

The Wild Iris

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

As the incoming president of the Evergreen Garden Club, I would like to thank all of the current and past members who have created such a welcoming, educational and fun organization!

Our current focus on improving our community gardens makes this an exciting time! We all have unique gardening skills and experiences. Combining this wealth of knowledge is making each of our community gardens a WOW garden! We all have something to contribute and I invite everyone to get involved with one (or more) of the gardens. It's a great way to get to know other members and it's a wonderful way to contribute to our community.



I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you better! I'm eager to hear your ideas on how to make our Garden Club better than ever!

Lucy

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2010 MEETING & PROGRAM

"An Historical Overview of Evergreen's Gardens & Gardeners"

Noted Colorado author and Evergreen native Jan Murphy will present an entertaining and informative program about high altitude gardening from the Utes through the Pioneers, Flappers, and Depression to the present.

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—Diana Aldridge & Anne Hittle
- Secretary—OPEN
- Treasurer—Dwight Gilliland
- Past President—Tina Kellogg
- Member Emeritus—Louise Mounsey

NEW MEMBERS

Linda McCreight
Tracy Poepping
Jany Schindler
Shelly Sunderhuse
Aimee Peterson
Karen S. Rawson
Grace Coveyeau
Patricia Langworthy
Mary Schultz
Lyuda Ginley
Murph Grange
Bonnie Hayslip
Marsha O'Keffe
Gina Kokinda & Don Grody
Linda Yates

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Jean Todd
8/2 Nickie Meinert
8/5 Susan Blake
8/10 Linda Ringrose
8/23 Mary Ellen Putnam

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Cathi Edmund
9/16 Pam Hinish
9/17 Tricia Scott
9/17 Dwight Gilliland
9/18 Lucille Nelson
9/21 Gayle Gordon
9/26 Karen MacFarquhar



GARDEN TOUR ARTISTS



Please visit the Center for the Arts, Evergreen thru October 2nd—to see just some of the artist's work that was to be in our garden club tour. They were very disappointed that all was



cancelled but have been invited back for the 2011 Garden Tour. To find out the names of the artist please visit the Evergreen Artist Gallery at the CEA.

<http://www.evergreenarts.org>



THANK YOU!!!!!!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all members that worked in our community gardens over the summer. After much talk and planning this spring, the results are...WOW! Even with mother nature sending us several hail storms, and a warmer than usual summer, the gardens thrived. It always amazes me what people working together can do!!

Thanks bunches and bunches- Karen MacFarquhar



The Zollers, Karla & Tupper Briggs, Linda Ringrose, Susan Blake, Priscilla & Bill Chapin, and Pam Hinish graciously opened their wonderful gardens to our members on June 26th for a garden tour fix.

We appreciate the effort it took ...particularly after the hail storm, and short notice. I heard so many raves!! ***Many Thanks. Beth***

 Check out our **NEW Facebook FAN page for more photos of the gardens.** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Evergreen-Garden-Club-Inc-Colorado/113733112014385>

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE—BY LIZ HAMILTON

After moving into our new house in February this year I had so many things to take care of, overwhelmed and short on cash it was hard to find funds and time to get the gardens going. I also wanted to see what the seasons would bring with light, sun and moisture to each of the areas I have chosen for gardening. However I could not live for a whole year without some kind of flowers in the garden.

So one weekend in March, between snow storms, I quickly turned over the soil, dug in a few bags of compost and scattered some seeds I had lying around. I had no idea if they would even take; some were probably 5 years old or more. Some were seeds from past member Joan Reynolds garden that I had picked up from the World Gardening Table many moons ago, some were seeds from my garden in Conifer and I also found a packet of wildflower seeds I had bought years ago and never planted. I took my chances; if it did not work I could always go and buy a few annuals on sale later in the year.

I scattered a few and gave them a good soaking, said to Kevin, “These are so old who knows if anything will come up.” But surprise, surprise they all took and I have Poppies, Coreopsis, Flax, Borage, Sunflowers and a wonderful display of a variety of wild flowers all blooming in the small

garden. It took just a little cash to buy some compost and a short time digging the dirt. Now I will take the extra perennials that have come up and are a little crowded and move them to other locations and slowly but surely build out the rest of the gardens without too much cost.

Saving seeds is as old as gardening itself – years ago seeds were shared between gardeners and people would save seeds from their favorite plants year after year. Today seeds are so inexpensive that we don’t take the time to save them. But there is something about looking in the garden and saying to myself, that is from Joan’s garden, or that is from Louise’s garden, it is like every time I look I remember my good friends through the flowers they have passed on through cuttings or seeds.

