



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

MAY 2018

Dear Gardeners,

I hope your gardens are becoming green; I know the public gardens are. Speaking of public gardens, the bench in honor of Lucy Ginley is in place thanks to the perseverance of Mark Branch and Mary Twombly. It is lovely. There will be a celebration in June.

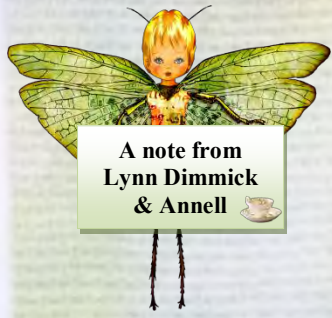
Karla Briggs will be giving a presentation on gardening at high altitude May 9th at the Evergreen Lutheran Church at 5:30. Be sure to make reservations (720-248-8757).

Our May meeting will be at the Evergreen Lutheran Church. Anell will have the usual refreshments, but is requesting that everyone bring a coffee cup from home. After the meeting there will be a work day at the public gardens.

I hope to see you there!

Joan





NEED A CURE FOR SPRING FEVER?

Play in the dirt with wild abandon!

***EGC TUESDAY MAY 8th MEETING
will be a workday for all public gardens!***

Toss willy nilly in your car and meet at the Lutheran Church on Hwy 73 Tuesday, May 8th at 9:00 am. Since we will be meeting at the church, we will not have access to a full kitchen. Therefore, hospitality is asking everyone to please bring their own coffee cup! The morning will start with coffee, breakfast and a quick meeting before heading out to the gardens.

WHAT TO BRING?

**Coffee Cup
Gardening Gloves
Shade Hat
Sunscreen
Water Bottle
Favorite Hand Tools
A Hearty Appetite
Goofy Grin**

**Questions? Not sure which garden to work in?
Contact Lynn Dimmick at 303-670-0108
or find her at the meeting!**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

MAY 18, 2018 8:45 am EGC Visit to the Denver Botanical Gardens

**Meet at the Bergen Fire Station
8:45 am to carpool.
Will leave promptly at 9:00 am**


**Lindy Doty will be sharing her
Denver garden from 12 – 2 only.
Be sure to stop by on your way home
from the Botanic Gardens
Her address is:
775 Krameria Street
Denver, CO**

MAY 19, 2018 9:00 am Water Board Seeding Project

**Meet at JP Total parking area
at 8:45 to carpool to site by 9.**

**Please sign up with Annell Hoy
(annell517@yahoo.com or text 720-438-
5502 prior to this date for carpooling
information and materials to
bring that day.**

Thank you for your participation!



**JUNE 2, 2018 1:00 pm
Water Board Shrub Planting**

**Please sign up with Annell Hoy
(annell517@yahoo.com or
text 720-438-5502)
if you can attend this planting “party”!**

**13 bushes to plant so shovel, gloves
and smiles encouraged.**



**JULY 11, 2018 10:00 am
Pre-Tour for Garden Walk Workers**

**Meet at the Hiwan Museum Parking Lot
for a tour of the showcase tour gardens for 2018.**

**Please sign up with Annell Hoy
(annell517@yahoo.com or text 720-438-5502)
for carpooling assignments for the tour.**

**All members working on the tour day are
encouraged to visit these gardens
and enjoy the day together.**

More information to come.

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes April 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Joan Evashevski. Board members present were Cherie Luke, Mary Twombly, Kris Waggoner, and Susan Garcia.

The club sang happy birthday to our members born in April.

President: Joan made the following announcements:

Evergreen Garden Guru Presentation May 9, 2018 at the Evergreen Lutheran Church; 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The presentation is free and reservations are advised.

Private Pockets of Paradise Steamboat Springs garden tour July 14, 2018

Trip to the Denver Botanic Gardens Friday May 18th, 2018 – an informal tour; a signup sheet was passed.

EGC Meeting on May 8th will be at Evergreen Lutheran Church; refreshments, a brief meeting, then work day; bring work clothes and tools.

Joan presented a motion, formally proposed by Gloria Owens, to amend the bylaws to switch maintenance of the club email list from the tech officer to the second vice president (membership). The motion was seconded and passed on a show of hands.

Joan called for a motion to approve last month's minutes; minutes were approved.

First Vice President: Cherie Luke - (also nominating committee), Carol Herczeg will be our next President; Lindy Doty offered to host the members after the Botanic Garden Tour. Regarding the June meeting program, the greenhouse tour will be cancelled and replaced with a memorial bench installation celebration.

