



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS



DECEMBER 2016

Dear Gardeners,

I trust your Thanksgiving was festive with friends and family. Now we have to look forward to more festivities at the fire house on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 9:30. The Hospitality committee has planned a great meal, so eat a small breakfast. After a very brief meeting, the board will have games and prizes.

There will also be some fellow gardeners who will have some of their crafts for sale. Ten-percent of their proceeds will go to the club. There are some talented people in our club.

We will be collecting hearty soups with a minimum of 5 grams of protein and cornbread mixes. **Last year, we collected 300 pounds of food; let's see if we can beat that!**

One bit of business: Please mail all request for reimbursements to the treasurer by mid-December (P.O. Box 1393) so all year-end accounting will be up-to-date. Last of all, I wish all of you a very stress less, festive Holiday Season!

Your Festive President,

Joan Evashevski



DECEMBER'S PROGRAM ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

The December Program will be our Annual Holiday Celebration. There will be great food, holiday games and a Christmas tree with lots of ornaments as prizes.

Please don't forget to bring some cans of Hearty Soups (5 grams of protein) and boxes of corn bread mixes to donate. There will be a craft's table. (10% of the sales will go to the Club). Please don't forget if you signed up to bring food. Questions? Call Annell Hoy at 303-670-6892.

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
December 13, 2016
BERGEN PARK FIRE
HOUSE
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes

November 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Evashevski at 9:40 a.m. Board members present were 2nd Co-Vice President, Annell Hoy, 1st Vice president, Lindy Doty, Treasurer, Jane Wingquist, Tech Office, Susan Garcia, Secretary, Gloria Owens. Absence: Linda Berteau, 2nd Co-Vice President. There were 39 members present.

Joan announced November birthdays for Karen Devereaux and Karen Belmont. Marva introduced guest Gail Dennak.

Secretary Report: Gloria announced she sent get well cards to Kathy Lee and Peggy Fetchenhier and November birthday cards have been sent. She also updated the minutes in the notebook from 2012 to 2015. Notebook is kept in file cabinet. The minutes were printed in the Wild Iris and Gloria asked if there were any corrections. Marva Zima stated under hospitality committee, she and Cindy Gibson did not suggest donating \$750 for coffee pot and pots & pans for the Fire Department. The October minutes will be corrected. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Treasurer Report: Jane Wingquist announced there is \$2,448 in the checking account and \$16,825 in the savings account.

Directory: In the absence of Linda Berteau, Annell announced there were corrections and additions to the EGC directory.

Hospitality: Annell Hoy announced our December 13 general meeting will be a Christmas party. She requested signups for food and announced Joy Young will take care of tables and centerpieces. There will also be an art/craft table for members to bring items to sell.

Tech Officer: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Natural Resources: Mary Dickoff reported Sundance Gardens have moved across the street next to Sundance Designs. They will be having an open house November 19. She also spoke on a garden product, Plantskydd granules which are to help remove vole/ground gopher activity in gardens.

Public Gardens: Lynn Dimmick stated all gardens have been winterized and no further report.

Historian: No report.

Old Business: Joan addressed the suggestion of donating \$750 to the Fire Department for the purchase of a coffee pot and pots and pans, which was tabled from the October Meeting. The board reviewed the proposal and decided not to proceed with the donation. The membership discussed the fact that a club policy exists, which was unknown to the current board members, which lays out the process for how and when the EGC may disburse some of its cash reserves to other entities. Gloria will retype the two policy documents, share them with the board, and then the board will present the process to the membership at the January meeting. The board will also decide if the policies should be posted on our website.

Susan Blake had informed the EGC that there is a vole problem in the garden at the Fire Department and they brought that to our attention and asked if we would take care of the problem. A motion was made and approved that Public Gardens Coordinator Lynn Dimmick will investigate with all of the public gardens' leaders to see if they had any vole problems. If necessary, a thoughtful approach to spending money on vole mitigation will be brought to the membership meeting for approval, e.g., using products in the soil, contracting with an exterminator. Chairman, Lynn Dimmick was asked to check with all public gardens to see if they had any vole problems. Lynn accepted and will contact each garden leader. Susan Blake will oversee the removal of the voles at the Fire Department. Any receipts for the removal of voles, is to be given to Jane Wingquist, Treasurer.

