



Evergreen Garden Club

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A Word from the President...

LEARNING SOMETHING NEW

One of the things I like best about being a gardener is the opportunity it provides to be a life long learner. You can never know everything there is to know about gardening or plants and that is a good thing. I was recently asked a question by a new to Colorado gardener, she wanted to know what to do with her Tulip bulbs that she did not get into the ground last fall. How many of us have been there, raise your hand, that's right all of us. At the time my answer to her question was to hold the bulbs in a cool dry place until next fall and then plant them. She looked kind of concerned with my response but was very polite and accepted my answer. I wasn't totally sure I had given her the best advice and so I went on a learning expedition to find the truth. The truth follows:

Put the bulbs in a box or pot of dampened peat moss.

Put the container in the refrigerator or outdoors, it is ok for the whole thing to freeze. It is a good idea to keep the container out of the reach of critters and not in southern exposure so that the bulbs don't come out of dormancy too soon.

When the ground thaws, plant the bulbs at the correct depth in well draining soil, water and mulch. Wait to fertilize until the plants bloom. The bulbs may have already started to sprout and that is fine, just be careful not to break off the new growth.

Tulips are a Menu A item for lots of critters, so I would suggest lining the planting hole with a screen or creating a fine wire mesh cage to put the bulbs in to protect them from voles and mice and still allow the roots to grow as they will. As soon as the bulbs start to sprout, spray them with Liquid Fence or Bobex and keep the plants sprayed through the growing cycle.

After the plant is done blooming, trim off the flowers and keep the leaves intact until they are yellowed.

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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.

For **membership** information please contact Beth Feldkamp at 303-679-9465 or EGCBeth@comcast.net

Newsletter Contributions are due by the 20th of each month to Liz Hamilton@Liz@Maia-Consulting.com

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 * *February 12, 2008* * *'Veggies Organic Style'* *
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Fresh from the garden, free from unknown chemical applications, YUM!

Evergreen Garden Club member Tina Kellogg will give attendees insights about organic gardening. Learn first hand about how to successfully grow healthy goodies in our environment.

Please bring your plants and goodies for World Gardening.

Our meetings will be cancelled if Jeffco Schools are closed.

Meetings start at 9:30 am—See you there!



Garden Club News

(Continued from President's Message pg. 1)

Trimming the flower keeps the plant from expending energy to create a seed head and keeping the green leaves helps to send energy back to the bulb for next year's growth.

For more information on planting and caring for bulbs go to the CSU web site, www.ext.colostate.edu or just Google "How to plant bulbs".

This winter has been a cold one and that might be a gift from Mother Nature. I am anxious to see if our consistent cold will help to control the pine beetles. I am on the north side of the mountain and my gardens still have snow covering them so I don't need to winter water. If your garden has southern exposure and/or the wind has blown the snow cover away, it is a good idea to winter water if there is no natural moisture for more than two weeks. If you need to winter water, choose a day with temperatures above freezing and no wind. CSU also has good information on winter watering.

I am looking forward to Tina Kellogg's Vegetable Garden program this month. Last summer we expanded our vegetable garden and put in a new fence. That took all summer and so we didn't get to plant a garden, consequently we had no fresh salads or potatoes. Thank goodness for the farmers market!

I am going to try to keep my roots warm and cuddle up with the computer to learn something new more often.

Karla

Hospitality Bites

Our January meeting was another wintery day.
Thanks to all who braved the weather and shared breakfast finger food for our meeting.

Morning coffee/tea time February 12, 2008 9:30 am
Bonnie Hisgen Tina Kellogg Susan Blake
Juanita Zellner Toni Yerkes Lois Battle

Plan to arrive early to the meeting: Coffee and tea will be ready to serve @ 9:30 am.
The serving table will be set and ready for your contribution.
**Bonnie and Julaine **

Welcome New Members! Susan Blake from Santa Fe, NM
Arlene Fitterer –you may know her from Evergreen Garden Center

Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Meeting

President Karla Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed members and guests. New member Susan Blake and guests Arlene Fetterer, Naomi Pallante and Twyla Vance were introduced. 39 individuals were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - December minutes were approved. Pam Hinish reported that a thank you letter was received from World Gardening for EGC's recent contribution. A thank you note was sent to Lee Lambert for the November program and a letter and \$2000 donation to Evergreen Scholarship/Bootstraps (ESB) is being mailed today.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Beth Feldkamp reported a balance of \$300.65 in checking and \$620.75 in savings. There are no outstanding bills and the balance includes our largest expense, \$2000 to ESB.

WORLD GARDENING - Ginny Cerrillo explained how our contributions to World Gardening help children in orphanages in many third world countries. We do need plants for the World Gardening table at our monthly meetings.

FOREST HEIGHTS - Karla reported that the annual EGC program at Forest Heights was a success and that the boys loved the plants and cookies. A big thank you goes to all of this year's cookie bakers!