Second Vice President: Mary Twombly - Lucy Ginley Memorial bench will be shipped April 20th, to arrive April 27th.

Secretary's report: none (Cindy is with her Mother).

Treasurers report: Kris Waggoner - Reviewed financials, reminded members that 2018-2019 dues will be due September 1-30 of this year.

Earth Day: Diana Aldridge announced she will be contacting those who have agreed to volunteer for Earth Day Fair, Lake house, April 21st 10-3.

Garden Tour: Gloria Owens committee working hard. Sundance will give a 10% discount to the owners of the Garden Tour gardens to help prepare for the tour and Sundance was very helpful in the gardens for the tour.

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes (Continued)
April 10, 2018

Hospitality and water board project: the project is moving along, and will be finished April 18th. Seeds and plants will be installed after Mother's day; date to be determined.

Public Gardens: Lynn Dimmick reminded members to come equipped to our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. Cherie introduced our speaker, Margaret Rode, who spoke on High Altitude Food Gardening.



Hummers are here!

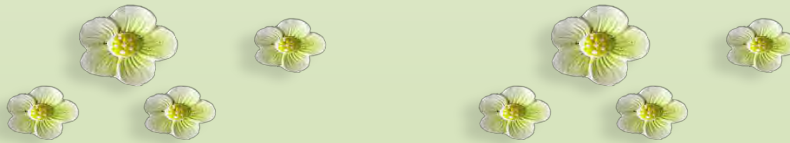
A note from CSU CCC Extension

Every April that familiar buzz makes us smile! After their long journey from wintering in warmer climates, the Broad-tailed and Rufous hummingbirds are now frantically searching for food. Male hummingbirds arrive first to establish their territories; a good food source helps them choose a desirable site.

We're in luck since they generally nest at elevations above 6,000 feet! No need to buy the powdered hummingbird nectar mix – instead, make homemade hummingbird nectar. **All you need is 4 parts water to 1 part white granulated table sugar – boil the water, stir in the sugar until completely dissolved, and let it cool.**

Adding more sugar DOES NOT HELP the hummers; in fact too much sugar can cause liver damage. Don't use dye, food coloring or commercial nectars — they have chemicals the birds don't need and could be harmful. **DO NOT USE HONEY** – it will quickly ferment and become poisonous to the birds. Make sure your feeder has some red trim to attract them, and keep feeders clean. Of course there are many native wildflowers that they are attracted to as well; feel free to contact me for more information.

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UNDERSTANDING THE FERTILIZER LABEL

The label on a bag of fertilizer shows the percentages of nutrients in the mix. The three numbers shown most prominently, called the N-P-K ratio, refer to the amounts of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) in the bag. For example, an 8-4-4 fertilizer contains, by weight, 8 percent nitrogen, 4 percent phosphorus, and 4 percent potassium. Nitrogen is the most critical element, promoting good foliage growth and flowers.





July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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EGC GARDEN TOUR!

July 21, 2018
 10 am until 3:00 pm
 It's not too late to help with
 this fun major fundraising
 event for the club!

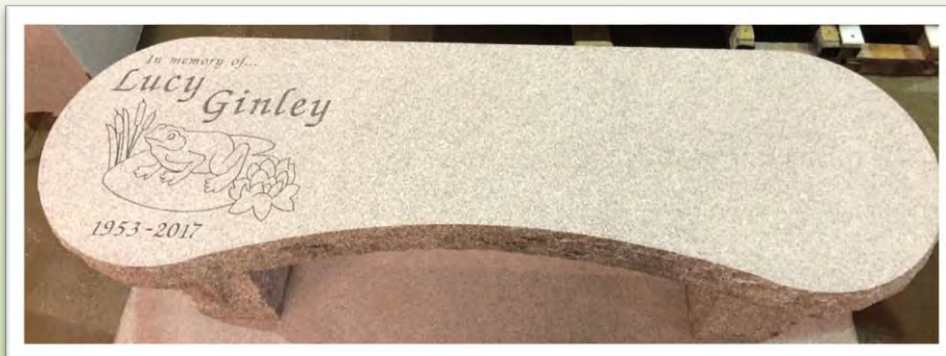
Please contact Chairperson
 Gloria Owens if interested.
gloriaowens@centurylink.net



On June 21 at 10 am there will be a dedication ceremony for Lucy's memorial bench, which has now been installed in the Fire Station garden. There will be a gathering with light refreshments in the meeting room after the ceremony.

All EGC members are invited!