Program: Lindy Doty announced program was on Flower Arranging ideas.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Owens, Secretary



JARED'S  **NURSERY**

**Thank you, Jared's Nursery, <http://jaredsgarden.com/>
for the very generous gift of Deer Scram that you donated
to the club's Public Gardens! We'll make very good use of it!**

**NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM
FLORAL DESIGN!**

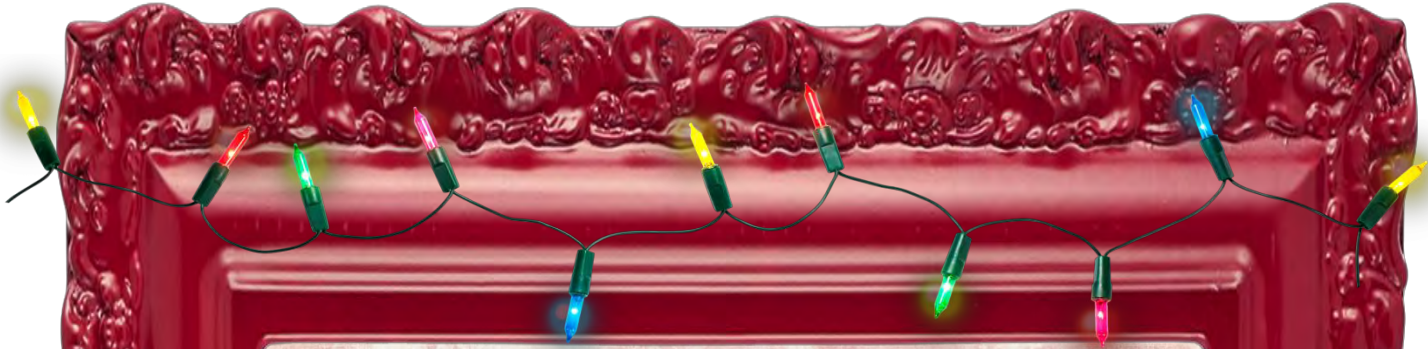


Floral Design Program Leader Mary Mitchell & Lindy Doty



Irma Wolf & Lindy Doty





Jane Wingquist



Kris Waggoner

Photos by Susan Blake





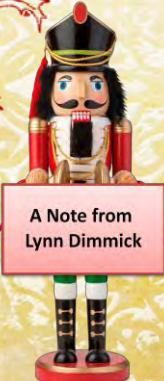
WE ARE SO LUCKY...

To have 12 garden leaders for our 8 public gardens that are


Tenacious
Artistic
Inspired
Motivating
Creative
Knowledgeable
Talented
and Fun!

We can appreciate but never know how many decisions and hours of hard work that they've put in to our extraordinary gardens for the benefit of everyone. Thank you, (from gardens north to south) Diana Aldridge, Susan Blake, Barb Steger, Lorrie Redman, Cherie Luke, Lucy Ginley, Jeff Davidson, Peggy & Dale Fetchenhier, Annell Hoy, Marjorie Clinton, and Mary Dickhoff.

\$4.25



A Note from
Lynn Dimmick

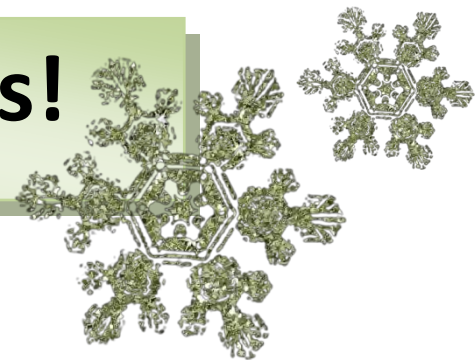


*Please send all requests for
reimbursement to the Treasurer
by mid-December (PO Box 1393,
Evergreen 80437), so that all
year-end accounting will be up-
to-date. Thanks!
Jane Wingquist*





Those Vile Voles!



MEADOW VOLES AND PINE VOLES

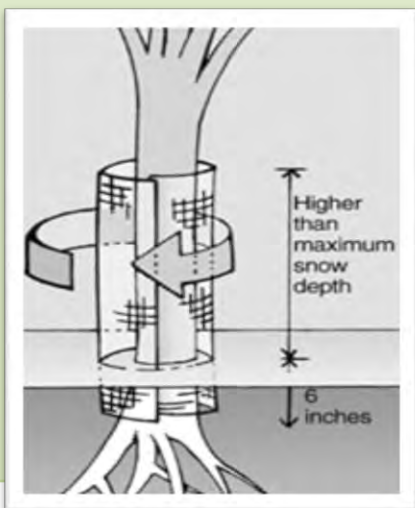
Meadow voles are most active above ground. They sometimes live underground where the soil has been cultivated or where a burrow system is already present; for example, an abandoned pocket gopher burrow.

Pine voles favor open woodlands and spend most of their time in underground burrows. They usually have an extensive subsurface trail system that is excavated about 1 to 2 inches deep. These burrows open to the surface and often connect to above-ground runways.

Voles are active day and night and do not hibernate. They have three to six young per litter and have approximately 12 litters per year. Fallen birdseed in winter can attract voles.

