



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

APRIL 2018

Dear Gardeners,

Happy Spring! The snow is melting and there is green appearing - Yay!

Cherie Luke has planned another great speaker for April. She will talk about having a high-altitude food garden.

Our May 8th meeting will take place at the Evergreen Lutheran Church on Highway 73, and on May 9th Karla Briggs will be presenting a program on high altitude gardens.

Gloria and her team are working hard on the garden tour for this summer. Please contact her if you would like to help.

I wish you all a happy spring with a lot of green!

Joan Evashevski

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

April 10, 2018

BERGEN PARK FIRE

HOUSE

9:00 a.m. Social

9:30 a.m. Meeting

EGC APRIL PROGRAM

**HIGH ALTITUDE
FOOD GARDENING**

Presented by

Margaret Rhode

**Evergreen Garden Club Minutes
March 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by President Joan Evashevski. Board members present were Cherie Luke, Mary Twombly, Kris Waggoner, Cindy Gibson and Susan Garcia. Thirty-four additional members were in attendance.

Welcoming Committee:

Louise Sprout welcomed visitors to our meeting.

President's Report

The club sang "Happy Birthday" to our members born in March. The Evergreen Metro District has asked for our help preparing a garden at one of their sites.

We would prepare the soil, scatter wildflower seeds, and plant bushes. The EMD will finance the project and maintain the garden.

Members wishing to tour Denver Botanic Gardens as a group should make arrangements to meet on Friday, May 18th.

Our May 8th meeting will be held at Evergreen Lutheran Church (5980 County Highway 73).

First Vice President's Report

Cherie Luke encouraged members to "Share Your Garden" this summer. Lindy Doty has offered to open her garden to us after the May 18th DBG trip.

Second Vice President's Report

Mary Twombly reported that the Lucy Ginley Memorial Bench should arrive in Evergreen around April 27. Mary, Jeff Davidson, and Dr. Ginley will finalize placement. A dedication/installation ceremony is being planned.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The club voted to increase membership dues for business and family memberships. Family dues will be \$40.00, business dues will be \$60.00, and individual dues will be \$30.00. Dues will be collected from September 1 through 30th. New members may join for a \$15.00 prorated fee at this time and then their annual fee of \$30.00 in September. If garden coordinators need to spend more than \$100.00 for damage repair (due to trucks and/or critters), a preauthorization must be obtained from the Public Garden Coordinator and the board.

EChO has thanked EGC for our donation of 238 pounds of groceries and \$47.94.

There are sufficient funds in the Lucy Ginley Memorial Bench fund to cover the cost of flagstones.



Evergreen Garden Club Minutes (Continued)
March 13, 2018

Hospitality Committee

Lindy Doty passed around a sign-up sheet for treats for our April meeting.

Garden Tour

Irma Wolf has found an alternative garden for the tour, as one of the selected homeowners has withdrawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Cherie introduced Chris Crouse, who spoke on "Year-Round Color and Interest for your Mountain Garden."

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Gibson, Secretary



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, EVERGREEN!!!

We are so privileged to have been able to serve you for the last 40 years!
Please join us for our Ruby Thank You Celebration

Saturday, April 14

(snow date April 21)

Drawings, give-aways, & refreshments 10 - 4.

Saturday at 1 we will have a fun planting contest:
we will provide the pot, soil, and an assortment of plants...
you choose and plant. 1st place wins prize!

We will also have a kids planting station with special activities.

Free Community Event: Invite your family & friends!!



10 X 24

Public Garden Notes

Spring is just around the corner and if your garden leader hasn't already been in touch they soon will be. If you haven't joined a garden yet please get in touch with me anytime.

There's nothing like a good plant sale to whip us into a gardening frenzy so if any of you know of any plant sales out there please share with us all. I'll start –

The Colorado Native Plant Society is having their plant sale right now through April 15th - <https://conps.org/2018-spring-plant-sale/#!form/2018SpringPlantSale>

Denver Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale is May 10-12th - <https://www.botanicgardens.org/events/special-events/spring-plant-sale>

Front Range Organic Gardeners plant sale is May 19th - <http://www.gardenfrog.org/PlantSales.html>.

