



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

March 2015



Pots, pots, and more pots. Yes ladies, this is what we need for decorating at the EXPO. If you would like to participate, please create your most beautiful pot (or 2) with either flowers, vegetables, or both as pictured here. Bring them to the FTC late Friday afternoon and we will put them around the display/vendors tables at the day of the event. This would be a wonderful way to show off our talents in addition to adding a very personal touch to the event which only the EGC members can give.

February Meeting

Mountain Vegetable Gardening

Was presented by
Irene Shonle, Ph.D., Director/Agent
CSU Extension Gilpin County

March Meeting

Spring Gardening - Include Bulbs!

A study of the bulbs planted in Spring season for exciting Summer and Autumn displays.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
March 10th, 2015

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:00-9:30
Meeting at 9:30 am

Membership Dues
Are being collected!

Please see details on
next page



Irene Shonle presenting at the February meeting

Club Job Openings:

Treasurer

The Treasurers job is a formal Board position and attends all Board and Club meetings. The Treasurer accounts for income and expenses for the Club using Quicken and provides a Treasurer's Report at each Club meeting. Full training and mentor support provided by the current treasurer.

Club IT Support

The club IT support person is responsible for working with the Board and presenters to use the Club's projector and laptop. A MS Powerpoint presentation is created by the IT person for each Club meeting to cover the agenda. A creative hand can be used on the Powerpoint work to make each meeting fun.

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.



Seed packing party on February 9th.

We stuffed 750 envelopes with seeds from our gardens. The envelopes will be handed out at the Rodeo parade June 20th.

Welcome to our New Members!



Silvia Pardo (left) and Nancy Tollert



Claire Chaplais



Gloria Owens

Photos by Margo Constable.

FLOWERS FOR A FRIEND At the meeting last month, Pam Hinish updated us about the progress of installing the Flowers for a Friend statue: they now have a tax exempt status; they have a price schedule for donations. It would be nice for us as a club to reach a \$1000.00 gift level; with the generosity of our large membership, we could reach that. A \$1000.00 donation would be recognized by a large flagstone with an inscription “Members, Evergreen Garden Club” engraved on it and placed in a prominent location on the ground at the base of the statue along with flagstones of other donors. Bill and Louise Mounsey have always had two favorite non-profits: the Evergreen Garden Club, which Louise was a founding member, and the US Army 10th Mountain Division in which Bill was a member. A plaque with Evergreen Garden Club and Iris logo as well as the US Army 10th Mountain Division name and insignia is scheduled to be placed on the base of the statue. So please consider making a donation of any amount towards the purchase of this statue. Give or mail checks made out to Evergreen Garden Club to our Treasurer, Pati Stefaniw (Evergreen Garden Club, P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen, CO 80437) no later than the end of June. She will then give a check to Flowers for a Friend from the Evergreen Garden Club. The donors will remain anonymous.



The Mounsey Legacy Project

The Mounsey Legacy Project, known by many as “Flowers for a Friend” is in full swing! The life sized bronze sculpture is of a young girl (“Emma”) presenting a bouquet of daisies to a woman seated on a bench. Although Emma is currently making the rounds of Evergreen businesses on her way to her permanent home, the full sculpture unveiling is scheduled for July 25, 4:30-6:30 on the Hiwan Homestead grounds where the sculpture will be placed. We have a great website, flowersforafriend.org, which we hope you will visit!

A short description about the Project:

*The Flowers for a Friend sculpture is a tribute to Bill and Louise Mounsey and recognizes their contributions of over 50 years to our mountain community. Both were involved and committed to nature, preservation and the beautification of our community. Their contributions to Evergreen Garden Club, Evergreen Audubon, The Wilderness Society, University of the Wilderness, Colorado Open Space Council, Mountain Area Planning Council, American Legion, the "Curmudgeons" and their local Evergreen Park Estates Home Owners Association are just some of the groups important to them. Bill was active in the 10th Mountain Division recognizing his service in World War II.

