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A Word from the President...

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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.

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Last month I began my message by joyously exclaiming that Spring had arrived. One month later, I find my self forced to write this away from home as the two-foot snowstorm three days ago has left my home without power and phones in one of the many areas of Evergreen where cell phone service is non-existent.

However, the hummingbirds have arrived back in Evergreen and the pasque flowers are in full bloom under the snow. Just as soon as I can get back home and the snow once again melts, I will be back in the garden.

Members to the Rescue

Since February, many of us have been wondering what we would do in the coming year without the funds generated by our annual fundraiser.

However, never doubt the ingenuity, generosity and dedication of our members. When the Board suggested that we would like hold various "mini fundraisers" -- with the criteria that they be members only, no cost, little planning, and as "no hassle" as possible—members began stepping up with ideas and plans for such events. Already we have had two successful fundraisers with more to come.

Priscilla Chapin has always been known for her volunteer spirit and for nurturing new gardeners through her vast gardening knowledge and her remarkable garden. Priscilla got our "mini fundraising" season off to a grand start by holding "Dig It Yourself" days in her Parmelee Gulch garden. With such plants available as grape hyacinth, campanula, catmint and yellow iceplant, Priscilla has raised \$300 for our Club with some plants still available. Those of us who came to dig were rewarded with great plants and with the opportunity to visit with each other over refreshments provided by Priscilla in her lovely sunroom.

Frances Sorensen once again procured a large supply of gloves from her generous friend at Wells Lamont. At Earth Day at The Lakehouse, Kathy Anderson and her team of volunteers asked for a \$2 contribution in exchange for a pair of gardening gloves. Gloves were also sold at Priscilla's plant sale. So far, they have brought in just over \$100. We plan to have more available for member's purchase at our May meeting and at Fire Safety Day on May 12.

Our mini fundraisers will continue during the month of May. The next one will occur on May 18. Vice President Sheila Henriksen has arranged a field trip to The Big Tomato Hydroponics and Organic Center in Aurora. Members will be asked to contribute \$3.50 to the Club for the opportunity to participate in this event which is sure to be both fun and informative. Please read the special announcement regarding this event which appears in this issue of the Wild Iris.

Our fundraising will continue on May 22 with a Members-Only Plant Sale and Garden Market at Julaine Kennedy's home and garden. Detailed information about this fundraiser also appears in this issue. Please plan to pot plants which may be taking over your garden and clean out your garden storage spaces of any tools, planters, books, décor or other gardening related items you may no longer need or want. Bring them to the sale and plan to purchase other plants and gardening items as replacements.

Members have come up with other great suggestions such as visits to member gardens, more "dig it yourself" dates, various field trips, wildflower hikes and garden craft days. If you have an idea for a club fundraiser or would like to volunteer your garden for a "members only" tour or sponsor another event, please contact any other Board Member. The Board will meet again on June 5 and will approve fundraisers which have been brought to our attention.

Besides raising needed funds in a year without a large fundraiser, these events provide an opportunity for members to get together to plant the seeds for new friendships or to nurture friendships which have been growing throughout the years because of our common gardening interests.

I hope to hear from many of you with creative ideas for summer fundraising events. (That is, as soon as my phone and e-mail are once again working.)

Nan Spence
Evergreen Garden Club President

Garden Club News

Welcome New Members !!! **Lynn Dimmick** ~ I moved here from Farmington, New Mexico in 2004 and my favorite gardening interest, so far, is listening to local gardeners talk about the agony and the ecstasy of gardening in the Colorado mountains.

Jeff Davidson ~ I was born and lived in Kansas City, Missouri until '82, at which time I relocated to Colorado. I have lived in this area at 7400 feet for 20 yrs and owned my current residence for 14 yrs. I've had an increasing interest in gardening since buying my first house. My gardening bug began with building my raised and enclosed vegetable garden, shortly after moving in. My interests have also grown (out of necessity, originally) in the area of landscaping. I have, and continue to "sculpt" a beautiful outdoor living space out of what was formerly an unlivable space. As a result of that successful transformation, I have discovered a passion for landscape design and implementation. My construction carpentry skills are a great benefit in design and especially the "hardscaping" phase of a landscape project. The greatest reward comes from adorning a landscape with the appropriate choice of plants. This is an area I am continually acquiring knowledge in, hence my interest and participation in the garden club.