We, also, have a new and improved policy for garden damage repair and critter control – The board is requesting preauthorization for funds if the amount needed exceeds \$100.

Lynn Dimmick
Public Garden Coordinator
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EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB - MARCH 13, 2018 MEETING PRESENTATION

Chris Crouse, Master Gardener and CSU Extension Director for Clear Creek County, gave an informative presentation on **Full Year Color and Interest for your Mountain Garden**. Hand-outs outlining the presentation and information sheets on which native plants to use were also distributed. Thank you Chris!





EGC MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018



EGC GARDEN TOUR JULY 21, 2018

The EGC Garden Tour committee has been busy planning our upcoming tour on July 21, 2018 from 10 am until 3:00 pm. Each member is encouraged to help with this fun, major fundraising event for the club!

Please contact Chairperson Gloria Owens if you are interested.
gloriaowens@centurylink.net



A big THANK YOU to Kristina and Jim Sherwood!

Because of your generous donation to the Evergreen Garden Club, we will be able to purchase banners announcing this and future Garden Walks, as well as a banner for each garden participating.
Thank you!

Mary had a little ... Lamb's Ears?

Pretty combinations using drought tolerant and rodent resistant Lamb's Ears
From the book *Designer Plant Combinations*
By Scott Calhoun



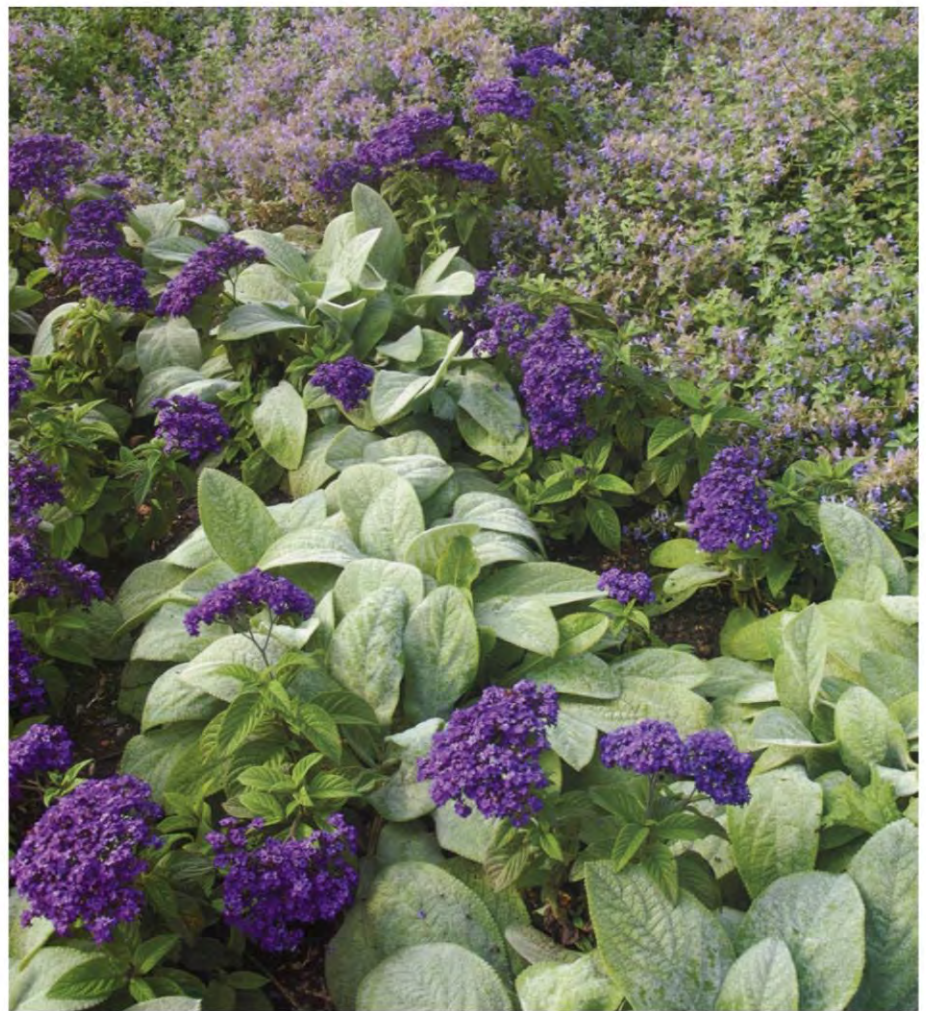
'Big Ears' lamb's ears
Stachys byzantina 'Big Ears'
Zone 4



