

The Wild Iris

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

Welcome Back!

I hope that all of you have enjoyed our unusual gardening season! I've delighted in watching the volunteer hollyhocks soar higher than my head, totally unassisted. (Of course the smaller, non-volunteers have required watering and fertilizing.) I've also watched my compact, dependable 2' high perennials turn into 3' high sprawling, toppling monsters, overwhelming both paths and beds. Even while I struggle to tame this haphazard profusion of growth, I stop to remind myself that this rare and beautiful gift of nature should just be enjoyed. Maybe I'll have a neater garden next year!

Lucy Ginley, President

"I appreciate the misunderstanding I have had with Nature over my perennial border. I think it is a flower garden; she thinks it is a meadow lacking grass, and tries to correct the error." ~Sara Stein, My Weeds, 1988

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2011 "MEET & GREET PARTY"

Louise Mounsey, Member Emeritus, will start off our first meeting of the new year. All members, professional or beginning gardener, will introduce themselves, say why they joined EGC, and their experiences gardening in Evergreen etc. Professional gardeners/service providers are invited to bring along brochures & business cards for self promotion.

Meet at the Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:30 am.

Remember to bring your plants, cuttings, pots etc. for the World Gardening Table...And in keeping with being green, your own coffee mug.



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2010-2011 OFFICERS

- President—Lucy Ginley
- Vice President/s— Lynn Dimmick & Grace Coveyeau
- Secretary— Gina Kokinda
- Treasurer— Cathi Edmund
- Past President—Tina Kellogg
- Member Emeritus—Louise Mounsey

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new & returning members. We look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Cathi Edmund
9/4 Ann Hittle
9/6 Nancy Parker
9/16 Pam Hinish
9/17 Dwight Gilliland
9/18 Lucile Nelson
9/21 Gayle Gordon
9/23 Diana Donovan
9/26 Karen MacFarquhar

Images throughout the newsletter are from our summer events and were submitted by Barbara Steger, Gayle Gordon & Paul Lutzetski.
THANK YOU!



2011 GARDEN TOUR SUCCESS! - \$3,540.30



The weather was ideal, the gardens inviting, the docents charming and the attendees delighted with EGC's 2011 Tour.



Each garden offered unique features and their gracious hosts put their best foot forward for our big day. Many thanks to every member (and spouses) who volunteered

EMD GARDEN (THE DAM GARDEN)

We want to thank the people who helped at the EMD Garden this summer. We were blessed with lots of rain and heat, so things did very well -- including the weeds, but it was green and beautiful. We made lots of headway pruning things back and will be reclaiming an area that was destroyed when the water main broke. They also removed a bunch of willows from the pathway below the garden and had to take that out through the garden, so we waited until it was finished before replanting that area, which will be done in late August. *Thanks, Peggy and Dale*

COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

WOW-that certainly describes the EGC community gardens this summer. Thanks to mother nature and much hard work, they have never looked better. A big thank you goes out to the garden leaders and every member that contributed to the beauty of our gardens during the summer months.

We should be proud of what we have done to make Evergreen an even more beautiful place to live. Thanks, *Karen MacFarquhar*

YOUR 2011—2012 BOARD MEMBERS—THANKS!

PRESIDENT LUCY GINLEY

First joined the EGC when her kids were in elementary school but working kept her from being very active. After rejoining in 2008 Lucy offered to help with the newsletter or website and ended up as the co-vice president for 2008-2009. In the spring of 2009 she headed up the Plant Sale and since then has held the role of President. Currently in her second term, she will continue as our President for 2011-2012.

CO-VICE PRESIDENT LYNN DIMMICK

Lynn joined the garden club in, maybe, 2006 (she can't remember) after moving to Evergreen from Farmington, New Mexico. Showing up willy-nilly at a community garden workday she realized that she didn't know "squat about growing things at altitude", so decided to join to learn more. She says she is a little better now.

CO-VICE PRESIDENT - GRACE COVYEAU

A retired network engineer, Grace has lived in Conifer for 20 years and enjoys classic cars, antique tractors, music, gardening, and traveling. Her most recent accomplishment - Zip Lining the canyons around Salida!

SECRETARY GINA KOKINDA

Gina joined EGC in the Summer of '09 as a way to give back to her local community by getting involved in efforts to improve the environment we share. She volunteers as a Colorado Master Gardener in Jefferson County through Colorado State University Extension is a licensed architect and LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional). Gina is passionate about sustainability, conservation, healthy cities, and beautiful spaces. She grows wildflowers and organic herbs, salad greens and heirloom tomatoes, and strives towards water-wise gardens at home.

TREASURER CATHI EDMUND

Cathi has been a resident of Evergreen for about 20 years, and has been a member of both EGC and the Moonlight Garden Club. Her major interests include native plants, heritage veggies, sustainability option awareness, and since the garden tour--composting is her latest passion. Cathi took early retirement from University Hospital where she had been a High Risk Labor and Delivery RN. Past EGC member & President Jean Todd introduced Cathi to EGC as they would talk about plants & shared cuttings, tips, and ideas.





2011 Garden Tour Photo

FEATURED GARDEN

This month's featured garden is the **Fire Training Center** submitted by Susan Blake.

