



# Evergreen Garden Club

## The Wild Iris Volume 18, Issue 13 October 2006

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Nan Spence

#### **Vice Presidents:**

Chris Gray

Sheila Henriksen

#### **Secretary:**

Kim Stark

#### **Treasurer:**

Priscilla Chapin

The **Wild Iris** is a free monthly publication for members of the Evergreen Garden Club.

**Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of the month from Sept. to June at Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

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This month, I would like to use the space allotted for my President’s Message to introduce you to the other members who are serving as officers this year. Although some of you know these wonderful women already, I thought that all of us would like to learn a bit about each of them in their own words:

#### **Chris Gray, Co-Vice President:**

“I was born and raised in Brisbane, Queensland Australia. I obtained a degree in Pharmacy from the University of Queensland and then ventured on a trip to the UK and Europe. It was on this trip that I met my future husband, Chuck.

Except for seven years of our married life when we lived in the Washington DC area, our family has lived in Colorado, mostly in the Littleton area. Our three children all graduated from Chatfield High School and four years ago, as empty nesters, Chuck and I decided to move to the Evergreen area. It was only after I retired two years ago that I had the time to do things other than “work down the hill.” It was then that I joined the Evergreen Garden Club... I love to garden but realize that I have so much to learn in order to be a successful gardener. It is the members of the garden club who have and continue to teach me so much about

gardening in Evergreen. ..This is a great club, I love being involved.”

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#### **Sheila Henriksen, Co-Vice President:**

“I have lived in Colorado now for 30 years, most of that time in mountain settings. My husband and I moved to Evergreen 4 years ago to pursue our retirement and to remain close to our four grown children. After years of having lived at elevations over 9000 feet, Evergreen feels relatively temperate. Considering I am originally from New Orleans, LA, there are still days when I struggle with what it means to live at sea level, much less 7800 feet above it. Consequently, I go home often for my “humidity fix.”

I have not been a life-long gardener. With four active kids to “plant, fertilize and nurture,” it has never occurred to me to think about the stuff growing out of the ground. But at this point in my life, gardening has proven to be a great way to remain inquisitive and always learning something new, to stay physically active, and to get out there and meet new people and grow new friendships.”

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### *October 10, 2006 Fall Work Day at the Community Gardens*

Let’s get our community gardens in shape for the winter. Come prepared with work gloves and garden tools, water and sunscreen. And, of course, your warmest smiles!

room.  
See you there!

Plan to join us for lunch afterwards at noon at the Fire Rescue meeting



# Garden Club News

*Welcome new members!!!!* Mary DeBaets-Edward Jones Investments, Bonnie Hisgen, Pam Hinish, and Jeanne Weber- I relocated here from upstate New York last year. There I had a large garden, mostly flowers and fought the long cold dark winters and very wet summers. Being here is a joy it's a pleasure to join with all the Garden Club members to learn about all things natural to the area. I really have enjoyed the local gardens and all the work that the Garden Club has done.

**October Food Hostesses**

Jo Powers, Karla Briggs, Tricia Scott, Jan Drury,  
 Claudine Pardi, Sandra & Ken Ball, Joy Young, Juanita Zellner, Jeanne Weber,  
 Pam Hinish.

**Thank You!**

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**Kim Stark, Secretary:**

"I was born and raised in Denver. I am a fourth generation (on both sides of my family) Coloradoan. My degree is in French Linguistics from CU Boulder and was an exchange student to Rennes, France. I have a wonderful 25-year old son, Brandon, who lives in Arvada from where we moved last year to Evergreen to get out of the city like everyone else here! My precious doggies are now my "kids." They go almost everywhere with me and I ADORE them! One is a Border Collies, Rascal, and she is 10, and a Bernese Mountain Dog, Frisco, and he is 5.

I have been gardening for 30 some years. I joined EGC last year after meeting Kathi Grider through Casual Gourmet and also enjoy wine tasting, travel, reading, crosswords, Pilates and have just become involved with Evergreen Scholarship/Bootstraps, Inc. I also tutor French and English. I am married for 19 years to my second husband, Russ."

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**Priscilla Chapin, Treasurer**

" I started life on a dairy farm just a few miles east of where I now live... I've resided in my present home since 1962 and raised my two children here. My son has two sons and is a commercial/computer graphic artist for DEX and does free lance work and consignment work. My daughter has a son and a daughter and is a teacher's aid and reading tutor for elementary school in Littleton. She has a lovely formal English style garden.