*Artist, Ken Ball, has sculptures throughout the country in corporate and individual collections including the Harmsen Collection of the Denver Arts museum and the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles. He has received many national awards including Artist of the Year by the National Bison association, 1996, and Artist of Record for them for ten years. Ken is also a landscape architect and was one of

the founding fathers of the concept of Xeriscape with Denver Water in the late 1980's. Ken was the President of the Evergreen Garden Club 2001-2002.

*Ken created the sculpture out of his personal experiences as a child exposed to gardening when his uncle Charlie was the head grower for Elitches' Gardens. It conveys how young people are influenced in a positive way by the guidance they receive from adults and the gratitude to their adult mentors for having given them a gift of such magnitude.

*Louise Mounsey was one of the two founders of the Evergreen Garden Club 50 years ago. When she first saw the maquette that Ken gave to the Club (to be held by each President during their term of office and then passed on) she fell in love and her dream became to have the life sized sculpture placed in the Evergreen area. Louise's family presented her with her own maquette which she cherishes and keeps in a special spot in her living room!

*The Flowers for a Friend Committee formed to make Louise's dream come true. Although only a small group of dedicated individuals, their efforts have resulted in Jefferson County Open Space's approval for the placement of the sculpture in a prominent position on the grounds of Hiwan Homestead Museum.

The Flowers for a Friend Committee has incorporated into The Mounsey Legacy Project, a Colorado non-profit organization and has embarked on a major fundraising campaign beginning February 1, 2015. Major donors of \$2500 and above will be recognized on the sculpture's plaque, flagstones for etching will be sold for the walkway, Louise's Big Birthday Bash will be held March 29, 2:00 - 4:00, at the Evergreen Elks Lodge and the "Home is Where the Heart Is" Journey will be made by Emma throughout Evergreen businesses culminating in her arrival to her permanent home at Hiwan Homestead in July. Visit Emma at Creekside Cellars where she will be until the end of March when she goes to the Elks Lodge for Louise's Birthday Party. Then look for her at the Muddy Buck, Keys on the Green and Sundance by Design!

Want to help??? YOU can help make Flowers for a Friend a reality!! Donate to the Evergreen Garden Club for purchase of a \$1000 flagstone to be placed on the plaza by the statute. The flagstone will recognize the Gardeners of Evergreen Garden Club. Send your check to:

Evergreen Garden Club, P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen CO 80437

Please plan to join in the festivities and mark your calendars for Louise's Birthday party on March 29 and the "unveiling" July 25!

Pam Hinish, Flowers for a Friend Committee

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes February 10, 2015

President Susan Blake called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Board members present included Annell Hoy, co vice president, Paul Luzetski, co vice president, Jean Lipson, secretary, and Patti Stefaniw, treasurer. There were forty one members present. Our welcoming committee, Cindy Gibbs and Marva Zima, introduced today's guests, Valerie Briggs, Claire Chaplains, Gloria Owens, and Nancy Tolbert. A hearty round of applause was given to them, we welcome you.

Patti, our treasurer for the 2014-15 fiscal year, announced that the club is seeking a replacement for her position beginning with the fiscal year 2015-16. She will help you get started and will be on call or will be a co-treasurer; we also need someone who is computer literate and enjoys working with numbers. Anyone who thinks that they might be the person for this job please contact Patti at 303-968-9523.

Jean called for a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting that appeared in the Wild Iris. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed.

Annell reported that on Monday, February 9, a group of enthusiastic members finished packaging the 750 packets of seed that we will pass out at the Rodeo parade on Saturday, June 20. Each packet contains the name of the seed and has a label on the back advertising our club name, the 50th year Expo being celebrated on Saturday, June 27, along with our website and mailing address. Cindy Gibson graciously donated 15 white wicker baskets that we will carry the seeds in during the parade; thanks, Cindy!

