

January 2014

President's Letter, December 2013

Resolutions for Gardeners

I'm not much of a resolution maker, but all of a sudden it occurred to me that maybe I should be making some as a gardener. Of course, I turned to the internet. Here are ten for you to consider:

- 1. Only buy the seeds you need! But those packets look so cute in a bowl on my potting bench.
- 2. Consider sharing seeds with a neighbor, but don't share the zucchini seeds. Who will you give your excess to in August?
- 3. Don't blame yourself for past gardening catastrophes, like hail or drought. Mother Nature rules!
- 4. Don't bite off more that you can chew. Everything we plant in the cool weather needs our care the rest of the season.
- 5. Keep a garden journal.
- 6. Save water by planting more drought tolerant plants.
- 7. Attract pollinators. Avoid chemicals and plant natives for the best results.
- 8. Compost. I've given this a try with red worms and failed, but it's a new year!
- 9. Don't plant too early. Choose cool weather annuals and veggies if you can't stop yourself.
- 10. Have fun! Forget perfection and enjoy your love of gardening.

Barb Steger, President

January Program

Our January Meeting is a rescheduled program.

Katy Wilcox is a Greenhouse Horticulturist at the Denver Botanic Gardens. She will give a presentation titled, "Plants, Pests and Pollinators: An Ecological Approach to Gardening". The Firehouse projector was not working for our September 2013

Next Meeting Tuesday January 14, 2014

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

Our total toilet paper donation to ECHO was 83 pounds this year!



We surpassed last years donation of 72 pounds. Go garden club! (no pun intended)

Dee Sacks

Please remember to bring nice items for our EChO Garden Table.

Donations will go to the EChO Garden Plots at the community garden at Buchanan Park.

December Party

Master Gardener, Sally Berriman, got us all thinking with her presentation entitled, "Myth Busters, Common Garden Myths." We all enjoyed the decorations, great food and games!





Jean Lipson decorating our prize table Christmas tree.



Karen Belmont setting up her "fairy garden" planters and Xmas balls for the craft sale.



The prize table Christmas tree. Looks beautiful.



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If you would like to include something in the

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Evergreen Garden Club Minutes December 10, 2013

Officers present: Barbara Steger, president, Jean Lipson, secretary. Paul Luzetski, vice president and Annell Hoy, treasurer were unable to attend.

President, Barbara Steger, called the brief meeting to order. Many members were present as it was our Holiday meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the minutes as published in *The Wild Iris*, our online garden club newsletter, be accepted.

The treasure's report was read and a motion was made to accept the report as read.

Dale Fetchenheir, who heads up our Forest Heights Lodge Program, reported that he and Peggy and several other members were going to the Lodge at 3:00, today, December 10, and that any other members who are interested in joining them to work with the boys who are staying there were more than welcome to join them at 3:00 PM.

Being no further committee reports, the meeting was adjourned.

Our guest speaker, Sally Bierman, from the Colorado Master Gardner's program gave a delightful presentation called, Myth Busters! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and gleaned much information from it.

Lots of laughter and chatter were heard round the tables as our members, ate heartily, and enjoyed many brisk rounds of Bingo. Through the generosity of our members we were able to build several Toilet Paper Christmas Trees which in turn were donated to EChO who will distribute the packages to needy families. Thank you everyone for helping those in need!

Don't forget to support the local businesses listed in our directory!

Respectfully submitted, Jean Lipson