



Evergreen Garden Club

The Wild Iris

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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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On a recent snowy, Spring Saturday, Beth Feldkamp took her seven year-old nephew Travis and her four year-old niece Melissa over to Priscilla Chapin's house to visit the new baby chicks. Nothing says spring like a baby chick and everyone, adults included, enjoyed watching the chickens cluck and peck and do their chicken thing. As the adults received a lesson from Priscilla on which came first, the chicken or the egg, Melissa busied herself collecting feathers. She gathered a handful of the colorful feathers, tangible reminders of her adventure.



Later that afternoon as the family was buckling the children in the car and saying their goodbyes to Aunt Beth and Uncle Bruce, Melissa was frantically trying to get someone's attention. "You're not listening to me," she cried, "the feathers are not in the vehicle".

Over the last few weeks I have thought a lot about Melissa and how she felt. She simply could not go on without her feathers; they were so important and special. And I have decided that is exactly how I felt as the events began to unfold starting with the resignation of three Evergreen Garden Club board members. How do we go on without our feathers? So it was with great trepidation that I went to the fire house to attend our

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Upcoming Meeting: June 12th, 2007— Horticultural Therapy

We will have a presentation by Mary Gauden Beardslee & Jodine Belden, Recreational Therapist, Adult Day Services Program Manager, **at the Evergreen Seniors' Resource Center.** Yellow House, Hwy 73, Evergreen. We will watch a video on the Center's Horticultural Therapy Program then tour the garden.

passion for Horticultural Therapy will certainly 'grow' upon us all.

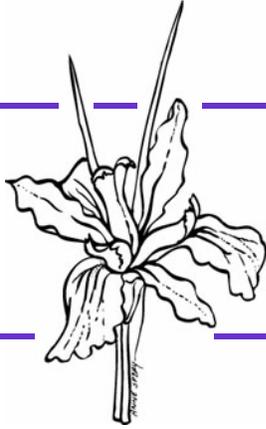
Meet at the Resource Center

9:15-9:30 social time Bring your own cup and your own snack lunch if you so desire.

9:30-9:50 Business Meeting

10:00-11:00 program - Horticultural Therapy garden walk through

It should be a great day as Jodine's



Garden Club News

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May meeting. As I walked through the doorway, I found myself in a room full of feathers. Then we began the task of gathering ourselves up, getting in the vehicle and continuing down the road.

One of the first matters to attend to on our journey is what to do about all the broken branches and downed trees resulting from our wet, heavy spring snow storms. Besides being a fire danger as they lie there on the ground drying up this summer, they are an attraction for the IPS Beetles. Downed greenwood is to an IPS beetle as honey is to a bear. We definitely don't want to add to the beetle problem, so it is wise to get on the clean up as soon as possible. Because the wood is green, it is heavy. Cutting it up into manageable pieces will save backs and marriages. Once you have gathered the slash, contact a service to chip it up or rent a chipper yourself and wa-la you will have a lovely mulch pile. In my case, I have a mulch pile that will become a legacy for my children. As for the larger pieces of wood, if you have a wood burning stove or fireplace, cut it and stack it for splitting in the fall. If you don't have a need for the wood, donate it to an outreach source to keep someone warm next winter.

Next on the agenda, I want to share my new favorite gardening item: Foxgloves! Not the plant, the garden gloves. They are simply wonderful. I have never been one to wear gloves; I love the feel of dirt and the efficiency with which I can weed with my bare hands. But these gloves fit so well I forget to take them off when I go into the house to make dinner! They are very glamorous and come in an array of colors and sizes. I got mine at Stems. Tell Dori that Karla sent you.

Lastly, I have a mission for all of you. Make it a priority this summer to attend as many garden tours as time will allow. Take copious notes about everything from plants to parking and report back to us. We will steal all the good ideas and imple-

ment them in our 2008 Garden Tour. While you are out and about, spy on the neighbors, peek over fences and find the most fabulous, interesting gardens in Evergreen. Then become friendly with the garden owners; dinner and drinks—whatever--and discreetly have them agree to a preview with the possibility of being on our tour. Don't fail me, good and loyal gardeners!

Have a great summer, wear sunscreen and don't go in the house before dark.

To our absent feathers, get back in the vehicle, you are missed.

Love, Karla

Campaign Continues ADOPT-A-PLOT at Evergreen Lake

The **Community Weed Awareness Campaign** committee needs your help. Adopt-a-Plot gives organizations and individuals the opportunity to "adopt" a small, manageable section around Evergreen Lake to weed at their convenience throughout the summer and fall. Last year, 20 of the 25 plots were adopted. However, this year several of our dedicated adopters had to give their plots up, so we are looking for a few good weeders to adopt.