May 8, 2007 Spring Clean-Up Day in the Community Gardens

SPRING WORKDAY—Tuesday, May 8, is our spring cleanup day at the Evergreen community gardens. Arrive at 9:00am at your specified garden, listed below, unless your team leader has specified a different time. Where parking is limited, suggested alternate parking is noted. Those who have signed up to bring food will be hearing from Fran Sorenson. Meeting and luncheon at the fire building will start at 11:30, unless otherwise notified by our Pres. The people below have agreed to work in the gardens. Leaders are listed first, and permanent crew is highlighted. If there are non-members or new helpers, be sure to give these new recruits a warm welcome and provide any guidance needed.

LEADERS NOTE: Keep in touch with your team for an alternate date if the May 8 weather looks inclement. Also, discuss a summer maintenance schedule with your team and set up a mailing list to remind them. Bergen Park Traffic Circle: Ruth Alford, Karen MacFarquhar, Dee Sacks, Eleanor Viergever, Mary Pinder, Carole Mongean. (Park at the tailor/music storelots north across the circle.)

Evergreen Metro Water District (dam garden): Peggy & Dale Fetchenhier, Chris Gray, Jan Drury, Sharon Eaves, Joy Young, Maureen Brown, Jo Powers, Nina Moran, Ann Bolson and later, the library gardeners. (Park at dam or Plettner Lane--across the street, uphill from dam parking-- or the Main Street parking lot, and stroll over to the dam.)

Evergreen Metro District Building on Stagecoach: Beth Feldkamp, Mary DeBaets, Liz Hamilton
Fire Training Center: Nan Spence, Kim Stark, Barb DeCaro, Vicki Jahn KathyAnderson, Joanne McGee, Lorna Chorn, Carolyn Taschdjan

Hiwan Homestead Round: Bev Wickland, Julaine Kennedy, Frances Sorensen, Jeri Dufford, Sheila Henriksen, Toni Yerkes, Susan Grannell

Hiwan Homestead Herb: Priscilla Chapin, Meredith Bossert, Rebecca Swain, Jeannie Weber, Cheryl Touryan
Library Garden (when finished please assist at the dam garden): Marjorie Clinton, Irene Clurman, Bonnie Hisgen, Claudine Pardi,

Post Office: Karla Briggs, Paul Luzetski, Lynn Dimmick, Jeff Davidsen, Karel Buckley

Bring rakes, shovels, gloves, clippers, diggers, bags or boxes for clippings, kneeling pads or kneepads, hoes, spades, brooms, a stool if you can't kneel, hats, sun lotion. Label your tools, as you may be asked to share them with a guest. Contact Irma Wolf Irmasonny@aol.com for any additions or corrections to this list.

Thank you for helping to keep Evergreen beautiful!

The Goddesses of the Hospitality Committee: Frances Sorensen, Bev Wickland, Jeri Dufford

Assisting them will be: Linda Ringrose, Ginny Cerrillo, Pam Hinish, Jan Drury, Sharon Eaves, Eleanor Viergever, Dee Miller, Beth Feldkamp

Minutes of the April 10th, 2007 Meeting

Nan called the meeting to order at 9:30 and welcomed all members and guests.

Garden Sign Up Sheet-Nan stated Irma was passing around a sign-up sheet so everyone could see in which community garden they would be working.

Treasurer's Report-Priscilla welcomed four new members and gave the Treasurer's Report, then asked for and received approval of the financial statement.

Secretary's Report-Kim stated only one card had been mailed out last month; then asked for and received approval of the March Minutes as printed in the Wild Iris.

Volunteers Needed-Nan said many volunteers are needed for various up-coming events:

Earth Day-April 21st-Kathy said she needs volunteers to set up, staff and tear down our booth. We will be selling our donated garden gloves. Marilyn added this event is one of the oldest in the state.

Fire Safety Day-May 12th-Nan said she needs help with staffing this event. There will be fire-wise plant material from CSU and the forest service along with our brochure. We will also sell our garden gloves at this event. She also said we need to participate in this as the EFR has been really great supporting us. They are providing more plants for the fire-wise garden along with some stepping stones, a sign for the garden, some plant seeds, our brochure and a plaque which has the names of all those who participated in the initial planting of the garden last year. See Nan if you can volunteer for this event.