2008 GARDEN TOUR AND PLANT SALE - Karla explained that there was no garden tour fund raiser last year due to the 501C3 process. In order to boost our coffers and to make up for last year, a combined garden tour and plant sale is planned. The Board has been discussing many ideas and Ken Ball presented a Concept Outline. A sign-up sheet was circulated with a request for members to sign up for as many activities as they would be interested in. The participation of all members is what will make this FUN and a success! Committee Chairs and members are needed:

- Plant Sale - Trish Scott
- Garden Selection - Irma Wolf
- Seminar - Ken Ball
- Publicity - Mary DeBates
- Box Lunches
- Ticket Sales - Linda Ringrose
- Direction Signs
- Garden Docents

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 28, 2008. Trish explained that a late June date was selected for several reasons; more plants and varieties are available, plants haven't begun to die and won't need to be replaced, the date is close to the last EGC meeting date, and the June date and plant variety will be good for our plant sale.

HOSPITALITY - Julaine Kennedy encouraged members to sign-up to bring goodies.

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hinish



Over The Garden Fence *By Julaine Kennedy*

Only 53 days to Spring

I'm determined to help 2008 garden season by warming up your thoughts of gardening . I have been exploring the internet. Even our recent strong whipping winds haven't dampened my spirit today. It is mindboggling to imagine the breadth of abilities that horticultural science offers. Just when you think you have discovered the best trailing petunia for baskets and pots another variety pops up in the garden centers (no complaints). As an example since 2003 (+-) growers have introduced Wave, Multiflora, Surfina, Spreading and lots more to the long standing Petunia and Calibrachoa varieties (Petunia and Calibrachoa are in the plant family, Solanaceae). We're not done yet with defining all the petunias and calibrachoa; give growers an inch and they'll give us acres (no one complaints about this). Color, shape of leaf and flower, or place name where it originated describes the genus species.

On the plant labels you have seen hybrid names such as Supertunias, Superbells or Sunrise (just a few from the S's). This part of the name refers all the same plant hybrid name and includes additional colors within the series.

For the record; I researched the above information and hope I have it lined out without shouting loud errors. This horticultural topic get's to be like family genealogy. If you miss one family member or just a small piece of historical evidence it isn't a perfect tree. I hope you will click on www.provenwinners.com . This is just one of many sites to get you started for this year's garden year. Keep in mind that all gardening tip information on websites may not be the best answer for Gardening in the Rockies. Elevation, sun exposure, soil types, water requirements, weather patterns and temperatures can be unique to our area.

Just go down the hill to the Front Range and discover some things they do some things differently. As Marcia Tatroe said at EGC January 2008 meeting, "we live in a very unique geographic area of the world". We have lots of microclimates, some postcard size and others cover the whole side of a mountain/or valley. What another awesome program, Ken Ball.



**Congratulations to Chris Gray—
She became a U.S. citizen on January 23, 2008.**



Charlotte, the baby, meets Bucky, the mule deer, who came over for a snack. They were quite enthralled with each other.

Photo by Linda Ringrose

Foxy, the fox squirrel, slogged through three feet of snow to chow down on his daily ration of sunflower seeds, only to come nose to nose with Moose, the Great Cow-Colored Hunter. Undaunted and desperately hungry, Foxy pleaded with Moose for breakfast, and after I took this photo, I dug his dish out of the snow and filled it up with sunflower seeds.

Photo by Linda Ringrose



EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB 2008 COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEES & GUIDELINES

Chairperson: Irma Wolf

- Oversee entire project
- Call gardeners to see if they want to be on the tour (done, see below)
- Get periodic committee reports including deadlines
- Report progress to Advisory committee, Board & general meetings

Garden Selection – Chair, Irma Wolf 303-670-3402 Marjorie Clinton, Mary Pinder, Susan Blake

- all previously-selected gardens to see who's still interested (done, see below)
- Send letter of acceptance and include as much tour info as possible.
- Include questionnaire re their garden specifics, and 3 favorite plants and give info to Plant Sale Committee.

Plant Sale – Chair, Tricia Scott 303-679-6670 Ginny Cerrillo, Kathy Grider, Sharon Eaves, Lorna Chorn, Chris Gray

- Find out the 3 favorite plants of each gardener
 - Per the return of their questionnaires, do a write-up of the gardens (see Garden Selection Committee.)
 - Order plants in advance to tour
- (Add more duties here, since this is a new tour committee)

Box Lunch – Bonnie Hisgen, Barbara Decaro, Marjorie Clinton

- Decide on menu and price
 - Find a local catering business for the box lunches
 - Determine a lunch site and give this info to ticket committee
- (Add more duties here, since this is a new tour committee)

Seminar – Chair, Ken Ball 303-403-1434 Claudine Pardi, Susan Blake, Frances McCawley, Chris Gray

- Find a speaker, and see what A-V equipment he/she needs
 - Reserve room at fire training center
 - Give ticket committee the title & nature of presentation to put on ticket
- (Add more duties here, since this is a new tour committee)

Publicity –Chair is ???– Lorna Chorn, Chris Gray

- Find an artist to draw up ticket illustration, or use last year's drawing (with permission of artist - Irma has copy)
- Use same drawing for posters and flyers & have those printed.
- Print flyers (check with Program Ticket Committee for printing contact)
- Arrange for fliers to be posted 2-4 weeks ahead of tour
- Start advertising tour info in local newspapers one month ahead (mid-May)
- Invite reporter from Canyon Courier to docents' pre-tour