While weeding around the entire lake is done during Community Weed Day, weeds cannot be controlled by this one event. So please consider signing up and helping one of these "lonely" plots become a "lovely" plot. You might choose to pull a weed or two each time you walk around the lake, or spend more time but visit less frequently to rid your plot of those pesky weeds. The bottom line is that noxious weeds degrade habitat and out-compete native wildflowers. To help nurture the natives by controlling the weeds, call Marilyn Kaussner today at 303-674-7520 to sign up.

Minutes of the May 8th, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Pricilla Chapin, for Chris Gray Vice-President, acting President.

First order of business was to welcome new members, and remember Trish and Bev Wickland in our prayers as they are both going through a difficult time right now.

The second order of business was to address the recent resignation of the board members President Nan Spence, Second Vice-President Sheila Henriksen, and Secretary Kim Stark. The meeting was then turned over to Ken Ball and Karla Briggs to continue with the meeting agenda.

The financial report was read by Pricilla; EGC Checking: \$240.15, EGC Savings: \$6,620.31 Overall Total: \$6860.46. Pricilla reported that the books were closed for year end and will be opened again under the newly created Evergreen Garden Club Inc. The report does not take into account the dues at this point and there were no fundraising projects this past year so we are short of our budgeted income for the past year. In addition there are still \$810.50 outstanding in legal fees for the incorporation and any 5013c expenses. Moved to accept the Treasures report. All in favor.

Pricilla was congratulated on her own contribution to the income from her very successful plant sale.

Secretary's report was approved and accepted as printed in the May 2007 Wild Iris.

Bylaws Committee reported on the progress. They took existing by-laws and revised other incorporated club bylaws to come up with a new recommendation which was at the lawyers office. Jo Powers offered to follow up with the lawyers and to report back to the board as to the next step.

The 501c3 meeting will be held on May 29th, Mary DeBates will call the CPS to find out where we are at on that and will report back to the board. Barbara DeCaro offered to help fill out the forms if Mary needs additional help.

Fundraisers: Upcoming fundraisers were announced: May 18th, field trip to hydroponics Red Hot Tomatoes. Plant Sale on May 22nd at the Kennedy's, and Garden Gloves available for sale.

Discussion then turned to new work days for the community gardens and garden teams will be notified by the garden captains as to the new work days. Emails will be sent out if necessary.

Discussion then turned to raising the dues. Opened to the floor for discussion, a motion was presented to increase dues as follows: \$25 personal, \$35 family, \$55 Business. Motion was passed with a majority of members voting yes. An application form will be required to renew dues to comply with the new Inc.

Because there was no slate of officers to present as many on the slate had resigned, discussion then took place for a new board. The following members were presented (after much discussion) and were accepted by the members to serve on the board for the 2007-2008 year: Karla Briggs: President, Mary De-Bates: Vice president (1) Ken Ball: Vice President (2), Secretary: Pam Hinish, Treasurer: Beth Feldkamp

World Gardening report was presented members were reminded we need plants for the table/

The outgoing board was recognized for all their hard work and dedication and a big Thank You for everything they have achieved in the past year to take the club to the next level.

Reminder to everyone that next months meeting is offsite. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am

Submitted by Liz Hamilton, proxy Secretary.



Over The Garden Fence *By Trisha Scott*

I was asked to come up with an "Over the Garden Fence" article... well here goes!

I used to say that gardening could bring out the dark side of me. I will set the stage by telling you that a dear friend of mine back in BC, Kathleen Brennan and I while we had toddlers were very passionate about our gardens and the plants we acquired. We felt that our gardens were the only part of our lives we had an element of control over. We could spend hours weeding and glow with the results. As a young parent that feeling was an almost a craved feeling. My house could be clean for hours only if the boys had really gone to bed, or were out.

We were known to on occasion take cuttings of all sorts of plants while one of us would be the "lookout" person! I can remember many a time she and I admiring a plant in a public place only to later come back for a "Snip" of it. We were a little nuts!