'Marine' heliotrope
Heliotropium arborescens
'Marine'
Annual



'Six Hills Giant' catmint
Nepeta 'Six Hills Giant'
Zone 3





'Lady Fingers' daylily
Hemerocallis 'Lady Fingers'
Zone 2



'Mary Todd' daylily
Hemerocallis 'Mary Todd'
Zone 3



'Big Ears' lamb's ears
Stachys byzantina 'Big Ears'
Zone 4



'Pixie Meadowbrite' coneflower
Echinacea 'Pixie Meadowbrite'
Zone 4





'Big Ears' lamb's ears
Stachys byzantina 'Big Ears'
Zone 4



'May Night' sage
Salvia x sylvestris
'May Night' ('Mainacht')
Zone 5



'Turkenlouis' Oriental poppy
Papaver orientale 'Turkenlouis'
Zone 3



'Crater Lake Blue' speedwell
Veronica austriaca subsp.
Teucrium 'Crater Lake Blue'
Zone 4

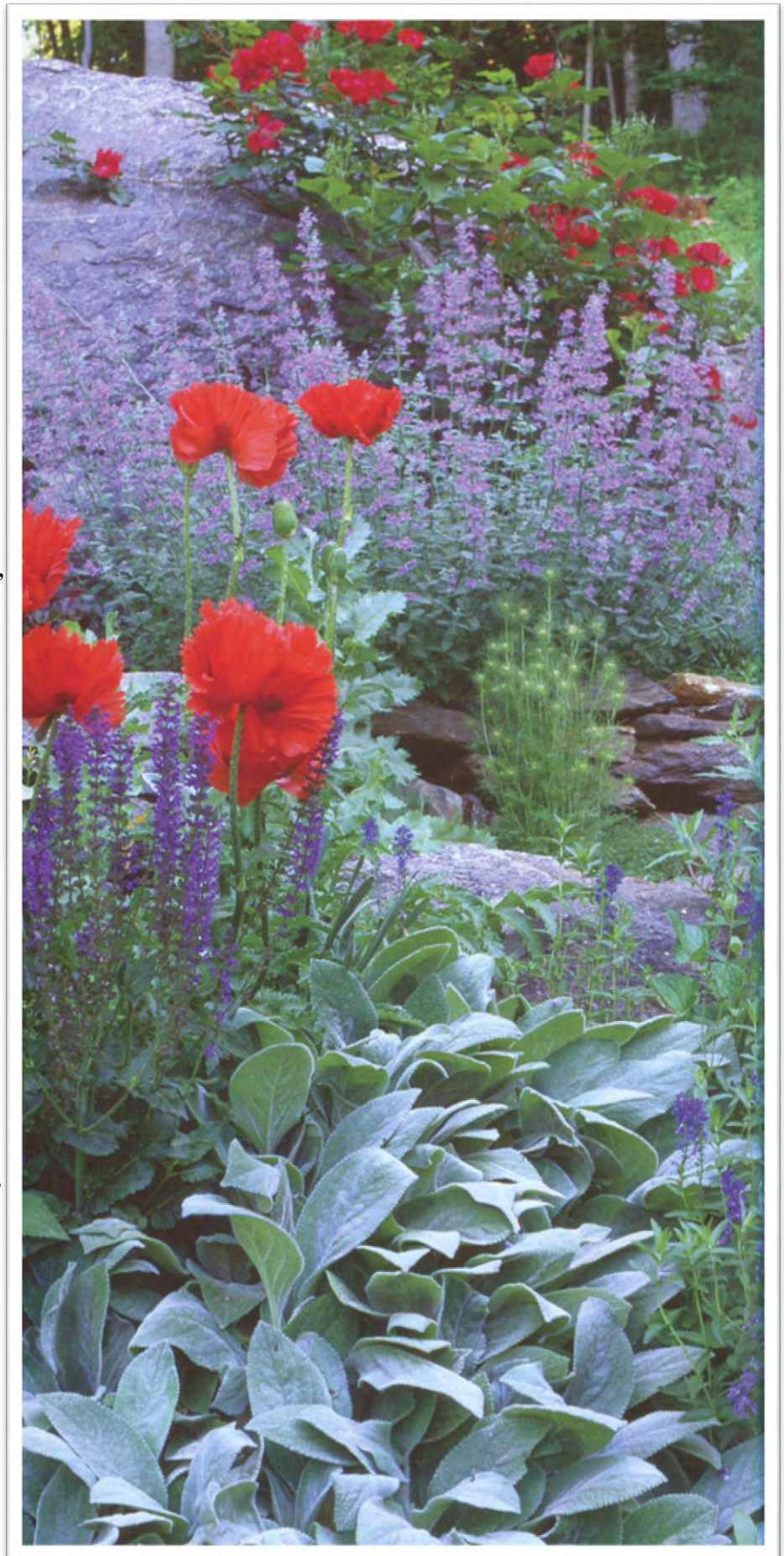


'Six Hills Giant' catmint
Nepeta 'Six Hills Giant'
Zone 3

***TIP: IN UNPROTECTED AREAS,
PLANTING THE CATMINT IN-
FRONT OF AND AROUND THE
ROSE, 'HELPS' DETER THE
DEER
AWAY FROM THE ROSE***



'Robusta' rugosa rose
Rosa rugosa 'Robusta'
Zone 5



Poetic Posies Using the Floral Dictionary

Partially Reprinted from Early Spring 2018 Country Gardens Magazine

Teresa Sabankaya owns Bonny Doon Garden Co., based in Santa Cruz, California where she grows, designs and sells beautiful bouquets meant to communicate volumes without saying a word.