Both eliminating voles and preventing vole damage is the most effective way to keep things under control. Yellow-tabbed snap traps work great for eliminating voles. Poisoning voles is not recommended as a poisoned vole can sicken natural predators, and poisons are dangerous around pets and children.

Tree damage from voles can be prevented by wrapping the tree trunk with hardware cloth. Ensure the squares are no larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and bury the cloth at least six inches below the ground.



YELLOW-TABBED SNAP TRAPS WORK GREAT!

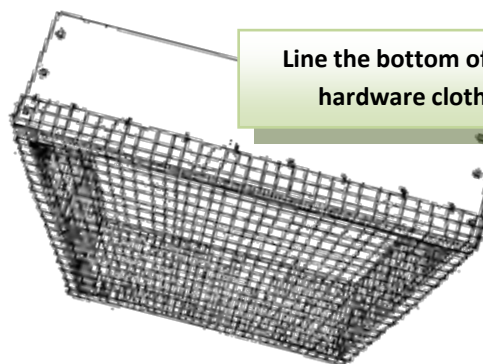
Place traps perpendicular to runways with the trigger end in the runway and bait with small amounts of rolled oats or peanut butter. Set traps in the fall before most damage occurs. Cover the hole with a tent or an inverted flower pot to avoid harming non-target critters.



Protect the roots of shrubs and perennials from vole damage by planting the main root-ball in a basket made of hardware cloth or purchase wire baskets from the *Dollar Store* and bury them directly into the ground. Leave a couple inches of the basket above the surface and hide with mulch if the plant doesn't cover it. Larger wire baskets for plants like rose bushes can be purchased at Target. The baskets have an advantage because they have a bottom. Pocket gophers can burrow deeper than voles and can come in from underneath. Below is a picture of a burrowing tunnel that came in from under the fence and completely surrounded the protected plant. Thanks to the basket, this Broom is now twice the size and still growing strong today!



Baskets from the Dollar Store come in two sizes



Line the bottom of raised beds with hardware cloth before filling.



Plantskydd is known to be an effective deterrent and comes in granular or spray forms. Safe around pets!

**Tips and advice from two local gardeners, Margaret Rode and Rachel Emmer.
Did you find something that worked for you? Share it with us by sending to
louisehern@gmail.com Thank you for sharing ladies!**

FROM MARGARET RODE -

The standard advice nowadays in my circles is:

- Eliminate all hiding places - grass, weeds, mulch, everything you can do to create an open space, which scares them and makes them vulnerable to predators
- Don't mulch until the ground is frozen
- Avoid large areas of mulch in vole-ridden areas
- Trap, trap, trap (live or dead)
- Avoid poisons, which will travel up the food chain
- Vole repellent products that include castor bean oil can sometimes be helpful (not near edibles though)
- Flooding their tunnels this time of year (where they are hunkered down) can make them quite miserable
- I made a soil drench with hot dried chilies, garlic, onion, and vinegar....it seemed to help and made the garden smell great :)



MORE GOOD ADVICE

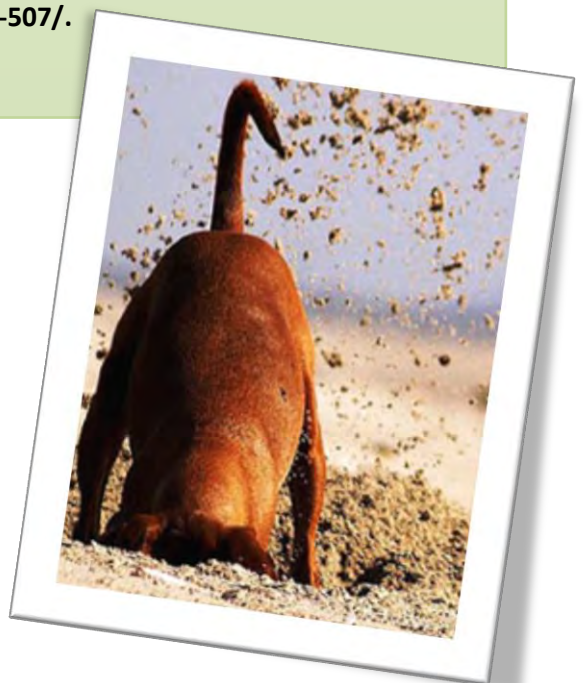
FROM RACHAEL EMMER –

- Look at ways to invite vole predators into the garden....fox, owls, cats. Evaluate current habitat and consider ways to make it more predator friendly.
- Fox - consider keeping gates open for fox during the winter months so the garden can become part of their winter hunting grounds.
- Owls - create owl perches and/or nest boxes. Resident cats work wonders on a vole population (personal experience).
- Here's an article on building and placing owl boxes -

<http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/beneficial/creating-owl-boxes.htm>

And maybe more than you ever wanted to know from the CSU extension website,

<http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/managing-voles-in-colorado-6-507/>.