Saving Seeds is easy here are some tips:

- Always choose the best quality plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables. Think about the ones that had the best flavor, productivity or vigor.
- Harvest seeds when the pods have dried on the plant.
- Place a bag over the seed stalk and shake, the seeds will fall into the bag and are easy to collect—try to catch them before they disperse

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"FLOWERS FOR A FRIEND" SCULPTURE

BY SANDY SWAN, PAM HINISH AND LOUISE MOUNSEY.

"Flowers for a Friend" sculpture: thoughts, ideas and vision.

Louise Mounsey first met the "Flowers for a Friend" artist many years ago while working in the Metro garden. Both Louise and he were busy doing cleanup. They soon stopped to chat for a few minutes while wiping away the perspiration from their faces. Soon after they met at the Evergreen Gardening Club monthly meeting. That young man and artist was Ken Ball, our local sculpture.

Ken describes the sculpture as a woman in a garden/nature setting and a little girl handing her a bouquet of daisies as a gift. The sculpture represents many things to Ken, Louise and others who have come to love the bronze sculpture. When Ken created the sculpture he felt that the little girl giving the gift of flowers to the woman in the garden represents all of those who love nature and gardening; those who see the earth as a gift and giving back to the community through art. Louise and other Evergreen Gardening Club members also see this bronze piece as intergenerational learning, giving and sharing. The bronze statue is a gift to the City of Evergreen from the Evergreen Gardening Club.

As Louise shared.... "I started hearing more about the sculpture. A sculpture so beautiful, it

caught my breath. Flowers for a Friend spoke to me as a founding member of the Evergreen Gardening Club as it speaks to Evergreen and people everywhere who has seen it. A woman reacting to a child's gift of flowers--how warm, how moving, you want to join in and be a part of this exhibit somehow."

Since that time, many discussions and ideas have formed from this beautiful bronze sculpture so graciously created by Ken Ball for the Evergreen Gardening Club. Since the original vision the sculpture committee was formed and alliances have been made throughout the community of Evergreen. "Arts for the Mountain Community" has shared their fundraising ideas and has agreed to co-sponsor "Flowers for a Friend" by maintaining and insuring the bronze on the behalf of the Evergreen Gardening Club. They have also been generous in sharing their major donor list and corporate sponsors with the sculpture committee.

The "Flowers for a Friend" sculpture committee has a basic budget, timeline of fundraising ideas and the original vision from Ken Ball and Louise Mounsey. The sculpture committee is also dedicated to donate 10% of all proceeds raised for the sculpture.

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ture back to the Evergreen Gardening Club. Since 1964 Louise has embraced the Evergreen Gardening Club, the love of gardening in the mountain community and is looking forward to sharing "Flowers for a Friend" to immortalize the Evergreen Gardening Club's gift to the City of Evergreen.

** If you would like to learn more or be a part of the sculpture committee, please contact

Sandy Swan 303-350-7331 or Pam Hinish 303-674-3149

Thank You to all these New & Renewing Business Members! - Please support these businesses and let them know you are from EGC!

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Evergreen Wild Bird Seed
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the seeds themselves.

- Cut the stalk as seeds pods look like they are about the pop, place a paper bag over the seed heads, hang upside down in the a dry place the seeds pods will pop and disperse the seeds into the bag.
- Make sure the seed is completely dry or it will rot in storage (Joan would put all her seeds in an old refrigerator in the garage to store and it seemed to work really well.)
- Remove the chaff from the seeds before storing.
- Put seeds into a small manila envelope to store, label with the variety and year.
- Put seeds packet into an air tight container and store in a cool dark dry place.
- Saved seeds are best used the following year, however as I found out, it is always worth scattering the seeds years later – just in case!

Still open the position of Secretary:

Duties include

- *Take minutes at meetings and email to newsletter editor.*
- *Answer correspondence.*
- *Attend Board meetings and take minutes.*
- **CONTACT Lucy if you can help out!**



MINUTES—JUNE 8, 2009 MEETING AT THE BERGEN PARK FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING CENTER

The meeting was opened by President Tina Kellogg at 9:42am. There were 30 members present, satisfying the quorum requirement. Tina welcomed several guests and five new members.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President's Report: Tina discussed the need for a process to set up tax I/D's appropriate to our non-profit status. These are needed when members representing the Club deal with local merchants and nurseries. These businesses usually require the member to provide an "official" EGC phone number, which does not exist. Tina suggested using her phone number if one is requested. She also asked for volunteers to take care of phoning or mailing Club information to members who do not have e-mail access. Several members volunteered to help.