My home was originally a cabin that we have remolded and added on to several times and expanded the gardens to where they are today, well established, but at the same time always changing. My favorite flowers are my lilac hedge, roses, daisies and sweet peas.

I'm responsible for the care and feeding of a husband, 3 cats, a flock of fancy chickens, that keep me supplied with fresh eggs and fertilizer, koi in the pond and a menagerie of wildlife and birds that we feed.

I joined the Garden Club in the early 80's, have been a member ever since."

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I hope you have enjoyed getting to know Priscilla, Kim, Sheila and Chris "in their own words." And I think you can agree with me that the Evergreen Garden Club is quite fortunate to have each of these members serve as officers this year.

I would also like to extend a special thank you this month to **Jan Brown, Vicky Jahn** and **JoAnne McGee** for stepping up to volunteer at our booth at the **Evergreen Fire Rescue Fire Safety Day** on **September 16**. It was chilly and quite blustery, but having these three members to assist me made it seem to be a much warmer and pleasant day!

**Nan Spence, President**

## *Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Meeting*

President Nan Spence called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

### Welcome

Nan welcomed all attendees to the meeting and offered "thank yous" to all who helped the Club move into our new room at the fire station, which included club members and a few husbands. Logistical information covered included the location of the storage closet and new sign up sheet, the loss of our Community Garden sign, the location and informational use of all the white boards in the meeting room. She then introduced Einar Jensen, the Community Educator for the fire department. He is our contact and can be reached at 303-679-4749 or ejensen@evergreenfirerescue.com. He thanked the Club for the beautiful new fire-wise garden and spoke about some up-coming events at the station including Fire Safety Day, September 16th.

Nan then thanked all who had helped with the name tags and new membership directories and noted the back cover dedication to long-time members, Louise Mounsey and Jessie Davis.

### Treasurer's Report

Priscilla stated the Club has over 100 members and asked all to please check their personal information in the directory and to keep us informed of any changes throughout the year so we can maintain good communication. She introduced Beth Feldkamp and asked members to send any newsletter information to her. Priscilla stated the Plant Sale brought in over \$5,000 and after expenses, we netted a \$3,000 profit. We have \$379.06 in our checking account and \$9,617.86 in the savings account. She will have the budget ready for the October meeting.

### Secretary's Report

Kim reported the Club had received cards from the following members: Jean Todd, Ginny Boschen, Lucille Carson, Mary Schvetz, Sheila Henriksen and Darleen Cornett.

### New Business

Nan introduced Fran Sorensen of our Hospitality committee. Fran introduced the other members of the committee and explained how to sign-up to bring food for our meetings. She suggested that if one was not able to work in the gardens during the October Work Day, they could still offer to bring a dish and attend the luncheon and be a part of the effort that way. She said more information would follow via an e-mail.

Fall Work Day is October 10th and Irma will send an e-mail reminder as to which garden each volunteer had been assigned.

Fire Safety Day at the fire station is September 16th. Nan needs one or two volunteers to be present at the event. There will be material about fire-wise gardening and seeds.

Field Trip-September 19th We will be going to Marsha Tatroes garden in Centennial. We are to meet at Albertson's at 9:00 AM and bring a sack lunch. See Sheila or Chris for details and e-mail Sheila with your RSVP.

Wild Bird Open House is October 14th Nan said we will have a booth with information on how to attract birds and butterflies. She needs volunteers for both the planning stage and to man the booth the day of the event and asked we e-mail her if we can help. A percentage of the profits will be divided amongst the four non-profit groups participating in the event.

Shirts/Pins We have Club shirts available to order; they cost \$30; contact Trish Scott. We also have wild iris pins, designed for us by Ken Ball; they are \$25.

World Garden Ginny Cerillo explained our World Garden program is part of Children of the World, which provides seeds and plants to orphanages, mainly in India. Last year we sent over \$250, the year before, we sent over \$450.

Nan mentioned to be sure to read all the white boards as information would be on them regarding community events and functions not covered during the membership meeting.

### Speaker and Program

Irene Shonle, Director of CSU Cooperative Extension in Gilpin County, was introduced and she presented her program on native wildflowers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47.

Attendees: 59

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Stark

Please contact Kim Stark with any changes/corrections to these Minutes.