If you have any questions please contact Leslie Jordan at fairyfoot@aol.com

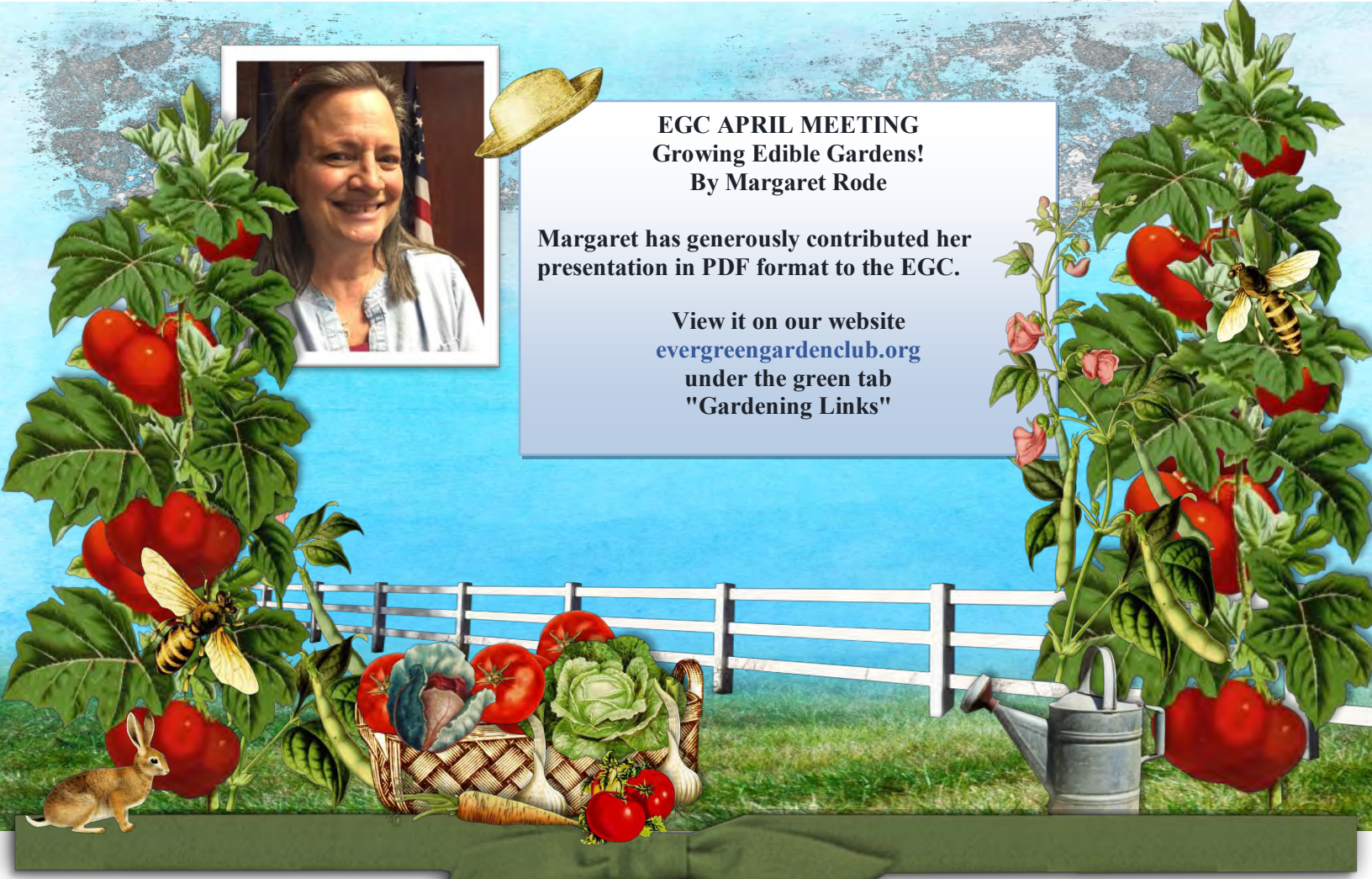




EGC APRIL MEETING
Growing Edible Gardens!
By Margaret Rode

Margaret has generously contributed her presentation in PDF format to the EGC.

View it on our website
evergreengardenclub.org
under the green tab
"Gardening Links"



17th Annual Great Sale of
Organic Garden Plants

Tomatoes – dozens of varieties – mostly wonderful heirlooms
Peppers! Other Vegetables – ALL ORGANIC!
Also, annuals, perennials & ground covers!
*Most were seed-started by our members
or divided from our own organic gardens.*



Saturday, May 19, 2018
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Come Rain or Shine! – we're warm and dry inside!!)