Viola sororaria Freckles

Hardy Herbaceous Perennial

Flowers: Spring to early Summer

Height: 8 inches

Position: Sun or Partial Shade

Hardiness Rating: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Ideal For: Border, Patio, Rockery, Tubs

One story that sticks with me is of a coveted plant I had to have a number of years ago. Kathleen and I had both wanted this brand new Viola called "Freckles". We had tried to grow it from seed and had no luck with it at all. Part of us thought it was some terrible scheme to make us want it even more. The picture on the Thompson and Morgan seed packet made us desire it so! It's pretty deep blue background with white freckles on it...what can I say it had us drooling! So we set out on a mission to seek out the elusive "Freckles". We contacted every garden Centre we could think of... to no avail. Just when we were ready to give up we called the University of British Columbia's Plant Centre-they said they had several. Well we arranged daycare for our four kids, made grocery lists and set our course for Vancouver. For us coming down from Squamish where we lived this would be a 2-hour each way journey! We had a beautiful day- lively conversation -with no one asking "Are we there yet?" or "I have to go to the bathroom!!!" It was looking good! We finally arrived at our destination and starting looking from shelf to shelf from the illusive "Freckles" ...finally finding a couple of flats of it in a fairly isolated location. Just as we were ready to jump up and down we noticed the big note on top of the flats with "Hold for Barbara Smith". Kathleen and I looked at each other and this determined look came over each of our faces. How dare this "Barbara Smith" think she could have several flats of "Freckles" when we each only needed two!!! How selfish of

her!!! Well I hate to admit we chucked the note on the ground, grabbed our plants and headed to the cashier. Still thinking at any moment our evil plan would be discovered ...we paid and ran to Kathleen van, laid rubber in the parking lot and left! We never made it to our other errands, thinking at any moment we would be pulled over by some secret plant police!

Well in the end Kathleen and I had incredible success with our "Freckles" and ended up propagating multitudes of them for our fellow Garden Club members to raise money for the club. Only in secret would Kathleen and I refer to our plants as "Barbara's Freckles" as a Cheshire cat grin would come over our faces. We never told any our fellow club members till years later worrying that we would probably never be left alone in someone's garden for fear of our kleptomaniac behavior. Kathleen and I are still great friends and usually when we get together go to a Garden Tour or Garden Centre. We always reminisce about our crazy gardening adventures as young Mom's. Our kids are now 16 and 18 and I am sure they never could fully understand our passion for our hobby- but we only hope that they end up loving gardening half as much as us!

Trisha

COMMUNITY GARDENS INVITE

Even though your name may not have been listed on any final garden team list, all garden teams can always use more help during the summer--especially the dam garden. So please call Irma Wolf, 303-670-3402, or irmasonny@aol.com to give your garden preference or get an assignment. It's a good way to get to know your fellow members and is also a great learning experience. She will put you in touch with a team leader. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are due this month PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE and fill out the new membership renewal form, linked off the home page of the site. Beth will have copies at the meeting in June if you are not able to print a copy online. Then when the Treasurer receives your check along with your membership form she will issue you with your Evergreen Garden Club membership card, which will give you discounts at select local businesses.

Please enclose a check payable to:

Evergreen Garden Club, P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen, CO 80437

Membership extends from June to June, and includes the Wild Iris newsletter and participation in club activities.

Membership Categories: Individual \$25.00 Family \$35.00 Business \$ 55.00 For more information regarding membership visit our website www.evergreengardenclub.org or call Beth Feldkamp 303-679-9465 or egcbeth@comcast.net

THANKS TO THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who gave input and helped come up with a new set of by-laws for the newly created Evergreen Garden Club Inc. A great deal of effort and thought went into the process and we want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped move the new by-laws forward.

BOOTSTRAPS

Jo Powers attended a reception on May 29, 2007 to honor the recipients of the Evergreen Scholarship/ Bootstraps awards. Sarah Hudak, the deserving student from Evergreen High School, sends thanks for the Evergreen Garden Club Scholarship.

PLANT SALE—FUNDRAISER

May 22nd the morning of EGC's Members Only Plant Sale showed up with cool breezes and sunshine. Not exactly what the weather goddess had planned but better than the local weather forecasters. Beth Feldkamp left me a message the day before. It was short! "The weather report doesn't look too good for Tuesday. Rain or Shine??" I understood well but didn't want to encourage snow showers.

Several members arrived early with hospitality goodies and delicious iced tea. The weather was deteriorating rapidly. Hardy gardeners showed up looking for plants, found a few herbs and perennials. As the rain and cold winds picked up we all blew into the house like weed seeds looking for a new place to root. Coffee, goodies and garden talk provided a wonderful alternative to standing out in the cold.

