



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

May 2015

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.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
May 12th, 2015

Hiwan Country Club
11:30 – 3 pm

May Birthdays

Sharon Eaves
Beth Feldkamp
Annell Hoy
Gray Jessiman
Jennifer Kjellsen
Sophia Pardo
Paul Luzetski
Barbara Steger
Joy Young

April Presentation



Sainpaulia confusa Mather

Our April speaker, Norah Otto, enlightened us about Gesneriads and the art of growing and displaying these flowering indoor and tropical plants.



Norah Otto



Table Display



Joy Young suggested wearing flower-adorned cowboy hats in the Evergreen parade and she just happened to have an example to show us.



Irina Nicholson assisted in answering questions from EGC members about Gesneriads.



Joy Young wearing her cowgirl hat

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.

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

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

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.

Another suggestion is the Rose Garden at the Jefferson County jail, next to the Jefferson County complex. The club had a field trip there in 2003 and saw color coordinated roses and irises.

Please send any suggestions to 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.



Sundance by Design

is delighted to be participating in Emma's journey to her new home at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. On **June 6 from 1-3** Sundance by Design will be hosting a **Garden Tea Party** for "Flowers for a Friend". There will be free kids activities, iced tea, and finger foods. There will also be a silent auction and special garden art available for purchase with all proceeds going to the Mounsey Legacy Project for the placement of the sculpture. We would love to have our Garden Club friends join us!

I am excited to announce that I am the new owner of Go Paint!
located in historic downtown Evergreen! *Karen Belmont*



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Evergreen Garden Club
April 14, 2015

President, Susan Blake, called the meeting to order at 9:30am with 28 members in attendance. Other Board members present were Paul Luzetki, CO-Vice President, Jean Lipson, Secretary and Patti Stefaniw, Treasurer, and Louise Mounsey, Member Emeritus. Annell Hoy, Co-vice president became ill and was unable to stay for the meeting.

Marva Zima, who is part of our Welcoming Committee introduced today's guest, Anne Siewert, who was given a warm round of applause. A hearty welcome to you, we are pleased that you chose to join us today and we hope that you will become member and be an asset to our busy group.

Susan announced April Birthdays, Jeff Davidson, Jeri Duford, Cindy Gibson, Jo Oveton, Bev Wickland, Jean Lipson and Louise Mounsey. We hope that this will be a year to remember for each one of you.

Jean Lipson, our Secretary, asked for a motion to approve the March minutes as published in The Wild Iris. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Pati Stefaniw, our treasurer, gave a Power Point Presentation on our finances. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Additionally she pointed out that the reloadable King Soopers and Safeway grocery store gift cards which can be purchased from her for a mere \$20.00 were a significant source of income for our club; we receive 5% of each sale.

Committee Reports are as follows:

- Communications, Lucy Ginley: no report however it was noted that submissions to The Wild Iris are to be submitted to her by the 20th of the month to provide ample time to add your information to The Wild Iris
- Publicity, Pam Hinish: no report
- Historian/Photographer: Susan passed around a copy of the 2012-2013 Evergreen Garden Club year book. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please contact Susan.
- Hospitality: Annell Hoy no report
- Natural Resources: Mary Dickhoff, reminded us of the use of chemicals and their damage to our landscape
- Public Garden Coordinator: Lynn Dimmick, stated that there will not be a Public Gardens work day in May due to the Evergreen Garden Club 50th Anniversary Luncheon. She also reminded us that every Friday at 9:00am, Dale and Peggy Fetchenheir, the garden coordinators for The Dam Garden (Evergreen Metro Water District) in downtown Evergreen, are always in need of help
- Welcoming, Marva Zema introduced our guest, Anne Stewart

Co-Vice President, Paul Lutzetski made announcements on behalf of Co-Vice President, Annell Hoy that in order to be included in the Evergreen Garden Club member directory your dues must be paid.

Additionally, it was announced that we would be using Jon Powers (husband of Jo Powers) collectible car for the rodeo, it's design is better suited for Louise to get in and out of, plus

we will have room for a box of flowers on the back of the car. It will be a real show stopper!

Susan talked about adding photos to our Evergreen Garden Club Membership Directory for our upcoming edition. It was pointed out that there was additional room for photos adjacent to the existing information and is entirely optional. Irma Wolf suggested that each member be contacted to obtain their permission. A plea was made to responsibly dispose of old club directories by shredding them rather than just tossing the book(S) in the trash

Co-Vice President, Paul Luzetski, gave us a brief update on the Expo, slated for Saturday, June 27, 2015. Pots and Planters may be designed by members for design purposes only prior to the Expo for use at the celebration. A good source of information on creating these is featured in this week's edition of the High Country Garden website. The name of article is entitled Patio Plants and Container Gardening with Perennials. The blog is entitled : highcountry@email.highcountrygardens.com After the celebration members may collect their individual pot/planter and bring it home again. Linda Fisher grew Hen and Chick plants for Earth Day. Since we have chosen not to participate in this annual event, Linda has graciously donated them for use at the Expo. Since there is no admission charge to the Expo, folks may donate a lump sum of money and obtain a plant. All proceeds will benefit Evergreen Garden Club.

Flowers for a Friend a life size bronze statue dedicated to Bill and Louise Mounsey began its journey to the Hiwan Homestead Museum, March 29, and will find a place of honor at the Hiwan Homestead in July. Evergreen Garden Club is asking for donations for a flagstone marker which will appear close to the parking lot. EGC members are encouraged to make an anonymous donation to Patti Stefaniw, treasurer of EGC. When we have received the appropriate amount, a flagstone that reads "Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. Members" Lets pay it forward as the Mounsey's have dedicated a large amount of time and energy to the community these past 50 years.

Garden Tour 2016 is beginning to appear on the horizon, we need a committee of eight people to choose five gardens. To date the following members have volunteered to help with this task, Susan Blake, Annell Hoy, and Lynn Dimmick. If you are have even the slightest interest in this, why not become an EGC team member and volunteer your time by contacting anyone of the previously mentioned members.

An email was sent to each EGC member's inbox describing the upcoming board member position that will be vacated by our current board members due to the fact that their term is up. One of our newest members, Jane Wingquist, has volunteered to become our treasurer. A nominating committee comprised of Louise Mounsey, Lindy Doty, Grace Coveyau , and Jeff Davidson will undertake this task.

Please remember if we don't have volunteers to fill each position, two vice presidents, a treasurer, (Jane Wingquist) a secretary, and a computer tech (Patti will mentor) we no longer are able to continue to operate. Once again members are encouraged to be team players and fill these positions.

With no further business to discuss our meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lipson, Secretary