



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

April 2015



Next Meeting
Tuesday
April 14th, 2015

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:00-9:30
Meeting at 9:30 am

April Birthdays

Jeff Davidson
Jeri Dufford
Cindy Gibson
Jo Overton
Bev Wickland
Jean Lipson
Louise Mounsey

50th Anniversary Party

May 12th, 2015

It's a CELEBRATION! Yes, our 50th anniversary as a garden club. Our Anniversary Luncheon will be on May 12th at the Hiwan Country Club from 11:30 - 3. Cost per person is only \$15.00. Please pay Pati Stefaniw, our Treasurer, at this April meeting or mail a check to her at Evergreen Garden Club, P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen, CO 80437. There will be no reservations taken after May 4th.

This is going to be a wonderful celebration luncheon. We have a delicious buffet planned, so everyone can enjoy, relax, and generally have a really good time. This is indeed an important milestone in the history of our club and we hope you will participate in this notable occasion. Help us carry on with the garden club tradition but first, it's PARTY TIME. Please come.

April 14th Presentation
"Roses are Red, Violets are Gesneriads"

We'll examine the art of growing and displaying flowering indoor and tropical plants.

Please plan to schedule time in your Public Garden, we don't have a Work Day this year!

March 10th Presentation
Spring Gardening - Include Bulbs!

A study of the bulbs planted in Spring season for exciting Summer and Autumn displays.



Sally Bierriman, our March meeting speaker, gave a program on "Spring Gardening With Bulbs."

Bulbs, all suitable for planting in Evergreen, were the subject of our speaker's presentation.



Irma Wolf, Susan Blake and Sophia Pardo at the refreshment table.



Meredith Bossert, the person to ask about the FROG plant sale.



New Member, Jane Wingquist.



Mary Dickhoff showing off our EGC at Work sign for those who have not seen them before.



Lynn Dimmick holding out in the corner while stuffing envelopes with milkweed seeds. The seeds, once established, produce wonderful milkweed plants which the monarch butterflies need for their survival.

Photos by Margo Constable.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BEING COLLECTED

AT THIS TIME FOR 2015-2016!!!

**Last date to pay for entry in next Directory
is May 29th, 2015.**

The sooner we have everyone's membership for this next year
(June 1, 2015 thru June 1, 2016),
the sooner we can produce the New Directory.
It would be lovely to have it ready at the September 2015 meeting for distribution.

Mail check to : EGC
PO Box 1393
Evergreen, CO 80437 (mark for 2015-2016 dues)
or pay to Treasurer, Patti Stefaniw, at the next meeting.

Pots and Planters

Here's another idea for using your creative hands: PLANTERS. Yes indeed! Planters for decorating the EXPO grounds. Pam Hinish had some beautiful planters at her home during the 2013 garden tour. So ladies, use your imagination to come up with pots, planters or whatever you think is clever. Bring them to the FTC on Friday the 26th and we'll put them around the EXPO displays the next day.



Field Trips

EGC will be arranging Field Trips this summer. We'll plan on going after our Expo is done. One suggestion is to go on a guided plant tour of the Fairmont Cemetery in Denver. They have a wide assortment of trees and other plants. Please send any suggestions to Lucy Ginley, 303-881-2150, lginley@comcast.net

Sharing Our Gardens

Sharing Our Gardens is a fun way of getting together over the summer to visit and to enjoy each other gardens. It is very casual and no preparation is necessary other than having water available. To sign-up to Share Your Garden, please contact Lucy Ginley, 303-881-2150, lginley@comcast.net

FROG Plant Sale

Front Range Organic Gardeners and the Rocky Mountain Unit of the Herb Society of America

Saturday, May 16, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Presbytery Hall, 1710 So. Grant, Denver 80210 is the annual joint plant sale for FROG (Front Range Organic Gardeners) and the Rocky Mountain Unit of the Herb Society of America.

These two groups together provide a broad range of plants including heirloom tomatoes, peppers, other vegetables, a wide variety of herbs, annuals, perennials, and maybe a few shrubs & trees. This year we will have a lot of drought-tolerant perennials from a member whose property is going to be scraped.

For updated information, go to <http://www.gardenfrog.org/> or e-mail frogardeners@comcast.net. You may also contact Meredith Bossert at MTN87frog@gmail.com or 303-697-4534.

Flowers for a Friend



We are still on a campaign to reach our goal of \$1000 for the Flowers for a Friend statue which will be placed at the Hiwan Homestead Museum in July. The statue is a tribute to Louise and Bill Mounsey who have done so much for our community for the past 50 years. Please write a check to Evergreen Garden Club and give to Pati at the next meeting or mail to her at Evergreen Garden Club, P.O.Box 1393, Evergreen CO 80439. Donors will remain anonymous.