Beth and Julaine thank all who ventured out to purchase plants, tools, garden decorations, pots, baskets, fertilizer, soils etc. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for EGC Members Only Plant Sale, Part II. We are looking forward to a second opportunity to gather at Louise and Bill Mounsey's the first week in June. So we all have time to dig & divide plants from our gardens. There still is need for garden-related items. The proceeds from the two sales will benefit our garden club. Traditionally, the EGC Garden Tour would have been held this summer (our main fund raiser). We made over \$250.00!!

HORTICULTURE

Preparing the Soil at the Firewise Garden

One of my first memories of EGC community garden work day was back in '89. I had been to a couple of meetings, then being held at the Public Service Building on Hwy 74. I believe we were in the community meeting room. The club was gathering members to participate in the annual community clean up day. I signed up to help at the Flagpole site near the entrance to Evergreen Cemetery. Louise brought bags of manure to work into the beds and red geraniums for the Memorial Day service.

We spent the morning sorting out the weeds from the desirable flowers and shrubs. I don't recall hearing the word 'invasive' that morning but there sure was a lot of creeping bellflower taking over the daisies. I didn't know the difference between the two plants at that time. But I do know that one of the seasoned mountain gardeners helped me recognize the difference in leaf shape and flower color!!! How in the heck was I ever going to separate the roots of those two plants and still save the daisies? Show and tell works real well for novice gardeners like me. I loved it and that began the long ongoing association with EGC.

Evergreen Garden Club now maintains 7 community gardens. The Fire & Rescue Garden in Bergen Park is the newest project. Nan Spence volunteered to head up this project and has created a wonderful example of fire wise principles and plants. Rocks, boulders and existing soil that piled up during the excavation and construction of the office building provided the planting site. A great amount of research was needed to meet the fire & rescue requirements as well as choosing the right plants for the right place. At this time last year that garden was known to Nan's committee only on paper.

Recently I was asked to provide some information on the planting process. Nan approached us about donating Age Old Organics products for the garden. We are pleased to be a part of another EGC successful garden project.

Any planting project needs to begin with healthy plants that will meet the requirements of the site. Nan fulfilled that part well. The soil was mostly decomposed granite, sand and a bit of organic matter. Organic matter was added to provide a bit more moisture holding ability.

At planting time we prepared a concentrate of AGE OLD ORGANICS Promote (water management product) in an EZ-FLO garden fertigator. Each hole was dug and the backfill from the hole was mixed with 1/3 EKO COMPOST to 2/3rds backfill. The plant roots were teased out and dusted with approximately 1 TBLS of AOO Ornamental Transplant & Root Inoculant with Mycorrhizae (OTSR with Mycorrhizae) per 1 gallon plant container and 1- 2 tsp. for the smaller containers. The plant was placed in the planting hole and the filled the hole with the compost/backfill mix. Tamping the soil down around the plant's roots removes air space and stabilizes the plant. Then we drenched drench the plant and soil with AOO Promote that was in the EZ-FLO fertigator (the concentrate in the fertigator mixes with water from the spigot and disperses the correct diluted solution via the garden hose). When using a one gallon watering can: 1-2 tsp. Promote + 1 gallon water. A final good soaking of the gardens before applying mulch completed the process.

OTSR with Mycorrhizae is a beneficial root fungus that helps reduce transplant shock, increases root mass and allows the root system to take up water and nutrients for effectively. It has been said that a plant can't tell the difference

between a synthetic and an organic fertilizer. This is true. The real difference is knowing that a synthetic feeds the plant. An organic increases and supports microbial activity in the soil and feeds the plant. Microbes promote life and energy to the soil. It's a healthy solution for the soil, plants and you during 2007

Julaine Kennedy <http://www.twocrowsmarketing.com>

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EGC 2006-2007 Year End Treasurers Report

09/01/2006 - 08/31/2007

INCOME 06-07 PROPOSED ACTUAL DIFFERENCE

INCOME RAISED

Garden Tour Ticket Sales Income 4000.00 000.00 [4000.00]
Public Plant Sale 0000.00 273.00 273.00
Garden Products Sales 0000.00 97.25 97.25
TOTAL INCOME RAISED 4000.00 370.25 [3629.75]

MEETING INCOME

Field Trip Cost 00.00 00.00 00.00
Floral Centerpieces 00.00 00.00 00.00
Membership Dues 2500.00 382.00 [2118.00]
TOTAL MEETING INCOME 2500.00 382.00 [2118.00]

OTHER INCOME

Interest Income 5.00 2.51 [2.49]
Miscellaneous Income 150.00 138.20 [11.80]
Work shirts 250.00 120.00 [130.00]
World Garden Fund Income 300.00 536.76 236.76
TOTAL OTHER INCOME 705.00 797.47 92.47
Transfer from EGC Savings 245.00 3000.00 [2755.00]
TOTAL INCOME 7450.00 4549.72 [2900.28]

