



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS



JANUARY 2019



NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
January 8, 2019

BERGEN PARK FIRE
HOUSE
9:00 a.m. Social

JANUARY'S PROGRAM

*Waking up your
Soil for Spring*

By
Pete Biggam,
Soil Scientist



Evergreen Garden Club Minutes December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Carol Herczeg. Board members present were Mary Twombly, Cherie Luke, Kris Waggoner, Cindy Gibson and Susan Garcia. Forty-three members were in attendance.

Welcoming Committee:

Louise Sprout welcomed visitors to the meeting.

She stated that each member may pick up the 2018-2019 Directory at the Welcoming Table.

President's Report

Carol reviewed the Club's Mission Statement for new members, stating that we serve the community by maintaining eight public gardens and providing educational speakers at each meeting.

The club sang "Happy Birthday" to our members born in December.

Secretary's Report

Cindy Gibson asked for approval of the November minutes as printed in the Wild Iris. The minutes were approved without additions or corrections.

First Vice President's Report

Cherie Luke encouraged members to attend the January meeting. The speaker will be Pete Biggam, Soil Scientist, whose topic will be "Waking Up Soil".

Second Vice President's Report

Mary Twombly thanked Annell for coordinating the buffet and food donations. She encouraged feedback on the directory and thanked Linda Berteau for her work.

Treasurer's Report

Kris Waggoner reported the club's finances. There is currently \$3994.00 in the checking account and \$20,853.00 in the savings account.

She thanked Susan Garcia for reformatting the budget slide so it is easier to read.

Hospitality Committee

Annell Hoy passed around a sign-up sheet for treats for our January meeting and thanked everyone who provided food.

EChO Table

Jeannine Ashton and Dee Sacks will load up the boxes of cornbread mix and cans of soup that members have donated and take them to the EChO food bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m and the Holiday Party began.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Gibson, Secretary



EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018



EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

There was Food!



EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

There were Games!



EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

With Prizes!



EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

And Lots of Singing!



All Pictures by
Susan Blake

EGC HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

Did we mention the craft sale?





As always, the EGC December Holiday Party was enjoyed by all. A sincere 'thank you' and loads of gratitude to the board and all involved in the planning and coordinating of this celebration of friendship, food, fun and games.

*Thank you EGC members!
Your generous donations sent 274 pounds of hearty soups and corn bread mixes to the EChO Food Bank!*

Most Requested Recipe!

Lindy Doty's Baked Beans

½ lb bacon

1 lb hamburger

½ c onions, chopped

½ c catsup

1 lg can pork and beans, 1 can kidney beans,

1 can Great Northern Beans or lima beans

¾ c brown sugar

1 tbs mustard

1 tsp salt

2 tsp vinegar

Brown hamburger and onions.

Fry bacon until crisp. Break into small pieces.

Add other ingredients.

Bake, covered, 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Thank you Lindy!



Submitted by Irma Wolf

The Language of Flowers

There is a language, little known,
Lovers claim it as their own.
Its symbols smile upon the land,
Wrought by nature's wondrous hand;
And in their silent beauty speak,
Of life and joy, to those who seek
For Love Divine and sunny hours
In the language of the flowers.

--*The Language of Flowers, London, 1875, printed in
The 2009 Old Farmer's Almanac*



The Meaning of Flowers:

