



Evergreen Garden Club

# WILD IRIS

June 2015

## 50th Anniversary Party

What a celebration it was! Hiwan Country Club was the perfect venue for our special day. Food was great, conversations lively, and a certain sense of excitement was felt by all. It couldn't have been a more perfect occasion. And I must give a very special thanks to Margo Constable who took all the wonderful photographs included in this Wild Iris.

Susan Blake, President



### Next Meeting

**Tuesday**

**June 9th, 2015**

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

### June Birthdays

Karla Briggs  
Lynn Dimmick  
Christine Gray  
Jo Powers  
Jan Schooveld  
Sharon Mounsey

### Support the Food Bank Plot!!



The EChO table will be full at the June meeting. Bring your \$\$\$ and get some great bargains!



Last call for pots and planters for the EXPO !!!! Be creative, have fun. Now's the time to put your ideas to work and make it happen. As you can see from the photograph, any container will do. We look forward to seeing what you all come up with on June 26th. Yes, that's the day (actually late afternoon) when you bring your creations to the FTC building and put them in our meeting room. Please put some identification on your pots. We will be placing the pots throughout our EXPO area and on special "plant tables" to make our spaces beautiful. Thanks in advance for your efforts. I can't wait to see what you all come up with. Susan Blake

Dear Evergreen Garden Club,

Thank you for your kind invitation to your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, It is hard to believe it has been that long...I haven't gotten much older so how could the Club??

Due to the aging process Hank and I will be unable to accept your offer of lunch, and much joy, laughter and blessings. Thank you for remembering us.

Ten years ago we saw the fruits of your labors and were so impressed with the garden around the lake. I miss my friends, Evergreen Garden Club, the blue skies, dry clean air, trees, and wild flowers.

Have a proud of yourself, well done day, Hi to Louise, hope to see you one of these days...

Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 to help another flower grow up. I can smell the herbs from here!

Love, Gretchen

Dear Evergreen Garden Club members,

I will be unable to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration on May 12<sup>th</sup>. I am honored to have been asked. I enjoyed my years on the board and my time spent at Evergreen Garden Club. Thanks for the invite.

Tricia Scott

# EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB REFLECTIONS

1965- 2015

The Evergreen Garden Club was established in 1965 by Louise Mounsey and Gretchen Stoepelwerth who perceived a need to help newcomers cope with the challenge of gardening at our altitude. At our first meeting we had eight people in attendance. Yes, even 50 years ago there were a few newcomers every year!

Our primary functions were envisioned as education and conservation. Not envisioned in the early formative years were the friendships which really played a major part of the organization. Friendships developed among many members, as past president, Joan Reynolds said, "Friendships are undying, they never even wilt!"

The club's first project was caring for a planter made of railroad ties that was located under the traffic light at the downtown intersection of highways 73 and 74. It was quite a challenge working in the early mornings before the heavy traffic started; we ran a water hose from the back of a small building on the north side of main street about 150 feet away. Try doing that today! Over the years, our studies have included annuals, perennials, bulbs, herbs, grasses, shrubs, trees, greenhouses, and many other gardening subjects; always being aware of our altitude.

The deer and elk were not even a problem in our gardens, 50 years ago. They were so rare that we would call our neighbors and friends when we saw one in the vicinity of our plants. For several years, our meetings were in the hospitality room at the Public Service building on Evergreen Parkway. When Xcel Energy bought the company they closed that room to public use, and we moved to the Church of the Hills. Now we meet at the Evergreen Fire and Rescue Training Center in Bergen Park September through June, the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 in the morning.

Evergreen Garden Club has always been concerned about the environment and has participated in many projects in this mountain area to preserve and enhance our environment. May we continue with the goals of education and environmental stewards for at least another 50 years!

Louise Mounsey

*Member and Board Member Emeritus*

*Evergreen Garden Club, Inc.*

*February 12, 2015*

I got a call from a friend who works with disabled people in Idaho Springs. She has a client now that is a paraplegic who would like someone to come and plant some flower boxes and possibly some other gardening. Is it possible to put this request out to the members to see if anyone has a heart for helping this lady? I can put them in contact with my friend and get more details from her.

Thanks, Peggy

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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.

*Please plan to schedule time in your  
**Public Garden**  
we don't have a Work Day this spring!*

## Sharing Our Gardens

Sharing Our Gardens is a fun way of getting together over the summer to visit and to enjoy each other gardens. It is very casual and no preparation is necessary other than having water available. To sign-up to Share Your Garden, please contact Lucy Ginley, 303-881-2150, lginley@comcast.net

## Field Trips

EGC will be arranging Field Trips this summer. We'll plan on going after our Expo is done. One suggestion is to go on a guided plant tour of the Fairmont Cemetery in Denver. They have a wide assortment of trees and other plants.

Another suggestion is the Rose Garden at the Jefferson County jail, next to the Jefferson County complex. The club had a field trip there in 2003 and saw color coordinated roses and irises.

Please send any suggestions to Lucy Ginley, 303-881-2150, lginley@comcast.net



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*Karen Belmont*