2017 CO Master Gardener Calendars are still available!

The calendar again contains useful "To Do List" information for each month.

Photographs courtesy of CO Master Gardeners.

Calendars prepared and designed by:
Master Gardeners of Jefferson County,
Colorado...A Non-Profit Organization,
And Native Plant Masters.

Price \$12.00, cash or check payable to "Master Gardener Fund"

Proceeds go towards scholarships for area students
who are pursuing education/careers in horticulture.

Please contact EGC member, Paul Luzetski
if you would like to arrange for calendar purchases.

Thanks very much for your support!

Paul Luzetski

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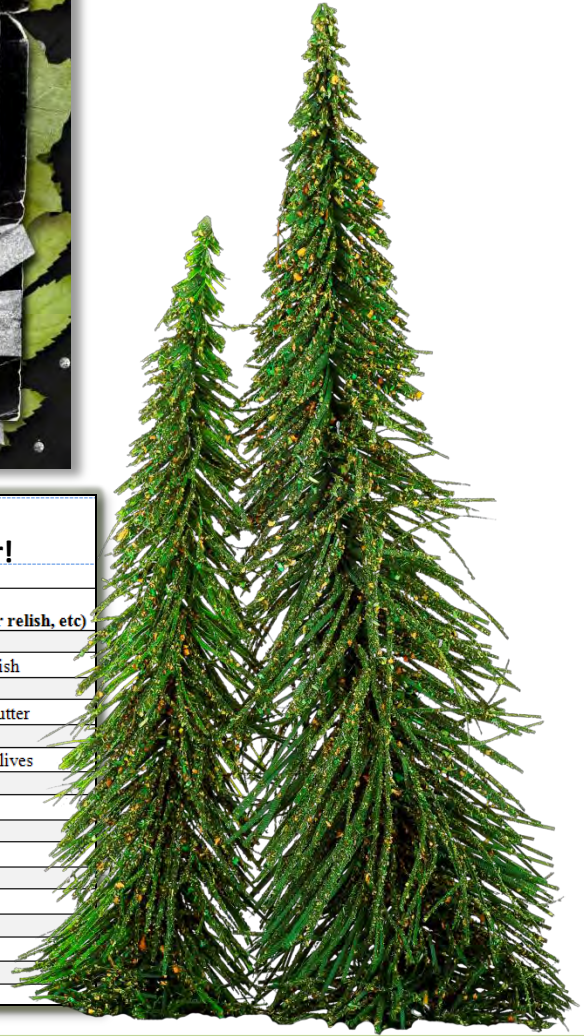
NO COLOR IN WINTER – TEXTURE BECOMES THE FOCUS

Notes from Landscape Design 101



Just a reminder that the
Evergreen Garden Club will
cancel its meeting if
Jefferson County Schools or
Jefferson County Mountain
Schools are closed due to
inclement weather. Tune in
to any local television
station for school updates.





DECEMBER 13, 2016 SPECIAL LIST (Club provides Honey Baked Ham)		EGC Holiday Party Food Reminder!	
Vegetable (any type) 8 Minimum	desserts (8 min.)	Salad (8 min)	Condiments (rolls/butter relish, etc)
Annell Hoy	Bev Wickland	Cheryl Twilley	Pam Hinich cranberry relish
Marva Zima	Irma Wolf	Jan Parks	Lynn Dimmick rolls & butter
Cherie Lukie	Lucille Nelson	Jeanne Erickson	Paul Luzetski pickles & olives
Barbara Steger	Beth Feldkamp	Jo Powers	
Louise Heern	Susan Blake	Marilyn DuVon	
Gayle Gordon	Gloria Owens	Lindy Doty	
Cindy Gibson	Linda Berteau	Dee Sacks	
Joan Evashevski			

Cheryl Twilley has joined the Hospitality Committee. THANK YOU and welcome!

Thank you to those who have signed up to bring a dish to the Holiday Party. We are expecting 45 – 50 members so additional food providers would be helpful. If you can bring a dish, please let Annell Hoy know at annell517@yahoo.com or text 720-438-5502 Many Thanks.

For those bringing a dish please provide a card with the list of ingredients to place by the dish. We have members who are GF and others Non Dairy. Also, don't forget a serving utensil labeled with your name, the Club has few of these. Looking forward to a delicious and fun day!

Your Hospitality Committee



Please send any corrections, submissions, ideas or stories for the Wild Iris to louiseheern@gmail.com