St. John's Church and School
700 S. Franklin St., Denver, CO
(just east of Washington Park – access from east side, follow signs!)

Payment: CASH only

(Please bring a watertight container to carry your purchases!)

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For more info: www.gardenfrog.org or e-mail frog.plant.sale@gmail.com

Over 90% of FROG's sale proceeds benefit public education on organic gardening,
and grants to other non-profits who practice and promote organic gardening principles

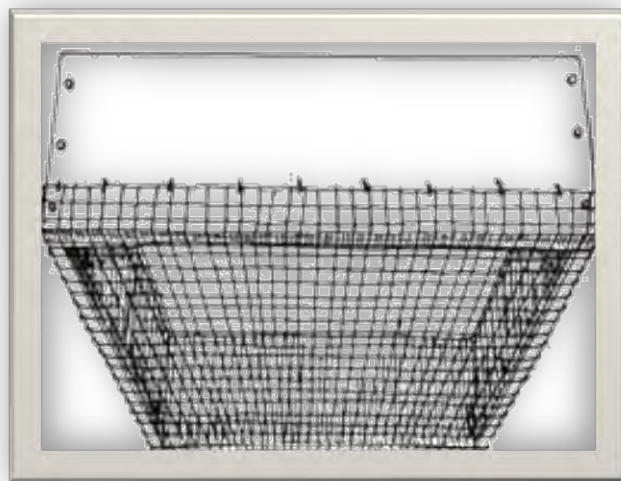
RAISED BEDS – THE EASY SOLUTION

There's a simple solution to dealing with soil that is too shallow or drains poorly: heap soil on top of it and grow above grade. To form the sides of a raised bed, use landscape timbers, decay-resistant wood, brick, concrete block or stone; or simply make a firm mound with sloping sides and a surrounding ditch. Plan to have the soil surface within the raised bed one foot or more above the normal grade outside.

Dig a 4-inch layer of organic material into the existing soil, going down a foot or more if you can. Then add topsoil (taken from another part of the garden or purchased), and dig it into the improved native soil, adding another 4-inch layer of organic matter at the same time. Water the bed deeply and let it settle before you plant. If it sinks significantly, mix more topsoil into the bed.

Resource: *Sunset 365 Days of Garden Color*

If possible, line the bottom of your raised bed with wire cloth before filling to keep the pocket gophers and voles from coming up from underneath.



This Month's *Designer Plant Combinations*

By *Scott Calhoun*



Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush
Buddleia alternifolia 'Argentea'
Zone 4



'Gold Cone' juniper
Juniperus communis 'Gold Cone'
Zone 5



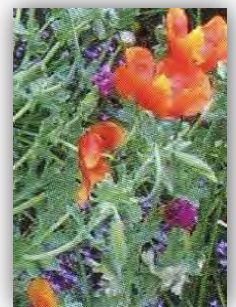
'Melton Pastels' pincushion plant
Knautia macedonica
'Melton Pastels'
Zone 5



Sea thrift
Armeria
pseudarmeria
Zone 5



Soapwort
Saponaria
ocymoides
Zone 3



Yellow Horned Poppy
Glaucium flavum
Zone 6



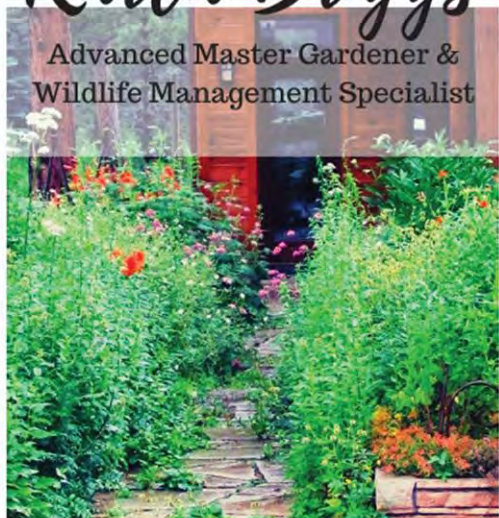
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**EVERGREEN'S GARDEN GURU
IS SHARING HER SECRETS**

Karla Briggs

Advanced Master Gardener &
Wildlife Management Specialist



**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 5:30-7pm
Evergreen Lutheran Church**

Seating is limited, RSVP's strongly encouraged

**For more info or to RSVP call
Tupper's Team 720.248.8757**

Love Blooms Here



The Wild Iris Directory!

Throughout each 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 but if you are looking for something specific, check the topics below, 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 (In debt 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

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