call, or email her. 303-674-0357 [barbara.steger@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.steger@gmail.com).



## NOVEMBER MEETING—PHOTOS BY SUSAN BLAKE



### “There Are No Stupid Questions”

Louise Mounsey tells the members about her favorite plant, the peony, with members of the panel (l to r) Susan Blake, Karla Briggs, Arlene Fritterer, and Paul Luzetski.



Karla Briggs answers a question from the audience.



Arlene Fitterer answers a gardening question.

### **T**alented Ones,

Do you have a craft or hobby that you'd like to share with the members of the club? Please feel free to bring to the December holiday party whatever it is you do when you're not down and dirty in the garden. If you have enough to sell we'll make space for your display and time for you to tell us all about it.



How good was this month's food? The best, you bet.



Barbara Steger and her newly acquired “mystery plant”.



Celebrate— purchase beautiful table decorations by Stems Flower Shop on Meadow Drive. Dori also take special requests for holiday decorations. Call 303-674-4995



## GARDENING BOOKS

This is an outstanding list of favorite gardening books that have made the cut with our decades-experienced November panel of gardeners. If you want to cozy up with some of these recommendations before spring planting think Jefferson County libraries, the Denver Botanic Garden library, and you might even be able to find some in Kathryn Boylston's personal lending collection at Sundance by Design after they re-open March 1st.

### FROM KARLA BRIGGS

- ◆ Greenhouse Gardener's Companion, by Shane Smith
- ◆ Success with House Plants, from Reader's Digest
- ◆ The Xeriscape Flower Gardener, by Jim Knopf
- ◆ Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape!, from City of Aurora, CO & Denver Water Department, Denver, CO

### FROM PAUL LUZETSKI

The following publications are informative for identification purposes, helpful towards the planning aspects of one's particular garden areas, and insightful regarding the creative joys and challenges associated with gardening in this geographic region:

- ◆ Trees of Colorado - Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela
- ◆ Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West, by Marcia Tatroe
- ◆ The Undaunted Garden, by Lauren Springer
- ◆ Passionate Gardening, by Lauren Springer & Rob Proctor
- ◆ Durable Plants for the Garden - A Plant Select Guide, by CSU/Denver Botanic Gardens/Green Industries of Colorado
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Flora - The Colorado Mountain Club Field Guide, by James Ells
- ◆ The Complete Book of Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, and Rhizomes - A Reader's Digest Book
- ◆ The Experts series of books, such as, The Bulb Expert, by Dr. D. G. Hesayon

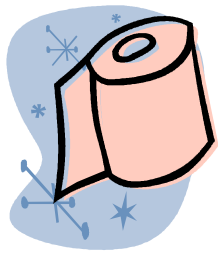
### FROM ARLENE FITTERER

Paul and Karla have sent most of the books I like - just a couple of additions:

- ◆ Perennials for Dummies, by Marcia Tatroe
- ◆ Rock Gardens, by John Kelly

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# Evergreen Christian Outreach—Needs List for Dec.



## TOILET PAPER DRIVE

At the holidays, many of us participate in the local food drives, but I just found out that one of ECHO's biggest needs is toilet paper! They have to drastically limit the number of rolls per family (which is hard for me to comprehend). Let's try to fill a couple of cars full of toilet paper for the families in our community. Bring what you can to our December meeting.

- Karen MacFarquhar

## Holiday Dinner-December 2011\*\*

Small Boneless Hams	Frozen Pies	Refrigerator Rolls
Instant mashed potatoes	Cool Whip (frozen)	Frozen Vegetables
Sugar Cookies to Bake & Decorations		

## Everyday Needs-December 2011\*\*

Canned Pork n Beans	Spaghetti's	**Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Sauce	Sugar	Dish Soap
Canned Chili	Canned Stew	Tooth Brushes
Canned Fruit (esp. Pineapple)	**Cold Cereal	Bath Soap
Laundry Detergent	Deodorant	

\*\*We are happy to start receiving non-perishable items now. Please donate any 'perishable' items starting Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Needed Items for St. Raphael's House+ (\*\*Critical Needs)

Winter Outdoor Living Equipment (Tents, Sleeping bags, Wool, Camping Gear)	Christmas Gifts, Gift Wrap	Bows, Holiday Misc.
**Children's Coats	Space Heaters	
**Snow Pants for Adults & Children	King and Queen Bedding	
**Clean Winter Clothing for All	Bath Towels	
**New Underwear & Socks for All	Kitchen Misc. (Silverware,	
**Women's Snow Boots	Can Openers,	
Men & Boys' Sweat Pants	Drinking Glasses	
Men's Work & Snow Boots	Pots & Pans	
**Men's Jeans	Area Rugs	
	Kitchen Appliances (small)	

+Donations appreciated during regular business hours only! We no longer accept donations after hours due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.

