



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

January 2013

President's Letter

I recently had the pleasure of touring the Valhalla Macadamia Farm in Antigua, Guatemala. Valhalla's mission is to reduce global warming, produce a genetically diverse crop, farm organically, help the indigenous people and reforestation. The Macadamia appears to be a perfect fit. It provides a sustainable crop rather than the slash and burn agriculture common to Guatemala – thus reducing global warming. The trees are started from seed, only the strongest planted. This diversity has made fertilizing and spraying unnecessary. Over 250,000 seedlings have been given to the indigenous people so far. This crop provides them food if prices fall and their crop does not sell. Used for reforestation, the Macadamia is a very efficient converter of carbon dioxide to oxygen versus the normally used pine tree. A win win situation for everyone!

Barbara Steger
President

March Meeting

Please join us March 12th for a welcome spring program when Lindy Doty, retired Master Judge for the American Iris Society, will demonstrate iris division and introduce us to the rainbow spectrum of iris types available.



Valentine centerpiece for our February meeting.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
March 12, 2013

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:15-9:30
Meeting at 9:30



Our February Speaker, Harriet McMillan, Senior Horticulturist for Echter's Nursery and Garden Center, shares her knowledge of "Selecting Perennials for Lower Maintenance" in the Evergreen area.



Joy Young wearing a very appropriate hat for Valentines Day.



Linda Fisher in holiday pink.



Karen MacFarquhar reminds folks to sign up for committees for the garden tour in July.



Lynn Dimmick introduces our February speaker.



Decisions, decisions! Louise Mounsey and Linda Doty.

WORLD GARDEN TABLE

Lucille Nelson would like to remind us to bring an item that is GARDEN RELATED for the World Gardening Table to the March Meeting.

Computer Savvy Volunteer

If you are familiar with Facebook, the Garden Club could use your help! Liz set the page up for us about a year ago but we need someone to respond to "Likes" etc.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March 16th Sustainable Greenhouse Design!!! (March 23 snow date)

NEW Location in Evergreen, Colorado 9am - 4pm 1 hr. lunchbreak Bring a sack lunch. Church of the Hills Fellowship Hall 28628 Buffalo Park Rd. Evergreen, Colorado 80439 \$150 per student - 6 hour comprehensive class! Pre-register by contacting Penn.

Register with Penn Parmenter - send an email or call.

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Evergreen Garden Club Minutes February 12, 2013

Co-vice chair person, Lynn Dimmick, called the meeting to order at 9:30. Board members present included: co-vice presidents, Lynn Dimmick and Grace Coveau, and secretary MaryEllen Putnam.

MaryEllen asked members to accept minutes from the January meeting, published in last month's Wild Iris. The minutes were accepted. Our treasurer's report for February and March will be read at the March meeting.

Susan Blake, photographer for the Garden Club, announced that the EGC photo album is available for purchase. She circulated copies for the group to see.

The hospitality committee has located a source for organic coffee and will be serving this selection at future meetings.

Diana Aldrich, committee chair, announced that Earth Day is April 20th and will be held again, at the Evergreen Lake House. As in past years, the EGC will have a table with club information and small seedlings that we will give away. Several members have already started their plants following instructions that Linda Fisher and Meredith Bossert demonstrated at the January meeting. Diana reminded us that seeds must be planted now if plants are to be ready by 4/20. Diana passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the 20th.

Lucille Nelson reminded members to bring items for the World Gardening Table.

Lynn asked for a volunteer to create a page on Facebook for the Garden Club.

Frances Sorensen asked members to call or send a card to Jeri Dufford, who recently fell and injured her shoulder.

The "kick-off" event for the Evergreen Community Garden is February 28th. An individual or group, planning to have a plot in the garden, must submit their name at that time.

Lynn asked members to submit ideas for a service or item to be auctioned at the Silent Auction on the Garden Club Tour in May.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 10:15.

Our speaker, Harriett McMillon, a horticulture specialist at Ecter's Garden Center, discussed perennials.