



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

February, 2015

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

For those of you who are new to our club or may not have heard, this year is our 50th anniversary year as a garden club. YES!!! 1965 was a wonderful year to begin the club and we are here today to carry on the tradition but not without a wonderful celebration luncheon where we can relax, enjoy some excellent food and drink, and generally treat ourselves to a really good time. So, with that in mind, we hope you ALL will want to come and participate in this notable occasion. Here is the information on the luncheon:

The date is May 12th from 11:30 to 3 and the event will be in place of our regular monthly meeting, so don't come to the FTC. We have a very nice luncheon planned but for it, there is a charge. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please pay Patti Stefaniw, our Treasurer, at this February meeting, or March, or April meeting (either cash or check); or, you could mail your payment to her at Evergreen Garden Club, P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen, Colorado 80437. There will be no further reservations taken after May 4th (your payment must be in by then), so please don't forget to sign up for the event. You are probably wondering where this event will take place. Well, that will be announced at this coming meeting, so please attend so you can all be surprised. See you on February 10th.
Susan Blake, your President

Next Meeting
Tuesday
February 10th, 2015

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

Happy February Birthdays

Jeanne Erickson
Frances Sorenson
Rebecca Swain
Kristina Hughes



Something to Look Forward To!

Linda Ringrose sent us this photo of her lovely garden as it looked last summer.

February Program

Mountain Vegetable Gardening

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

Her expertise includes: Home horticulture, Master Gardener program, Water - conservation and efficient use, Insects - forest/shade tree, Insects - horticultural, Weeds - horticultural, Weeds -invasive species, Weeds - range/pasture, Environmental education, Fire prevention, Small acreage management, Urban wildlife management, Wildlife/Hunting Education



Amy Yarger explains milkweed importance to Monarch butterfly survival.



Paul Luzetski and Amy Yarger

January Program

Winging it in Winter!

Amy Yarger, the Horticulture Director of the Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster presented a program on hummingbirds.



Paul Luzetski, Irma Wolf, and Barb Steger inspect the donated items on the EChO table.



Joy Young and Annell Hoy smile for the camera.

Photos by Margo Constable.



Jeri Dufford



Cheri Luke

I want to share this really fun recipe I received from Dwight and Lyn Gilliland.

IT'S FOR THE BIRDS! Suet Cake

Melt together. . .

1 cup lard

1 cup crunchy peanut butter

Stir in. . .

2 cups quick oats

2 cups cornmeal

1 cup flour

1/3 cup sugar

1-2 cups birdseed

Pour into a container to harden and hang in a wire suet cake cage. I got mine at the grocery store. It won't melt outside.

Now the fun part is to hang it from somewhere that you can see from an inside window. Jeff and I have a handy blue spruce branch right outside our breakfast table and have been entertained all winter by the antics of more than 7 species of birds and one very territorial pine squirrel! From Lynn Dimmick

Denver Rose Society

Rose Care Classes at Denver Botanic Gardens

Contact DBG to register, either online, by phone or email:

<http://www.botanicgardens.org/calendar>

720-865-3580

registrar@botanicgardens.org

"Growing Roses in Colorado" - offered twice:

Sat., January 31, 10 a.m. to Noon

Tues., February 17, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"Fragrant Roses for Your Garden"

Sat., February 14, 10 a.m. to Noon

"Shrub Roses for Every Garden"

Sat., March 14, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"Pruning and Training Your Roses"

Sat., March 28, 10 a.m. to Noon

"Putting Your Rose Garden to Bed"

Tues., September 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

<http://www.denverrosesociety.org/calendar.htm>

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Evergreen Garden Club Minutes, January 2015

President, Susan Blake, called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM. Board members in attendance included, Co-Vice President, Paul Luzetski, Co-Vice President, Annell Hoy, Secretary, Jean Lipson, Treasurer, Patti Stefaniw, and Member Emeritus, Louise Mounsey. We had twenty seven members in attendance.