Mountain Gardening Basics

Vegetables & Ornamentals

Sat., May 2, 2015

9:00am-12:30pm

**United Church of
Idaho Springs**

Must Pre-Register

Limited Seating

\$15 (no refunds)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/>

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Colorado State University
Extension**

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify Clear Creek Extension before the event. Contact us for information about financial assistance. Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado Counties cooperating.



*Jefferson County Master Gardeners
present the*

Seed Saving Classes

**April 14 and 15, 2015
6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Planning Your Garden for Seed Saving

Beginning Seed Saving – Tuesday, April 14 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

<http://BegSeedSave.eventbrite.com>

Did you know you can save the seeds from your vegetable and flower garden to make your plants more responsive to your garden? To adapt them to your soil, your care, making your plants more resistant to the insects and diseases that could possibly threaten their health?

This class will start with the five easiest seeds to save and go step by step through the process of seed saving. You will learn how to appropriately take care of the plants, select from your crops the best seeds to save, learn how to identify the best seed, care for them, harvest them and prepare them for saving and storing them.

Learn the basics of seed saving and develop stronger plants that are adapted to your landscape. Learn the things you need to know to ensure that your seeds are pure and true and that you have great seed to swap with others and to contribute to your community seed library. You will become a passionate seed saver and wonder why you have never done it before. So easy.

Advanced Seed Saving – Wednesday, April 15 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

<http://AdvSeedSave.eventbrite.com>

Perhaps you are skilled at saving seed and you have enough property to practice advanced seed saving skills. You will learn about the distance required to separate similar varieties of plants within the same plant family. We will cover appropriate isolation techniques and the more advanced skills necessary to save seed for squashes, pumpkins, broccoli for example or to grow out biennial plants like carrots for saving seed. If you are ready for these steps, you are already a passionate seed saver and this class is for you.

Each Class \$28.00

Register Now! <http://BegSeedSave.eventbrite.com>

<http://AdvSeedSave.eventbrite.com>

Please Feel free to bring a brown bag supper to enjoy during class. We will have coffee and lemonade

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Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Susan Blake brought the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Board members present were Susan Blake, President, Paul Luzetski and Annell Hoy, co-Vice Presidents, and Patricia Stefaniw, Treasurer. Jean Lipson, Secretary, was absent due to another commitment.

35 participants were in attendance. Guests welcomed were Jan Parks, Jane Wingquist, and Merry Loizeau.

Birthdays acknowledged were Ruth Alford, Lucy Ginley, Vivian Michaels, Roseann Paslay, Claire Roberts and guest, Jane Wingquist, also celebrating a birthday, today.

A "Thinking of You" card is being passed around for all to sign; going to Karla Briggs to wish her well as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Lorrie Redman made an announcement: Flower Class on April 22nd; Seed Exchange program pending on

April 2 "Beginners", April 15th for "Advanced",

JeffCo Extension Flower Program on Earth Day. Also, June 20th Veggie Fest at Ext. office and a Seed Starting Class, too. (But that's our Rodeo day, so the Board requested members not participate at any other event other than the Rodeo Parade.) *NOTE: Shortly after today's meeting, Lorrie Redman notified Paul Luzetski about changes made to the aforementioned schedule of events. "Of the upcoming Jefferson County Extension seed saving classes: The original Beginner Seed Saving Class on April 2nd has been changed to Tues. April 14th, 6:00 to 8:00, for \$28 and the Advanced Class shall be on Wednesday, April 15th, from 6:00 to 8:30, for \$35."*

www.eventbrite.com for more info.

A reminder was made that ticket purchases are available to members for our May 12th Members Party. This date is our regularly scheduled May meeting. Members are encouraged to buy tickets - \$15 for members, \$30 for nonmembers - as soon as possible, as this helps with the party planning process. Also, a reminder: Membership Renewal time = \$25 for Individuals; \$35 for Family; \$55 for Business; all "May to May".

Our 2016 Garden Tour: we need a Chair and Coordination Team. The tour is planned for July 2016. We need volunteers. Barb Steger added that she & Karen MacFarquar ran the last one; suggested we all begin thinking about gardens in the area, plan to visit gardens this Spring/Summer; it's fun! Susan Blake and Annell Hoy shall be part of the team. More assistance needed. There shall be a reminder about this in upcoming newsletters but we need to get thinking and planning.