# Over The Garden Fence

By Julaine Kennedy

Just think, our garden club is 40 years old. I just want to say, thank you to the newest and the oldest members of Evergreen Garden Club. I remember my first Evergreen Garden Club meeting. It was



1989 and we had just moved to Evergreen. There was a friendly invitation in our newspaper. The meetings were being held in the Public Service Building on Hwy 74. The community room was filled to capacity. Priscilla Chapin reported on new seeds for the garden. She encouraged everyone to take a packet home to get seedlings going for the spring plant sale. It was a one of those early meetings that Ken Ball spoke to our club. At that time I think he was representing the Denver Water Board. Louise Mounsey and Sylvia Brockner invited me to come see their gardens. I knew I had come to the right place, it already felt like home.

Garden clubs provide an important focus to our community. As members we offer a wealth of knowledge and experience. Gardeners are enthusiastic about digging in the dirt, overcoming any problem that includes soil, animals and plant material.

Our programs and community garden activities bring people together with a common goal to encourage others to experience the privilege of gardening in the mountains. Currently our garden club members contribute many hours to nine community gardens. In recent years we have widen our scope to protect the quality of the environment through education & hands-on involvement in community affairs. Our season of delight is short (averaging 65 days) but long on friendship and perseverance. This year we welcome several new members. New blood improves the whole body of gardeners. We are grateful for your presence and hope that you will find us hospitable. Join us in sharing plants, supporting the World Gardening Fund. Show up for workdays and serve on a committee. Thanks to this year's officers and committee members for planning another year of wonderful programs.

Julaine



## World Gardening

The donations made when members purchase items at the world gardening table during our monthly meetings are being sent to the World's Children Incorporated (WCI). When speaking with the director, Wanda Hodge, she assured me that 80-100% of our money is being sent to orphanages overseas. Most of these homes in India plant a vegetable garden which are necessary to feed the children. The children help to care for the gardens. We have some literature for members to see at the meetings.

**We need your contributions!**

If you have any questions please check with Ginny Cerrillo or Louise Mounsey

Evergreen Garden Club will be participating in the Open House at Evergreen Wild Bird Store on October 14. We need volunteers to help plan, gather the items for our display, and to staff our table at the event. Our emphasis at this event will be "gardening for the birds" and to promote our Club. We will need at least six volunteers at the day of the event. We will be asking that you work a 3 hour shift. For more information, please contact Nan Spence at 303 674-3595 or nmspence@att.net

### 1st Annual Open House

Hours:

Fri Oct. 13th

4-7pm

Sat. Oct. 14th

9am-4pm

303-679-2786

32156 Castle Ct.

Evergreen

(across the street from the  
Fire & Rescue Center



### Thank You! Party

Fri. Oct. 13th 4-7pm

Food Catered by C.J. McLaine's  
Delicatessen and Bakery  
Beverages

Artist Laura Mehmert Displaying her  
new Wild Bird Paintings

### Community Exhibits

Sat. Oct. 14th 9am-4pm

Birds of Prey Foundation with Live Raptors!

T.E.N.A.S.— Audobon Nesting Boxes and more!

Evergreen Garden Club—planting for the birds

Kids Activities—Including bird mask construction, finger painting, and an appearance by Big Bird himself!!

### Seminars:

Sat. Oct. 14th

11am: Learn How to Spot  
More Birds - Sylvia Brockner

1pm: Owl Talk—Sigrid Ue-  
blacker & Carol Goldstein

2pm: Wild Mammals of Ever-  
green—Alan & Shirley Casey

### Fall Seed Sale

Sale dates

Oct. 1st—Oct. 31st

20% off 20/25 lb. Seed Mixes

15 % off all Bird Feeders

10 % off Roosting Boxes

Savings not to be combined with other offers.

HORTICULTURE

**Chihuly** by Chris Gray

The day after our September garden club meeting, my husband and I made a trip to New York City to attend a wedding. While there, we went to see the Dale Chihuly exhibition at the New York Botanical Gardens. Many of the installations for this exhibition were specifically designed for the Botanical Garden's plant collections, vistas and the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The day we chose to visit the New York Botanical Gardens was a beautiful sunny day so that the vivid colors in the exhibits could be seen at their very best. I loved seeing this exhibition so much that I wanted to share some information about the artist and also wanted to share some of the pictures we took at the botanical gardens with all of you.

Dale Chihuly was born in 1941 at Tacoma, WA. His family's ancestry was Hungarian, Czech and Slavic on his Dad's side and Swedish and Norwegian on his Mom's side. It was his mother who was an avid gardener and it was from his Mom that he learned, at a very early age, to appreciate nature with all its beauty.