Cindy Gibson and Cherie Luke, our Welcoming Committee presented our guests today, Merry Loizeaut, Kitty Galles, and Sophie Pardo. A hearty round of applause was given to them; we welcome you. Warm and wonderful Birthday wishes were extended to Dianna Aldridge, Ginny Cerrillo, Kathy Lee, Irma Wolf, Marion Roberson, and Leslie Jordon. We hope that this will be a marvelous year for you.

Two new ideas were discussed. One was from Diana Aldridge regarding the toilet paper Christmas Tree for EChO that we have been doing for several years. Diana found out that they have more than enough toilet paper and perhaps we should consider doing something different. Jean Lipson suggested that we give socks for folks of all ages. After much discussion it was decided that we should meet with the folks at EChO and have them give us ideas as to what would be helpful to donate.

The other new idea was from Annell Hoy who suggested that we put up a sign at the Dam Garden at Christmastime wishing the Evergreen community Happy Holidays, saying, "Happy Holidays to all from the Evergreen Garden Club" plus a suggestion was made that it be lighted at night. After some discussion on this issue it was decided that we needed to contact the Evergreen Metro District for their approval

Patti Stefaniw gave the treasures report; a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Patti also reminded us that by using our King Soopers or Safeway gift cards we can earn money for our EGC. If you need one, or are unfamiliar with how it works, be sure to see Patti. For a mere \$20.00, for a King Sooper card or \$10.00 for a Safeway card which she has for sale. The cards can be used at the respective stores and reloaded as needed for your groceries at the respective stores and can be reloaded either at the checkout counter or the service desk.

Jean Lipson asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting that appeared in the Wild Iris; a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed.

Our individual committee chairs had nothing to report.

Annell reported on the Rodeo Parade: she is having seed packages printed which we will be handing out at the Rodeo Parade on June 20. The front of the package will display information of the EGC Expo to be held, June 27, and the back side would display our EGC Logo, flower seed information and our web site for membership information. Lynn Dimmick told us that she will donate additional seeds that we can add to the mix that our members are donating. Annell will have a seed packaging party at her home where those in attendance will add a quarter of a teaspoon of collected seeds into each package.

Our upcoming Expo was discussed at great length; the following are the highlights of that discussion: Whereas the admission to the Expo is free there will be containers placed in strategic locations where folks can deposit their free will donation. Susan passed around

sign-up sheets for our members to sign up for their choice of activity that they would be willing and able to work the day of the Expo. She also reported that two people have offered vehicles for use in the Rodeo Parade, one is a 1963 pickup truck, and the other is a 1964 convertible. Barb Steger told us that Frank Dearborn from the Evergreen Department is working on parking for our big event. He is making arrangements for some of the parking to be available at Bergen Meadow Elementary School which is right behind the fire house and folks can easily access the firehouse by climbing the few steps that lead from that parking lot to the Expo. Additionally, she informed us that we will be featuring a plant sale, "How To" classes will be presented in the morning and again in the afternoon, plus we will feature information tables, retail booths and of course Annell and her crew will be selling bowls of Firehouse Chili! Barb also reported that we will be able to access the firehouse the day before the Expo enabling us to get things set up, however on Saturday, the day of the Expo; members need to be ready to go to work by 7:00 AM in order to get everything ready to go by 10:00 AM. Paul also reminded us that in order for this to be successful event members will need to be willing to do more than one thing. He added that there will be photos and interesting memorabilia from years past featuring our Evergreen Garden Club. Paul also told us that there will more parking directly across the street from the firehouse on Bergen Parkway, and that the entire firehouse parking lot will be used for handicapped parking. On the patio surrounding the firehouse we will have four large tents available to use.

Barb reminded us of the 50th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration that will be by paid reservation for members only on our regularly May meeting date, Tuesday May 12. Be on the lookout and listen for upcoming details! It's going to be a grand celebration!

No further business needed to be discussed and our meeting was dismissed at 10:05. our next regularly meeting will be February 10. Paul introduced our guest speaker, whose topic was "Winging It In Winter," regarding hummingbirds. Amy Yarger, Horticultural Director gave us fascinating information on Hummingbirds.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lipson, secretary