Earth Day at the Lake House: Linda Fisher stated we need to plan for it and she has some Hens & Chicks offerings for it. No one at today's meeting volunteered to coordinate this year's participation. Barb S. reminded us about previous discussions regarding this year's Earth Day and the Board's ultimate decision not to pursue it, as this may be a challenge due to Expo commitments. However, due to today's discussion, the Board stated that since Lindy Doty and Diana Aldridge desired to take care of it last year, we could leave the option to them whether they or anyone else not present at today's meeting wish to coordinate an Earth Day booth. The Board itself feels it can only focus its attention on the Rodeo Parade and the Expo.

Chris Crouse of Clear Creek Co. Ext. office, who was with us last month, brought soil sample kits for members.

2015-2016 EGC Board = Our club is to expect a big change for the Board. All but President, Susan Blake, have terms ending in June and shall not seek reinstatement. The club shall need at least one Vice President (or two Co-Vice Presidents), a new Secretary, and a new Treasurer. We also need to consider having a new Board position: IT, which stands for, "Information Technology". The Board position can be associated with a person by calling it, "Information Technologist", or , "Information Technology Coordinator" (IT Coordinator). Patti explained her work as Information Technologist. Members have been encouraged to consider joining the Board in this capacity.

Discussion ensued about whether to approve this as a Board position. Karen MacFarquhar asked the question as to whether by-laws need to first be changed/updated, accordingly. The Board responded that the job description can be more formally crafted and presented, along with the other job descriptions, prior to the formal nominations and voting process this Spring. Mary Dickhoff motioned to have IT as a Board position. Anell Hoy seconded. Susan Blake put it to vote. Majority approval. Members shall plan to vote on an IT Board position job description and nominee(s) at a future EGC membership meeting, this Spring. We'll continue with job descriptions for Board positions in the *Wild Iris*. Irma Wolf suggested we return the Board positions descriptions into our *EGC Directory*, for reference; it had been part of Directory, years ago. Otherwise, Irma added, members are left wondering what it is the Board members do, our duties, etc. The Board agreed to review this procedure prior to the next Directory production.

Rodeo Update: Anell Hoy shared the updates on our EGC Public Gardens signs. Their designs have been finalized but are on hold until Expo expenses are known. Anell assembled 500 more seed packets for the parade route. She shared samples of the seed packets at today's meeting, so everyone there familiarizes themselves with what EGC shall distribute to parade spectators. We have a total of 1250 to handout. Sophia Pardo shall be assisting our Rodeo Parade Committee as Props Manager. Cindy Gibson has offered 8 hand-held baskets for members to use for seed packets distribution along the parade route. Our club's parade entry theme shall be based on the Rodeo's announced theme, "As American as..." We shall be, "As American as Flower Gardens". Parade date is Saturday, June 20th.

Expo Update: Barb Steger has three \$500 sponsors: Fuller Sotheby's, Sundance Gardens, & State Farm Insurance agent, Chuck Ridings. She shared her process for obtaining sponsorship; hoping to get two more \$500 sponsors. She does have a couple of possible \$250 sponsorships but is holding off until further search for full sponsorships. Once achieved, sponsors shall be displayed in Expo advertisements.

Paul Luzetski provided his update, including special event permit applications submitted to JeffCo & the elementary school overflow parking application. Some booth spaces have been filled; Paul & Barb are collaborating on getting more participants. Two food trucks services for Expo are pending. Paul is acquiring more information from JeffCo on food & drink services policies at such events as our Expo; possibly more forms to fill out. Confirmation on a couple of the Education Classes has been unsuccessful due to unavailability of speakers. But others being pursued and four classes of 45-minutes each for Expo are still planned. Paul reminded members that those who have not yet signed up

to volunteer for the Expo are encouraged to do so, as more volunteers are needed. Annell passed around sign-up sheets for Hospitality and Setup/Takedown committees.

No Committee Reports, today.
Business Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

After refreshments break, we enjoyed today's featured presentation, "All about Bulbs", by Sally Berriman of CSU Extension – JeffCo. It included a slide show, Q & A, and some handout materials left for whoever wished for them. Sally graciously filled in for the scheduled Ed Powers, who recently suffered a back injury and has been curtailing activities during recuperation.

Full meeting ended at 12:05 PM.

Our next EGC general meeting shall be on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, beginning at 9:00 AM for social time, then meeting and program presentation.

*Respectfully submitted by Paul Luzetski & Annell Hoy, Co-VPs
and this meeting's substitute Secretaries for Jean Lipson*