During the past forty years, Chihuly has revolutionized the Studio Glass movement by developing complex multi part sculptures of dramatic beauty. He uses neon, argon and blown glass forms to create room-sized installations of freestanding plant like imagery. His works fall into the categories of mini-environments designed for the tabletop to large forms that are innovatively displayed in groupings on a wide variety of surfaces ranging from pedestals to bodies of natural water. It was Chihuly who began the practice of using teams of people to develop large complex contemporary multipart sculptures of dramatic beauty.

All of this information on Dale Chihuly I found on the Dale Chihuly web site. If you would like to learn more about this artist, go to <http://www.chihuly.com/> and an abundance of information will be at your finger tips.



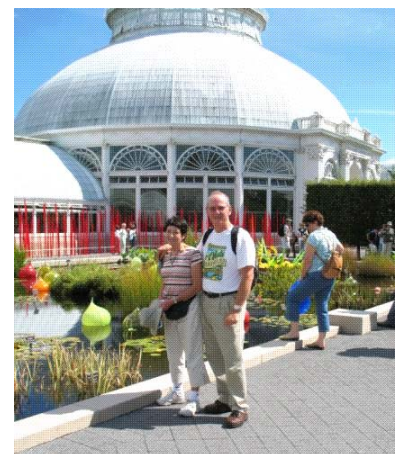
Chandelier in the coleus garden



Lily pond with blue boat and Walla Walla in the background



The sun. This installation weighs over 4,600 lbs and has more than 1,000 pieces



Chuck and I at the yellow and green boat exhibit

*(Continued from Horticulture Chihuly exhibit)*



The Rose Garden Fiori

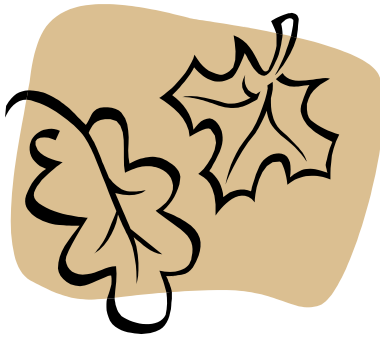


Chandelier above cactus exhibit



Maccia Forest

### Did you know????



#### **What triggers leaf fall?**

In early autumn, in response to the shortening days and declining intensity of sunlight, leaves begin the processes leading up to their fall. The veins that carry fluids into and out of the leaf gradually close off as a layer of cells forms at the base of each leaf. These clogged veins trap sugars in the leaf and promote production of anthocyanins. Once this separation layer is complete and the connecting tissues are sealed off, the leaf is ready to fall.

#### **Don't Rent Fertilizer**

Fallen leaves are worth their weight in gold for your landscape and garden. They are full of the nutrients your trees took up all season. If you bag leaves for curbside pickup, you're just throwing away free fertilizer. Instead, put those leaves to work for you. They are free, organic, slow-release fertilizers -- the way nature was designed to work.

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***Celebrating our  
40th Anniversary***

## **Denver Botanic Gardens Schedule of Events**

[www.denverbotanicgardens.org](http://www.denverbotanicgardens.org)

From April 20-October 31, 2006, Denver Botanic Gardens will display 26 monumental bronze sculptures that integrate plants in them.

This traveling exhibit showcases the contemporary work of renowned artist Robert Wick, and the figures express transcendent themes from a variety of traditions. Through internal watering systems, plants are added to the sculptures, giving an added dimension to these monumental works.

The sculptures range in height from six feet to eighteen feet and weigh up to 2,500 pounds. Wick's sculptures have been exhibited throughout the United States, most recently at Red Butte Botanic Gardens in Utah and Ft. Worth Botanic Gardens in Texas.

This exhibit will be constantly changing as horticulture staff changes out plants in each sculpture throughout the exhibit. Be sure to come back and visit often, and witness how the sculptures will look differently with added plants and maturing flowers throughout the seasons.

Be sure to walk around the Gardens and explore the sculptures!

Saturdays and Sundays from May through October, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Enjoy a guided outdoor tour of Denver Botanic Gardens. Tours will cover varying topics about the over 45 gardens throughout the 23 acres. Tours are included in the price of admission.

Call our Information Desk at 720-865-3585 to find out which tours are scheduled.

Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

Corn Maze Sept. 8th—Oct. 29th Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon. Oct. 30th & Tues. Oct. 31st.

Fri. 4-9pm, Sat. 10-9pm, Sun. noon- 8pm

Mon. Oct. 30th & Tues. Oct. 31st 4-9pm

18th Annual Pumpkin Festival –Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

Thousands of pumpkins will be ripe for the picking on our largest ever 10-acre pumpkin patch on October 14 and 15, 2006.