Ticket Sales – Tina Kellog 303-670-0018 (NEEDS A CO-CHAIR)

- See 2005 ticket design for guidance (from Irma)
- Design the Program Ticket
- Describe the Gardens (get info from Plant Sale Committee)
- Get the location map from Logistics Committee
- Arrange for the printing of the ticket
- Distribute the tickets to stores and nurseries
- Include door prize on ticket stub if Special Interest Committees decides on a door prize
- Visit ticket vendors weekly to collect money Treasurer may help with this task) and supply them with more tickets

Direction Signs–Linda Ringrose 303-816-9502 **NEEDS OR 2 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE**

- Draw up the tour route for Ticket Committee
- On day of tour, set out directional signs (stored in Briggs' barn)
- Put up balloons at entrance to each garden for easy identification
- Pick up the signs at the end of the day and return to Briggs barn

DOCENTS - Jeff Davidson, Julaine Kennedy, Kathy Grider, Susan Blake, Lynn Dimmick, Priscilla Chapin, Ruth Alford, Lorna Chorn, Mary Pinder, Ann Bolson – Sahli Garden, Chris Gray, Liz Barrett, Stan Barrett, Sharon Eaves, Jan Drury, Bill Drury Parking Control-Frances Sorenson, Jeri Dufford, Ken Ball, Sandee Ball

- Take pre-tour of all gardens in advance of tour
- Sign up for a morning and/or afternoon shift
- Greet guests
- Cross off the garden on the ticket
- Sell tickets to those having none
- Hand out list of plants in garden
- Direct participants around garden
- Point out unsafe paths and steps and the 3 favorite plants & direct guests to plant sale area
- Keep a record of any comments or critiques on 3x5 cards
- Turn in any money to “roaming” Treasurer

SPECIAL INTEREST COMMITTEE (Need signups for this committee)

- Artists in the gardens; can they sell their art at the gardens.
- Door prize” for tourists?
- Decide on a gift or gift certificate for garden owners

GARDEN PREPARATION COMMITTEE (Need signups for this committee)

- Call garden owners 3 weeks in advance to see if they need help planting/weeding.
- Assign committee members to gardens need help.

NOTES:

- Those members who haven’t had a chance to sign up, please let Irma know by February meeting which committee you’d like to join.
- Everyone** is encouraged to get involved in at least one committee, in addition to being a docent, as we need help in all areas.
- Feel free to identify more duties for each committee or correct these guidelines, and let Irma know what they are.
- Invite friends and relatives to participate in the tour. -Elect a chairperson for each committee.
- Committees should select a monthly (or more) meeting date—right after our general meeting, is usually convenient.
- Be prepared to give a periodic progress report to Irma Wolf.
- Prepare target dates for your responsibilities and submit to Irma in March.

GARDENS WHO HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO BE A CANDIDATE:

- Jean & Dennis Roth, 3154 Sulky Lane, El Pinal
- Don & Cindy Sahli, 27523 Pine Valley Drive, Kittredge
- The Yellow House healing Garden, Hwy 73
- Gail Ridings garden, Upper Bear Creek Rd (awaiting specific location info)
- Lynette & Jim Makowski, 179 Snyder Mountain Road
- Joan and Steve Smith, 27981 Camel Heights Road
AWAITING CALLBACK FROM: (House is for sale)
- Tony & Debra Reed, 1671 Upper Bear Creek Rd

TIME LINE: (needs adjustment and more input)

- February 5- Final gardens selected
- Mid-Feb, Send letters and questionnaires to final gardens
- March 31 - Expect return of questionnaires
- April 30-tickets designed and sent to printer; fliers printed
- May 31- Post fliers, distribute tickets, weekly news articles start
- June 1 – Offer planting/weeding help to gardeners

EGC Garden Tour and Plant Sale Saturday, June 28, 2008

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**Celebrating our
41st Anniversary**

February Happenings

Bob and I are excited to share our new venture with all of you. By mid February we will open the doors of **All Season Gardener** at 4007 Evergreen Pkwy. You'll find us tucked in at the **Canyon Commons** business center just 1 mile up _____ from Ev- _____



Evergreen Lake.

This is a dream come true to offer gardeners the option of growing year-around. We will feature a full line of

49th Annual Colorado Garden & Home Show February 16 - 24, 2008 Colorado Convention Center

Discover the **Rocky Mountain** region's oldest, largest and most prestigious garden and home show – a nine-day spectacular event –where you can find inspiration from the **latest ideas and trends in landscaping, gardening and home improvement.**

Saturday, February 16th 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, February 17th 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, February 18th noon - 9 p.m. (*President's Day*)
Tuesday, February 19th noon - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, February 20th noon - 9 p.m.
Thursday, February 21st noon - 9 p.m.
Friday, February 22nd noon - 9 p.m.
Saturday, February 23rd 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, February 24th 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

General Admission \$12
Senior Ticket (at the door) \$10
Discount Ticket at Tickets West outlets in King Soopers \$10
Kids 12 and under Free