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Amaryllis | Dramatic | Honeysuckle | Bonds of love |
| Apple Blossom | Promise | Hyacinth | Constancy of love, sincerity |
| Aster | Contentment | Hydrangea | Perseverance |
| Azalea | Abundance | Iris | A message, inspiration |
| Baby's Breath | Festivity | Jasmine | Sweet love, grace and elegance |
| Bachelor's Button | Single blessedness, anticipation | Larkspur | Beautiful spirit |
| Begonia | Deep thoughts | Lavender | Devotion, virtue |
| Black-eyed Susan | Encouragement | Lilac | Joy of youth, first love |
| Carnation | Cheerful, remembrance | Lily-of-the-Valley | Sweetness |
| Chrysanthemum | Cheerfulness, truth, sharing | Magnolia | Dignity |
| Clover Blossoms | Think of me | Marigold | Desire for riches |
| Crocus | Youthful gladness, foresight | Morning Glory | Affection |
| Daffodil | Regard, chivalry | Nasturtium | Patriotism |
| Daisy | Innocence, hope | Orange Blossom | Fertility |
| Edelweiss | Courage, devotion | Orchid | Delicate beauty |
| Forget-me-not | Remember me forever | Pansy | Loving thoughts |
| Gardenia | Joy | Poppy | Consolation |
| Geranium | True friendship, comfort | Queen Anne's Lace | Delicate femininity |
| Gladiolus | Strength of character | Rhododendron | Beware |
| Heather | Solitude | Rose (red) | Passionate love, desire |
| Hibiscus | Delicate beauty | Rose (white) | Purity |
| | | Rose (yellow) | Jealousy |
| | | Rose (pink) | Friendship |
| | | Roses (white & red) | Unity |
| | | Salvia (blue) | I think of you |
| | | Salvia (red) | Forever mine |
| | | Snap Dragon | Presumptuous |
| | | Stephanotis | Good luck |
| | | Statice | Success |
| | | Sunflower | Adoration |
| | | Sweet Pea | Pleasures, shyness |
| | | Sweet William | Gallantry |
| | | Tulip (red) | Declaration of love |
| | | Tulip (yellow) | Hopelessly in love |
| | | Tulip (white) | Forgiveness |
| | | Tulip (pink) | Caring |
| | | Violet | Loyalty, devotion, faithfulness |
| | | Zinnia | Thoughts of absent friends |



Sources: *The 2009 Old Farmer's Almanac*
<http://www.almanac.com>

<http://theoldfarmer.com>



National Flowers by Country

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Australia | Golden Wattle |
| Austria | Edelweiss |
| Belarus | Flax |
| Bohemia | Thyme |
| Bulgaria | Rose |
| Canada | Maple Leaf |
| China | Plum Blossom |
| Croatia | Iris Croatica |
| Czech Rep. | Rose |
| Denmark | Marguerite Daisy |
| Estonia | Bachelor's Button |
| | Centaurea |
| France | Iris |
| Germany | Knapweed |
| Greece | Bear's Breech |
| Holland | Tulip |
| Hungary | Tulip |
| Ireland | Shamrock |
| Italy | Stylized Lily |
| Japan | Cherry Blossom |
| | Sakura |
| Lithuania | Rue or Herb of Grace |
| Poland | Corn Poppy |
| Romania | Dog Rose |
| Russia | Camomile |
| Slovakia | Rose |
| Spain | Red Carnation |
| Switzerland | Edelweiss |
| Turkey | Tulip |
| Ukraine | Sunflower |
| USA | Rose |
| England | Tudor Rose |
| Wales | Daffodil |
| Yugoslavia | Lily of the Valley |

Significance of Flowers for CSA States

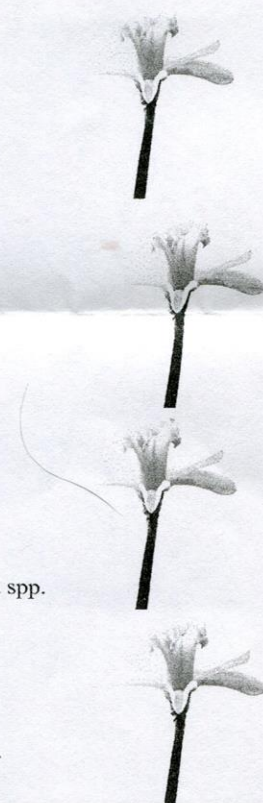
(Czech Society of America)

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| California | California Poppy | Consolation |
| Colorado | Rocky Mountain Columbine | Peace |
| Connecticut | Mountain Laurel | Glory |
| Florida | Orange Blossom | Fertility |
| Illinois | Purple Violet | Faithfulness |
| Indiana | Peony | Healing |
| Iowa | Wild Prairie Rose | Friendship |
| Kansas | Sunflower | Adoration |
| Maryland | Black-eyed Susan | Encouragement |
| Michigan | Apple Blossom | Promise |
| Minnesota | Lady's Slipper | Delicate Beauty |
| Missouri | Hawthorn | Hope |
| Nebraska | Goldenrod | Encouragement |
| New Jersey | Violet | Faithfulness |
| New York | Rose | Love |
| Ohio | Scarlet Carnation | Magnificence |
| Pennsylvania | Mountain Laurel | Glory |
| Texas | Bluebonnet | Forgiveness |
| Virginia | American Dogwood | Endurance |
| Wisconsin | Wood Violet | Faithfulness |