EXPENSES

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Other Community Contributions 0000.00 0000.00 0000.00
Youth Program (Forest Lodge) 125.00 116.35 8.65
TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS 125.00 116.35 8.65

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Bergen Park traffic circle 50.00 2.79 47.21
Evergreen Fire & Rescue 50.00 13.02 26.98
Evergreen Metro Garden (Dam Garden) 50.00 00.00 50.00
Evergreen Metro Building Garden 50.00 00.00 50.00
Hiwan Herb Garden 50.00 42.69 7.31
Hiwan Homestead Garden 50.00 107.85 [57.85]
Library Garden 50.00 00.00 50.00
Post Office Garden (gift 1500.00 minus 881.24=618.76bal) 00.00 00.00 00.00
Signage for Gardens 00.00 00.00 00.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS 350.00 166.35 173.65

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Celebrations 300.00 92.76 207.24
Gifts & Flowers for Members 250.00 240.33 5.67

Membership cost 50.00 00.00 50.00
Membership Directory 500.00 412.98 87.02
Miscellaneous 350.00 13.96 336.04
Office Supplies 200.00 100.00 100.00
Professional Fees (Atty, CPA) 000.00 810.50 [810.50]
Publicity 200.00 00.00 200.00
Scrapbook Historian Expense 150.00 00.00 150.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES 2000.00 1670.53 329.47

INCOME RAISING EXPENSES

Garden Tour Expenses 800.00 00.00 800.00
Public Plant Sale 00.00 00.00 00.00
Members Mileage 200.00 00.00 200.00
Sales Tax 100.00 5.00 95.00
Wild Iris Expenses (web page, etc.) 400.00 408.90 [8.90]
Work Shirt Expense 200.00 146.37 53.63
World Garden Fund Expense 300.00 228.00 72.00
TOTAL INCOME RAISING EXPENSES 2000.00 788.27 1211.73

MEETING EXPENSES

Church of the Hills 00.00 00.00 00.00 Field Trips 00.00 00.00 00.00
Floral Center Pieces 00.00 00.00 00.00
Hospitality Expense 250.00 265.34 [15.34]
Other Cost 25.00 00.00 25.00
Speaker Expense 500.00 325.00 175.00
Welcoming and Door Prizes Expense 200.00 118.76 81.24
TOTAL MEETING EXPENSES 975.00 709.10 265.90

SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES

Scholarship Expenses 2000.00 2000.00 00.00
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES 2000.00 2000.00 00.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 7450.00 8450.60 [1000.60]

TOTAL INCOME [2900.28]

LOSS [3900.28]

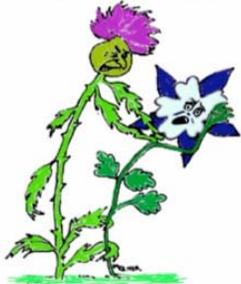
NOTE: Due to reorganization of the club and a change in our business year dates the actual income and expenses show us operating at a loss. I assure you that we are not operating in the red; this is only due to the short year. Due to closing the books in May these figures do not reflect members dues collected for next year nor is there any fund raising income to off set the expenses.

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Denver Botanic Gardens Schedule of Events www.denverbotanicgardens.org

Killer Weeds



New Outlaws of the Wild West

- Join the 10th Annual Community Weed Day - Saturday June 23rd, 8:00 am - 11:00 am Evergreen Lake Lawn - meet for refreshments & orientation at 8:00 am and:

Examine our comprehensive display of area noxious weeds.
Discuss control of specific weeds with our experts.
Bring your yard plants in for identification.

Celebrate ten successful years of weed control & education!

Enhance wildlife habitat by helping us weed at the Lake and receive a volunteer recognition gift.

Wear gloves, long pants and long sleeves

Sponsored by The Community Weed Awareness Campaign, a coalition of The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society, the Mt. Evans Group of the Sierra Club and the Evergreen Garden Club with the Evergreen Park & Recreation District and Jefferson County Weed & Pest Control

Save the date: July 7- The 21st Annual Mountain Garden Tour.

Plant Select distribution is on June 13th so, you can preview the upcoming Plant Select additions.

The Tour originates at Violet Aandres' Blue on Blue Gardens 3 miles east of Colo.119 in (Coal Creek Canyon) on Highway 72. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information or directions, call Violet at 303-642-3356. Good Growing!