According to Teresa's research, the origin of the language of flowers is believed to have begun in Turkey and specifically emerged from early Turkish 'selam,' which is a greeting and also a language of objects. Upon visiting Constantinople from England in the 1700s, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu was fascinated by the selam, which consisted of giving boxes filled with various objects to another person. She carried this idea back to England, where the objects became the more romanticized flowers and herbs; thus, the language of flowers was born and became a phenomenon in Victorian England.

Because today so few of us are aware of flower and plant meanings used by the Victorians or ancient Turks, Sabankaya has compiled a modern dictionary for her posies. You can find her A to Z list of plant meanings at www.teresasabankaya.com

HERE ARE SOME OF SABANKAYA'S OFTEN-USED CHOICES:

ALSTROMERIA:

Friendship, devotion, aspiring, wealth, prosperity, fortune

ARBORVITAE:

Unchanging friendship

BASIL:

Best wishes

BOXWOOD:

Stoicism, endurance, patience

CALENDULA:

Health, joy, remembrance

COLEUS:

Intensity

DAFFODIL:

Respect, gracefulness

DELPHINIUM:

Sweetness, well-being

ELDERBERRY:

Kindness, compassion

EUONYMUS:

Long life

FERN:

Fascination, sincerity

FREESIA:

Innocence

GARDENIA:

Femininity, charm, ecstasy, transport of joy

GERANIUM, SCENTED:

Preference, comfort, gentility

GRASS:

Submission, the fleeting quality of life

HEATHER:

Admiration, wishes come true

HOLLY BERRIES:

Christmas joy, protection

HOSTA:

Devotion

HYDRANGEA:

Devotion, remembrance

IVY:

Fidelity, constancy, friendship, wedded love

JAPANESE MAPLE:

Baby's hands

JASMINE:

Amiability, transport of joy

JUNIPER:

Protection

LAMB'S-EARS:

Softness, support, surprise

LEMON BALM:

Fun, healing, love, relief

MOSS:

Maternal love

MYRTLE:

Wedded bliss, fidelity, joy, love, passion

OAK:

Hospitality, independence, strength

PARSLEY:

Festivity, gratitude, thanks

QUEEN ANNE'S LACE:

Haven, protection

ROSE:

Love, beauty, friendship, congratulations, reward of virtue

SAGE:

Domestic virtue, skill, wisdom

SANTOLINA:

Protection








TUBEROSE:

Dangerous love, voluptuous





HOW TO ASSEMBLE A POETIC POSY

-  Determine the sentiment you wish to communicate.
-  Select flowers, foliage, and other botanical elements that convey the intended message.
-  Start from the center and work outward, adding stems while rotating the posy so it is circular and symmetrical.
-  Add a collar of foliage to support the flowers. Geranium foliage dusty miller and ferns are ideal, depending on the meaning you wish to convey.
-  Secure the posy with twine. Wrap stems snugly and tie.
-  Cut posy stems short enough to display in a goblet or tumbler.
-  Tie a printed or handwritten sentiment tag to the posy.

VERBENA, PINK:

Family union

WOOD SORREL:

Joy

YARROW:

Cure for heartache,
healing of wounds, health

ZINNIA:

Thoughts of absent friends

As Editor of the Wild Iris, I am always on the look-out for interesting, informative and entertaining garden-related topics to delight you with!

Throughout the year new members come and go, and rather than repeating past articles or information, I thought it might be easier to include a *directory-of-sorts*, to make it easier to find information on past topics, such as pocket gopher and vole elimination, native plants, the plant select program, etc. All of our newsletters, past and present are available to view directly from our website at www.evergreengardenclub.org

All you need do is determine what information you would like to investigate, go to the website and choose 'Newsletters' and then choose the Month and Year of the Wild Iris Newsletter that information can be found in.

Wild Iris - September 2016

Becoming a Habitat Hero (Registering your garden)
Attracting and Identifying Colorado Butterflies

Wild Iris - October 2016

Growing Degree Units (Why my perennials aren't flowering)
Plant Select (Indebt information on the program and which plants are suitable for High Altitude gardens)

Wild Iris - November 2016

Help for Winter Burn (how to prevent evergreens from turning brown over the winter)
Heated Bird Baths
Gifts for Gardeners

Wild Iris - December 2016

Those Vile Voles (Eliminating voles)
Notes from Landscape Design 101

Wild Iris - October 2017

Wrapping Young Trees to Prevent Sunscald
Fall Watering

Wild Iris - November 2017

Pruning Evergreens
Gift Ideas for Gardeners

Wild Iris - December 2017

Low Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens
Mountains 7,500 and above

Wild Iris - February 2017

Creating a Winter Garden
Notes from Landscape Design 101

Wild Iris - March 2017

Designing with Conifers

Wild Iris - April 2017

About Pocket Gophers (Elimination)
Working Cats Program (Putting feral cats to work in your barn)
Adding Organic Matter (what, when and how much)

Wild Iris - May 2017

Ornamental Grasses for Dry Conditions and High Altitudes
Dividing Grasses (how and when)

June 2017

Mountain Water Issues - How to get around them without breaking the law or irritating neighbors

SPRING



HAPPY B'DAY!

**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS!**

**JEFF DAVIDSON
CINDY GIBSON
JEAN LIPSON
LOUISE MOUNSEY
STEVEN PARKS
CHRYL TWILLEY
BEV WICKLAND**



EARTH DAY!

April 21, 2018 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Evergreen Lake House

Join us for the Annual Mountain Area Earth Day Fair!
10 am to 3 pm Saturday, April 21
at the Evergreen Lake House
Please contact Diana Aldridge if you would
like to volunteer to help at our booth!



WHO SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GARDEN FAIRIES?

Please send any questions, corrections, additions or submissions
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