Susan announced that on Tuesday, May 12, our club will be having a festive 50th Anniversary Luncheon for members only at the Hiwan Country Club. The price is a mere \$15.00 paid in advance to Patti by the May 5 deadline. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this gala event. Rumor has it that Gretchen Stoppelwerth who co-founded the garden club along with Louise Mounsey may be in town for the luncheon.

Barb and Paul indicated that we are looking for business sponsors to help offset the cost of the Expo. While a sign-up sheet was passed around for helping with the various committees, they pointed out that they need these sheets filled by this Thursday, January 12 so that the committees can get together, and decide details that need to be completed by the Expo; they also called for suggestions on booths. Lindy Doty, our Iris expert volunteered to offer ideas on raising and maintaining these glorious plants. Retail nursery companies have been invited to come to the Expo and sell plants to the attendees. This has been done in the past at our Garden Tours and it has been highly successful. Patti Stefaniw will do a presentation on Insect Motels, Tupper Briggs may have a booth on Bee Keeping; and Mary Dickhoff suggested that we have a presentation on noxious weeds. Keep those ideas coming, let Susan, Barb or Paul know your thoughts. We want to make this a highly educational and useful event for our mountain folks!

Susan also announced that we are looking for a chairperson, or co-chairs, plus volunteers for the 2016 Garden Tour! This very popular event was co- chaired by Barb Steger and Karen MacFarquhar in 2013. We are looking for lovely gardens to exhibit. If you have or know of someone who has attractive gardens and would be willing to share it with the public, please contact Susan. Potential gardens will be viewed this summer (2015) by the organizers of the 2016 Garden Tour and shown in the summer of 2016.

Individual committee reports:

Wild Iris: Lucy Ginley reported that everything is running smoothly.

Natural Resources: Mary Dickhoff, reported that the pollinators are out early this year and suggested that we all buy a six pack of flowers, and put outside, thus encouraging them to

Hospitality: Annell Hoy reminded folks that the sign-up sheets for the March and April meeting was going around and asked that you sign-up to bring a refreshment.

Natural Resources: Mary Dickhoff, reported that the pollinators are out early this year and suggested that we all buy a six pack of flowers, and put outside, thus encouraging them to stick around. Additionally she reported that the Division of Wildlife wants to remind us that Mountain Lions are around and are observing our habits and are ready to strike at any moment. Please be aware of your surroundings and make sure that your children are aware of them also and to watch your pets. This warning is not meant to scare you just to inform you that Mountain Lions are a very real part of living in the Evergreen area.

Public Garden Coordinator: Lynn Dimmick reported that all the gardens are still asleep.

Historian: Susan Blake, had nothing to report today

Pam Hinish talked to us about the statue Flowers for a Friend. It is a life size bronze statue created by Ken Ball, former Evergreen Garden Club member and dedicated to Louise Mounsey and her late husband, Bill Mounsey in honor of their work in many causes in the community, including our Club. The statue depicts a seated woman with a little girl named Emma, who is holding out a flower to her friend. Emma is currently on display at the Evergreen National Bank and on March 29 she will begin her journey to the Hiwan Homestead Museum. First, she will be on display at the Evergreen Elks Club, then at Sundance by Design on Meadow Drive, and will finally arrive at her destination, the Hiwan Homestead Museum. It will be placed permanently close to the front near the parking lot for all to see. Pam and her committee are asking for donations for flagstones that will lead up to and surround the statue. Donation levels are \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, and \$500. EGC members who are interested in donating as individuals should contact Patti our EGC treasurer and when minimums are reached in the \$500 or \$1000 level a flagstone will read "Evergreen Garden Club, Inc. Members."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 and turned over to our exceptionally informative guest speaker Dr. Irene Shonle, Director/Agent from CSU Extension Service, who spoke to us regarding Vegetable Gardening in the Mountains.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lipson, secretary