Twenty Non-Edible Poisonous Flowers (To you and your pets!)

| Common Name | Botanical Name |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Azalea | Azalea spp. |
| Boxwood | Buxus spp. |
| Burning Bush | Euonymus spp. |
| Clematis | Clematis spp. |
| Daffodil, Jonquil | Narcissus spp. |
| Delphinium (larkspur) | Delphinium spp. |
| Elephant Ears | Colocasla antiquorum |
| Four O'clock | Mirabilis jalapa |
| Horse Chestnut (Ohio Buckeye) | Aesculus spp. |
| Hydrangea | Hydrangea spp. |
| Iris | Iris spp. |
| Ivy (English Ivy) | Hedera helix |
| Lily of the Valley | Convallaria majalis |
| Mistletoe | Phoradendron spp. |
| Morning Glory | Ipomoea violacea |
| Philodendron | Philodendron spp.; Monstera spp. |
| Poinsettia | Euphorbia pulcherrima |
| Potato | Solanum tuberosum |
| Rhododendron | Rhododendron spp. |
| Schefflera | Schefflera spp. |

Note: This list is NOT complete; there are many others.



Twenty Edible Flowers to Enhance Your Culinary Skills

| Common Name | Botanical Name | Tastes Like: |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| Anise Hyssop | Agastache foeniculum | Sweet, anise-like, licorice |
| Arugula | Eruca vesicaria | Nutty, spicy, peppery |
| Basil | Ocimum basilicum | Mild lemon, mint |
| Calendula | Calendula officinalis | Poor man's saffron, spicy, tangy, peppery, adds golden hue to foods |
| Chamomile | Chamaemelum nobile | Faint apple, good as a tea |
| Chicory | Cichorium intybus | Tart, sharp, vinegar-like |
| Chives | Allium tuberosum | Mild onion, garlicky |
| Dandelion | Taraxacum officinalis | Young buds similar to mushrooms if fried in butter |
| Dill | Anthum graveolens | Aromatic, used especially in pickles |
| Jasmine | Jasminum sambac | Delicate, sweet used in teas |
| Lemon Verbena | Aloysia triphylla | Lemony, used in teas |
| Marjoram | Origanum majorana | Delicate oregano taste, sweeter, milder, slightly minty, citrusy |
| Mint | Mentha species | Tangy, fresh |
| Pansy | Viola X wittrockiana | Mild sweet to very tart |
| Rosemary | Rosmarinus officinalis | Pine-like, sweet, savory |
| Sage | Salvia officinalis | Very strong nutty, complementary with thyme, rosemary, oregano, parsley, garlic |
| Sunflower | Helianthus annuus | Slightly bitter |
| Squash Blossom | Cucurbita pepo species | Sweet, nectar flavor |
| Thyme | Thymus vulgaris | Light lemon |

Did you know that basil is known as a strong, protection herb?

It is said, "Where basil grows, no evil goes!" and "Where basil is, no evil lives!"



End Of Year Blowout Sale!
50% OFF HOLIDAY
25% OFF the rest of store!*

*(artist consignment & aspen trees excluded)
 Sale prices good through January 5 when we close for inventory.
 Re-opening January 21.

We would rather give you a deal than count it!!

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS!

The Evergreen Garden Club Board
would like to invite all
EGC Committee Chairpersons
to the board meeting on January 22, 2019
at the home of EGC President, Carol Herczeg.

The EGC board will be hosting a
luncheon beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Please contact Carol or any of the
board members for details or questions.

Carol Herczeg - charn823@gmail.com

Cherie Luke - cherie7651@gmail.com

Mary Twombly - twomblyfam@aol.com

Cindy Gibson - clgibson426@gmail.com

Kris Waggoner - kriswaggo@gmail.com

Susan Garcia - blueberrypilot@yahoo.com

Happy New Year



Please send any corrections or submissions
for the Wild Iris to louiseheern@gmail.com
Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!