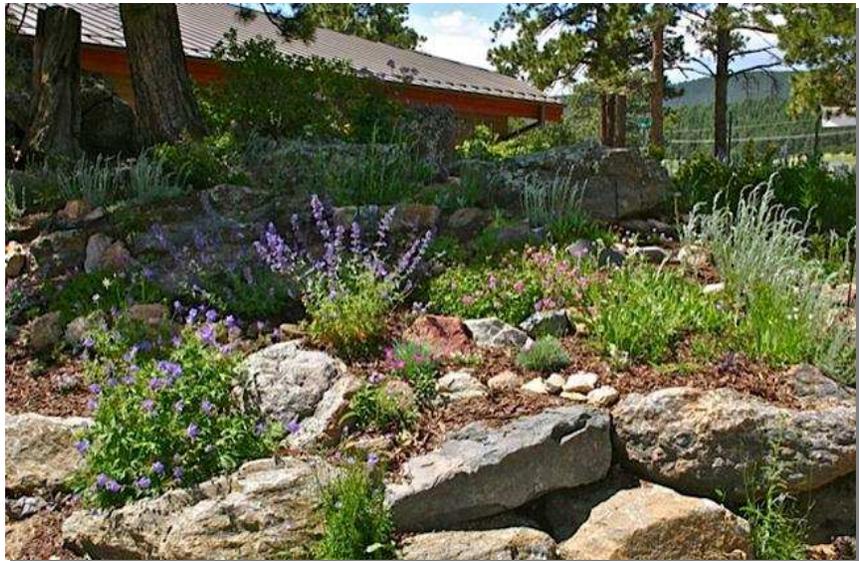
The gals who have helped in the FTC garden this summer are: Gayle Gordon, Irma Wolfe,



and Aimee Peterson plus myself. Marsha O'Keefe is also on the team; unfortunately, she was injured early in the season.

The goal I had for the FTC garden was to plant flowers that are first of all, low growing (firewise). I wanted the front and side of the garden to include

Fire Wise Garden Detail



plants that people could buy at the nursery. This garden shows what you can grow in a rock garden that has both shade and sun and is under a tree. The part of the garden along the street is for wildflowers which have been very prolific this year. Our big project this season was to put in a walkway from the parking bay to the rock at the top of the garden. This not only provides a path for us to use when tending to the garden, but also leads to a great rock for sitting/contemplation. The garden can be seen from all sides now.

IN MEMORY.... SANDY BALL



Anyone who has been in the club for a while will know Sandy and Ken Ball and what a wonderful and amazing couple they are and how much they have been a part of the Evergreen Garden Club family for many years. I am so sad to tell you that Sandy passed away on August 8th at her home. All our love, prayers and thoughts are with Ken and his family at this time.

A memorial service is planned for September 18th. Contributions may be made in Sandee's name to the Assistance League of Denver, 1400 Josephine Street, Denver, CO, 80206, 303-322-5205.

DONNOVAN RANCH PICNIC

Thank you to Louise & Bill Mounsey and their daughter Diana Donovan for their gracious hospitality, hosting EGC members on a summer field trip to the Donovan Ranch in Vail. What a spectacular garden, and the grounds were such a perfect setting for our picnic lunch. Louise Mounsey's Rhubarb Tort was delicious. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you from the Evergreen Garden Club.



Top left: Diana Donovan (in pink) answering questions.

Top Right: Cathi & Tom Edmund and fellow gardeners

Bottom: Pam Hinish with Bill & Louise Mounsey



MINUTES—JUNE 14TH, 2010 MEETING

Minutes approved from last meeting w/two corrections.

Committee Reports:

Garden Tour: Barbara and Karen reported 2 biggest immediate needs are writing stories for newspapers, 3 articles, and get us on calendars the week of the tour. Gina offered to do calendar piece. Poster and tickets printed. Sign out where you will take posters. Liz will put it on the website.

Garden at the Dam: Christine reports help is needed the 2nd Friday of the month from 10-12 noon, starting June 10th and running thru September. Peggy and Dale can't do it by themselves.

Hospitality: Jerry and Frances would like help in washing mugs. Please stay and WASH UP!

Natural Resources: Trails are being finished for all the way to Rocky Mountain Village.

Community Gardens: Great turnout, great weather.

July field trip-Club will pay docent fee.

Submitted by Lucy Ginley from notes by Nancy Latimer Secretary

GARDEN TOUR PHOTO COLLAGE



FOR SALE — ASPEN PARK GROWING DOME

For Sale: \$4000

16 mm premium triple-wall polycarbonate-glazed growing dome first constructed and installed by Growing Spaces in 2004. Polycarbonate has a 10-year warranty from 2004.

Size is 16.5 foot diameter, just under the 200 square-foot size needing county construction permits. Under-soil fan and thermostat-controlled exhaust fan with temperature-activated shutter both working on solar panels. A water pump for the tank also operates on a solar panel. The door has a window and screen. There are 3 windows that open when the wax-filled piston heats up. Water tank and liner in good condition. Interior wood



planting beds may be moveable. Buyer must deconstruct and move.

**Call EGC Member
Linda Ringrose for a
showing.—303-816-9502**

*Call Growing Spaces to ask
about costs involved in moving
a dome:*

*Kesy J. Curtis—Growing
Spaces LLC 970.731.2120
kesy@growingspaces.com*

*Seller, Linda Grose 541-603-
1084, 303-895-5873
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HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for September 2011 is as follows:

2011—2012 Board Members

Lucy, Lynn, Grace, Gina, Cathi, Tina & Louise

Please would you arrive between 8:45 & 9:00 am to help set up the room and be prepared to stay after the meeting for clean-up. THANKS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday September 24th 9 a.m.—3 p.m. - Evergreen Rotary's Fall Recycling Festival will be held at Evergreen Country Day School in the El Rancho Town Center.

This year you can add to your list of hard-to-recycle items: household batteries (\$2.00/lb.), mattresses (\$16.00/set, \$5.00 for each additional piece), and latex paint (\$1.00/can, no intermixed colors).

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