Community Gardens Work Day-May 8th-Irma asked for up-dates from all garden leaders in attendance and noted five high school students will be helping us in order to earn community service credits. If the weather is good, we will meet at EFR around 11:30 for the Annual Meeting and a brief dedication of the fire-wise garden by EFR. Hospitality will be providing food and drinks; it is not a potluck this year. In case of inclement weather, we will not work in the gardens and meet at the usual time.

Nominating Committee-Nan announced this year's Nominating Committee: Bev Wickland, Juanita Zellner, Frances Sorensen, and Jeri Dufford and then sincerely thanked them all for their service.

Progress Reports on Reorganization-

Incorporation-Nan said our incorporation date will be June 1st based on advice received from our attorney and CPA that all club activities (e.g. officers, budget, books) must coincide with the same one-year period.

Closing Books-Priscilla asked for all receipts and expenses to be turned in to her as soon as possible so she can close the books in May.

Nan took a question from the floor regarding dues and stated since we are an organization with voting members, we must maintain a current roster of our members. To that end, a new membership application is being drafted and each member of EGC will be asked to fill one out so that it can be kept on file by the Treasurer. Dues will be payable at the June meeting.

By Laws- Sheila stated the By Laws Committee has met weekly since March and is now voting on issues that have been discussed and that great progress has been made. The 501c3 Application Committee will begin once the By Laws Committee has finished and she noted there is an additional chance to sign up for the Application Committee.

Business Members Announcements

Mary DeBaets of Edward Jones announced she hosts quarterly financial planning meetings; this quarter's topic is long-term health care. She also said EFR has started an electronic re-cycling program and hazardous material disposal.

Indian Hills Nursery- Maureen McMahon passed around a sign-up sheet for EGC members to receive e-mails from the nursery along with a 10% discount coupon for EGC members.

Suggestions for Fund Raisers

Dig Day-Nan asked Priscilla to talk about "Dig Day" at her garden. She is allowing members into her garden to dig specific plants and asking for a donation for each plant to benefit the EGC. Nan thanked her sincerely for hosting this event.

Plant/Garden Flea Market-Nan asked if there was any interest in having a members-only flea market to benefit EGC. Any garden-related item, plant, etc. would be brought to a central location. From a show of hands, there was plenty of interest. She asked for anyone able to host the event to contact her.

Hydroponic Store Field Trip-Sheila said there had been interest in visiting the hydroponic store, that a small fee to benefit EGC would be charged to members who wanted to participate; from a show of hands there was interest in this event. She will talk with the owners and check on a weekday in May.

Natural Resources-Marilyn announced this year's International Dawn Chorus will be May 6th at 5:45 AM at the Lake House.

World Gardening-Louise noted the various items for sale.

Speaker/Program-Chris introduced Mike Kintgen, a horticulturist with Denver Botanic Gardens and he delivered his presentation on Easy Care Gems for the Rock Garden or Xeriscape.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Attendees: 41

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Stark

Please contact Kim Stark with any changes to these Minutes



Over The Garden Fence

By Julaine Kennedy

Containers...there's always room for more

Our mountain landscape is waking up. Karla's April garden/landscape tips were just what we needed to rev up our desire to play in the dirt. The tasks she lined out for you will prevent many future garden & landscape problems and give you a head start on future garden ideas. This time of year there are many sunny days to burn calories and stay ahead of weeds.

I hear there are several members who have new garden plans for this year. The winter snow and spring moisture provides us with new incentive for mountain gardening. And thanks to Priscilla Chapin's Plant Dig, it's a great time to make room for more blooms. EGC's Plant Sale for Members Only will be held on May 22nd at our home in Hiwan Hills. Anticipate a great selection of mountain grown plants. We need your transplants and starter plants. (See related article in this issue.)

Dig 'em up, pot 'em and bring them over to the sale. Check out the selection and take home lots to fill gardens, pots and greenhouses.

Each year I become more enchanted with gardening in pots. I love my pot menagerie, each year discovering great finds in the sale areas of garden centers and family treasures. Start a list of containers you want to use. Then add a few more from the sidebar. If containers lack drainage holes find a way to provide drainage. Many of the options listed below can have holes drilled in the bottom. If not, stock pile pea gravel or packing peanuts (hopefully there are still peanuts that do not dissolve in water) to fill the bottom of the pot. Check your existing potting soil and be sure to have a good quality in reserve.

