#### February 2013





Linda Fisher and Meredith Bossert (our own EGC members) were our January meeting speakers. Their subject: "Starting Plants Indoors by Seeds."

Next Meeting Tuesday February 12, 2013

Bergen Park Firehouse Social Time 9:15-9:30 Meeting at 9:30

Please bring your own coffee mug!

## **President's Letter**

## **Closet Caper**

On a recent morning, Roseann Paslay, Grace Covyeau, Lynn Dimmick, Irma Wolf, Louise Mounsey and I tackled the job of cleaning out and organizing EGC's file and storage cabinets. I wish I could tell you that we found something exciting, but what we thought was a dead mouse, turned out to be a leaf! We toiled for four hours and found lots of useful and not-so-useful "stuff." You will see some very informative handouts to take and scrapbooks to peruse at upcoming meetings. You will see a neater, more user friendly, labeled cabinet. Please help us keep it this way. Thank you so much to this group of hard workers.



Ann Dam Johnson has great big delicious piles of ready to go <u>organic</u> horse manure available for pick up right here in Evergreen for anyone who wants it.

Her number is:

303 674-7792

#### REMINDER...

Please bring plants, seeds and garden related items to the World Garden Table.

Please join us Tuesday, February 12th, for our program from Harriett McMillan, Senior Horticulturist for Echter's Nursery and Garden Center, "Selecting Perennials for Lower Maintenance." Today's gardener is often trying to maximize their time in the garden in order to achieve a beautiful garden with a minimum of maintenance. They are looking for information to help in the selection of plants that have fewer demands in the area of maintenance but will still offer the dividend of durability and beauty in the garden.



#### FOOTHILLS ORGANIC GARDENERS,

Fellow Gardener's...it about this time of year when we start getting itchy to dig in the dirt! Thankfully, we have those seed catalogues to get those green juices flowing again.

Speaking of seeds...You're invited to the following events:

# Foothills Organic Gardeners' 1st Annual Seed Forum

Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### Conference rooms A and B at the Fire Training Station in Bergen Park

If you have a favorite seed catalogue bring it to share and tell us why this is your favorite. \*\* Review common and sometimes misleading seed terminology. \*\* Learn more about seeds' origins, what vegetables are successful in our climate, and why seed saving has become so important. Any topic regarding seeds is open for discussion!

#### \*SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16 9:00 A.M TO 4 P.M.\*

### Passive Solar Green House Building and Design

(6 hr.) \$150 per student

Come meet the dynamic duo of high altitude veggie gardening, Penn and Chord Parmenter, of Denver Botanic Gardens fame. Their recently revised greenhouse design and building course runs a full day; includes plans and information to make any of your greenhouse dreams come true.

Learn how to create a greenhouse that needs **NO SUPPLEMENTAL HEATING YEAR AROUND.** 

Penn and Chord have been growing organic produce at 8,120 ft. in the Wet Mountains of south-central Colorado <u>365</u> days a year. For more information or to reserve your seats in this class:

Email <u>Tina@GivenTrees.com</u> or call 303-476-3560.

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Barb brought the meeting to a close at 10:05.

### Program:

Linda Fisher and Meredith Bossert showed us how to start plants from seeds.

(End of Meeting Minutes.)