Secretary's Report: Stan Barrett read the minutes of the May 2010 general meeting and asked for comments or corrections. There were none and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dwight Gilliland presented a summary of the activity and balances in the Club's bank accounts as of June 30th. The balance in checking was \$1948 and the balance in savings was \$8022. He provided a copy of the summary to the secretary, to be filed with these minutes. Dwight noted that membership dues for the upcoming year need to be paid by the end of July in order that members' names be included in the new roster. Annual dues are \$25 for a member or \$35 for a family membership. VP Diana Aldridge circulated a list on which members could update their information if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Garden Tour Update Barb Steger said that everyone who signed up to work as docents for the Garden Tour is invited to attend the Pre-Tour on June 22nd. She will arrange car pooling to avoid parking problems at the gardens. She read a note from Marilyn Kaussner listing the artists (5) and jewel-makers (2) who will be displaying their work at various gardens during the tour.

New Board Election: Lynn Dimmick (Nominating Committee Chair) reported that the current slate of candidates for the new Board had not changed since the May meeting announcement. We still do not have a nomination for the position of Secretary. Lynn asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. None were made, so she moved that the slate as presented be accepted as new Board members for the coming year. The motion was carried unanimously.

The new Board is as follows:

President—Lucy Ginley, CO-Vice Presidents—Diana Aldridge and Anne Hittle, Treasurer- Dwight Gillilan, Secretary-Open

On behalf of the Club, Lynn thanked the outgoing President and Board members for their service during the past year. She invited them to select a plant from several that she had brought, as a token of appreciation.

Community Gardens: Tina asked any members who are not currently signed up to help in the Community Gardens to contact Karen MacFarquhar and volunteer to help on that project. Karen gave a brief update on the status of the Gardens. They are already much improved since the new planting/weeding campaign started. Susan Blake asked for help in identifying some plants in the Fire Station garden, after the meeting. She also asked members to donate flat rocks for the garden to help in holding back soil and mulch from spilling over the sidewalk.

OTHER BUSINESS

Louise Mounsey announced the World Gardening Fund table was unusually well stocked because of several donations brought by members. She described the basic purpose of the WGF as providing vegetable seeds to children in several countries so that they could start gardens to help feed their families.

There being no further business, Tina adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. Diana then introduced our Guest Speaker, Dore Huss, who gave a talk on Indoor Plants and Flower Arranging.

These Minutes respectfully submitted by the Secretaries, Liz & Stan Barrett.



Tires! Fall Clean up—First 800 of the day FREE, then 75¢/tire. No commercial.

GREEN NEWS & REQUESTS

The Third Annual **Fall Clean up Festival** will take place on September 25, 2010 from 9:00am—3:00 pm at the Evergreen Country Day School, El Rancho Town Center.

Items that are hard to recycle will be taken:

- * Tires
- * Electronics— TV's, Computer Equipment, Microwaves, DVD/

VCR's, Answer Machines, keyboards, cable/mice

- * Mud free athletic shoes
- * Textiles—clean. OK to have rips and stains
- * Styrofoam Blocks
- * Document Shredding—all papers
- * Scrap Metal—washers, dryers, bikes. NO Refrigerators!

Questions call: 303.974.7001 or 303.273.9494

HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for September 2010 is as follows:

2010—2011 Board Members

Lucy Ginley, Diana Aldridge, Anne Hittle, Dwight Gilliland, Louise Mounsey & Tina Kellogg.

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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EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB

The Wild Iris is a free monthly publication for members of the Evergreen Garden Club.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from Sept. to June at Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

For membership information please contact Dwight Gilliland at (303) 679-1846 or Members@EvergreenGardenClub.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11 - 12—52nd Annual Colorado Dahlia Society Show

Tagawa Garden Center in Aurora; Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sun.; 303-690-4722

Sept. 13—"Low-Tech Greenhouse Design and Operation" by Mikl Brawner

Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403.

Sept. 19—Fall Container Garden Charity Garden Party

Tagawa Garden Center in Aurora; Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; 303-690-4722

Sept. 20—Denver Rose Society Annual Rose Show

Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 12:30 p.m.; 303-691-2790

Sept. 25 - Fall Plant and Bulb Sale

Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 720-865-3544

Sept. 26—Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3544

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