Think about placement for ease of watering, sun or shade needs. Our brick patio is on the NW side of the house. Early summer the sun exposure is just right for part shade and sun. By August I get out the dolly and arrange most of the pots to give them more sun. This also prepares for Sept-November when I cover groups of pots with frost cloth to protect them on cold nights. Old fashioned pinch clothes pins work well to button the cloth down. A quick fix for a late summer bare spot in the garden is solved by moving a thriving pot in to the bare space in the garden.

You are done with the initial planning; now the fun begins. It's too early to plant so there is still time to browse the garden centers and magazines for plant material. Look for color combinations, plant texture, growing habit and cultural needs. Match up pot with plants. Consider mixing vegetables and edible flowers in the same arrangement. Create tall arrangements by adding vines to climb an obelisk, totem poles, or small trellis placed in the center of the pot. Always consider perennials when they will provide special interest. Ornamental grasses and succulents are show stoppers in the right pot and location. I prefer to transplant perennials into the ground at the end of the season rather than relocating the pot to a protected location and covering it with burlap for the winter. It is always a treat for me when I can work in the garden with friends. Hope to see you at work day and the plant sale.



Reminder ~ May 5th Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day and electronic recycling. For more information call Bruce at 674-3922 or Meredith 674-7001 or www.evergreenfirerescue.com and click on News/Events

SUNDANCE GARDENS TO COMMEMORATE JOAN REYNOLDS' BIRTHDAY



Linda Zakes, manager of Sundance, knew how much the Evergreen Garden Club meant to Joan who was both her friend and a frequent Sundance shopper. Therefore, to commemorate Joan's June 4 birthday, Sundance will donate 10% of the sales receipts taken in on Sunday June 3 to our club in Joan's memory. Please plan to shop at Sundance on June 3 and be sure to thank Linda and the Sundance owners and staff for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Sundance Gardens & Landscape is located at 27866 Meadow Drive.

How To Plant Your Garden

First, you Come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses....

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING , PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS :

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.



Nekked

Denver band Mid-Life Crisis was skedded to play Sat. night's spring dance at Mountain Air Ranch, the nudist resort above Tiny Town. Don't ask. I did a TV remote form the colony once with radio jock Michael Floorwax and I'm still trying to get images out of my head. And this news reminds me to tell you that **May 5th is the 'Third Annual World Naked Gardening Day**. "It's fun, costs no money, is a great activity for people of all ages, shapes and geographic locations." says organizer Marie Kephart. From Sun. 4/22/07 Denver Post ~ Bill Husted

EARTH DAY SPECIAL THANK YOU'S TO: **Kathy Anderson** and **Marilyn Kaussner** for organizing our participation at Earth Day at the Lakehouse on April 21. Our informative display attracted many visitors. In addition, approximately \$100 was raised for our club from garden glove purchases and contributions. Thank you to all who helped **Kathy** staff our display: **Nina Moran, Juanita Weare, Carolyn Taschdjian, Bonnie Hisgen, Dee Miller, Mary Pinder** and **Mary DeBaets**.

A special thank you also to **Linda Ringrose** for creating a beautiful community gardens sign to use at our display and to **Sundance Gardens** for loaning us a festive plant arrangement.

MAY 18 FIELD TRIP TO THE BIG TOMATO HYDROPONIC AND ORGANIC CENTER

After our January program on Hydroponics Gardening, members expressed an interest in visiting The Big Tomato Hydroponics and Organic Center in Aurora. We are planning a field trip/fundraiser to the store for Friday, May 18.

We will leave from the south side of Albertson's parking lot at 9 A.M. via carpools. We should arrive at the Hydroponics Center at 10 a.m. where we will have one hour before the store opens to the public to speak with the staff and view their products. We plan on spending another hour or so browsing and learning more about hydroponics gardening. We will leave the store around noon and stop for lunch (not included) on our way back to Evergreen. Since our club is arranging this opportunity, we are asking for a \$3.50 donation to the Club. Please plan to join us on May 18. If you have any questions or wish to sign up, contact **Sheila Henriksen** at 303 679-2509 or sheilahenriksen@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 12 FIRE SAFETY DAY

The Evergreen Garden Club will once again participate in Fire Safety Day on Saturday May 12 the Bergen Elementary School ball field on Hiwan Drive. We will distribute FireWise Garden information and FireWise Wildflower Seed Packets as well as sell garden and work gloves.