**Volunteers Always Needed! Call 303-670-1796**  
**Evergreen Christian Outreach P.O. Box 1515, Evergreen, CO 80437**

## MINUTES—NOVEMBER 8TH 2011

About 30 members present.

Grace Coveyeau, co-vice-president called the meeting to order.

Ginger Summers introduced herself as a guest.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 11, 2011 meeting, as presented in the Wild Iris, be approved.

Dwight Gilliland presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012. He pointed out that the amount designated for the community gardens could differ as the actual garden needs are revealed. He, also, said that the garden club spends about \$2,500. a year more than the dues bring in. Discussion followed about how to increase membership and raise money for the club other than, or in addition to, the bi-annual garden tour and plant sale. Paul Luzetski suggested contacting high schools for student education and participation. Karla Briggs suggested that the Evergreen Garden Club could team up with Evergreen Alliance for Sustainability + You (EAS+Y) to promote community gardening. More advertising in the free papers was suggested. Dwight noted in the discussion that the policy of the garden club is to make available for consideration to give to charities the amount by which the sum of the checking and savings accounts exceeded \$10,400. This year there was a small amount and Dwight recommended that we not give it to charities. This recommendation is reflected in the budget (no amount is included in the budget for this). It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved. The budget passed. Grace Coveyeau offered to scan past minutes for policy decisions made about contributions to other causes.

Paul Luzetski promoted the sale of calendars to benefit the Junior Master Garden program.

Karla Briggs, committee head for Natural Resources, announced the next EAS+Y meeting, Thursday, November 10th at 8:00 a.m. at the Bergen Park Fire Station. The speaker will be Michael Brownlee, promoting awareness of sustainable living and building local ecological resilience. She also suggested that information concerning government legislation concerning pesticides could be found online at [subscribe@panna.org](mailto:subscribe@panna.org). She also announced the meeting at Buchanan Rec Center concerning community gardens.

Bev Wickland, co-chair of the Hospitality Committee, asked that members bring non-perishable items for ECHO food bank in December.

After refreshments, the panel of experienced high altitude gardeners - Louise Mounsey, Susan Blake, Arlene Fitterer, Karla Briggs, and Paul Luzetski - took the floor and adroitly fielded questions about all things gardening in Evergreen.

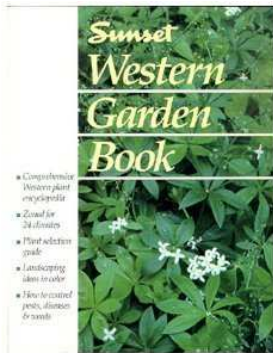
The meeting adjourned.

- ◆ Gardening without Work, by Ruth Stout, an oldie but charming and fun.

**FROM SUSAN BLAKE**

The following books I have found helpful over the years of my gardening here in the west:

- ◆ Rodale's "Landscape Problem Solver, A Plant-by-Plant Guide," by Jeff and Liz Ball



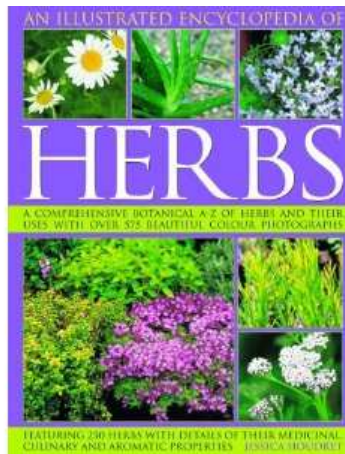
Springer

- ◆ Western Garden Book , by Editors of Sunset Magazine
- ◆ The Well-Tended Perennial Garden, Planting and Pruning Instructions, by Tracy DeSabato-Aust
- ◆ Rodale's "Flower Garden Problem Solver, Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs and Roses," by Jeff and Liz Ball
- ◆ The Undaunted Garden, by Lauren

- ◆ Gardening the Southwest: How to Care for Your Land While Growing Food, Beauty and Medicine, by Carole Tashel
- ◆ Simon and Schuster's Guide to Orchids
- ◆ Reader's Digest Guide to House Plants

**FROM LOUISE MOUNSEY**

- ◆ Rodale's Book of Gardening
- ◆ The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs: Their Medicinal and Culinary Uses



**HOSPITALITY BITES**

The hospitality team for December 2011 is as follows:

*Paul Luzetski, Karen McFarquet, Jeri Dufford, Lindi Doty, Susan Blake & Joy Young..*

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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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.

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