Volunteers are needed for 2 to 4 hour shifts and for assistance with set up and take down of our display. The hours of the event are from 10AM to 2PM. To volunteer, contact **Nan Spence** at 303 674-4595 or nmspence@att.net.

Members Plant Sale and Flea Market Join the fun!

Date: Tuesday May 22nd

Time: 9am—2pm

Place: Julaine Kennedy's—3796 Ponderosa Dr. across from the Methodist Church - Park in the new east end of the Church parking lot.

Arrive at 9am, bring plants in pots and garden related items for sale. If you don't have garden items, perhaps a baked good for sale. Pricing will be up to each member, and "homeless" items must be removed at the end of the sale. proceeds will go to the Bootstraps Scholarship Program. If it doesn't sell, please

Bring lunch and drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions call 674-6440 or jubo40@comcast.net, or Beth 679-9465

GARDEN CLUB BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Given Trees is a high altitude garden service. Specializing in high altitude gardening they offer consulting and educating to gardeners on varying growing and planting methods. Tina Kellogg, Given Trees founder, has been planting and growing in the mountains for twenty-four years, she has worked at local garden centers over the past decade and is herself an accomplished gardener. Along with private consultations Tina and her partner Bob will be hosting **High Altitude Vegetable Garden Intensive Classes** this summer in Kittredge, Colorado. Classes start on May 12th with both adult and children options. **Space is limited so sign up early.** For more information you can visit the web site at www.GivenTrees.com or call for consultations and class registration - 303.679.9921.



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New!!! We have perennials this year.

Tatonka offers tag, pay and hold. Come in and tag your plants, pay, and they will hold them until the final frost date has passed about Memorial Day when you're ready to plant!! They have a fabulous selection of annuals and perennials. Gorgeous large and small container gardens, and hanging baskets. They make gardening so easy!



\$5.00 off coupons on any single purchase available at the next meeting.

Ta Tonka Farms is a family owned business since 2000 in a quaint country neighborhood setting. They started with 1 greenhouse in 2000 and have upgraded to 3 greenhouses at the present time. The owners grow all their products at 8300' in elevation. Growing at this elevation produces flowers that are hardier and will endure the dramatic changes in temperatures that we're exposed to in the mountain communities. Greg is the experienced horticulturalist nurturing plants from rooted cuttings. They specialize in two growing seasons per year, a spring/summer season of 6" geraniums, 4" annuals and 12" hanging baskets and a fall/winter season of poinsettias, winter wreaths and bulbs.

The retail store is open the second week in April for the annual sales and November 17th at 9a.m. for the fall/winter season.

The Dierksheide's are proud to sell 70% of their product to local non profit groups, which includes Evergreen Palms, Conifer High School Choir, Platte Canyon Choral Group and ten local churches. They are hoping to expand their current operations to trees and shrubs in the future.

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Denver Botanic Gardens Schedule of Events www.denverbotanicgardens.org

Twelve Months of Flowers—May 1 - July 31

Prints of the Twelve Months of Flowers will be presented in the Connors Family exhibit case. In 1730 Robert Furber, an English nurseryman, commissioned this "florilegium" for his flower sales catalogue. It became an artistic as well as a commercial success.

Plant Sale - Friday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (members only 8:30-10 a.m.)

Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (members only 8:30-10 a.m.)

The Gardens will close at noon on Thursday, May 10 in preparation for the Plant Sale. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Mother's Day Brunch in the Gardens—Bring your mom to Denver Botanic Gardens to celebrate her this Mother's Day! Due to the popularity of this event, we highly recommend pre-purchasing admission tickets to the Gardens. Please call 720-865-3649 to order will-call tickets.

2007 Celebrating Wildflowers—Visit the Gardens on May 19 and 20 for crafts, tours and planting native wildflowers to take home. There are three options for wildflower hikes:

On Saturday, May 12, there will be a hike in Jefferson County at Green Mountain. The hike will begin at 10 a.m.--meet on the North Side of Alameda, two miles west of Kipling.

On Tuesday, May 15, City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks will be hosting a hike on the South Mesa Trail at 5:30 p.m. The trailhead is in south Boulder.

On Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25, Pam Irwin (author of several wildflower books) will be leading hikes at Roxborough State Park south of Denver. Hikes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Contact rrh@botanicgardens.org for more information.