



# Evergreen Garden Club

## The Wild Iris

June 2008

### *A Word from the President...*

#### SHADE TREES

There is a Greek proverb that states, “A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in”.

On Tuesday morning I sat with a group of our members who have spent hours and hours of their time planning and organizing our 2008 Garden Tour, Plant Sale and Lecture. These folks have volunteered their time and talent to provide our community with an opportunity to learn and be inspired and to fund a scholarship for the youth of our society. They are in essence planting shade trees.

Our club does good work. We will never personally know all of the lives we touch with our community gardens. Most of us will never personally know the students who receive our scholarship money. We won’t know of their academic endeavors or their life achievements, but we will be a small part of those things.

It doesn’t seem enough to say thank you to all of you who have contributed to our projects but I am so very grateful for everyone who stepped up and volunteered to help.

I received a call from Rich Reynolds last week. He was calling to let me know that he had \$1,750.00 to donate to our scholarship fund. Joan’s family and friends, in memory of her and her love of gardening, gave the money to be passed along to another person whom they will probably never know. The gift givers were planting shade trees.

It has been a privilege to serve as the president of Evergreen Garden Club. The 2007-2008 executive board was outstanding. They made good and thoughtful decisions on each and every issue that came before them. They were fun and funny and we laughed a lot.

At our June meeting we will vote for and install our 2008-2009 board of directors. I wish them as good and productive a year as we have had. I also wish for soft rain and no hail on their gardens this summer.

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### JUNE 10, 2008 “The Art of Botanical Illustration”

Sharpen your pencil! Evergreen Garden Club’s own Jo Powers became a ‘Certified Botanical Artist’ after formally studying the art for several years at the Denver Botanical Gardens. We are privileged to have such talent in the club membership! Jo will guide attendees through the significant and important history of botanical illustration. We will also view some of her personal accomplishments.

The meeting will start at 9:30 and please bring your items for world gardening and your coffee mug. See you there!

Reminder: It’s time to renew your membership. Dues are \$25 individually and \$35 for family and \$50 for business.

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#### EGC 2007-2008 Board Members

##### President:

Karla Briggs

##### Vice Presidents:

Ken Ball

Mary DeBaets

##### Secretary:

Pam Hinish

##### Treasurer:

Beth Feldkamp

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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# Garden Club News

## Get Ready, Be Prepared for the 2008 EGC Garden Tour

We need your support as we gear up for this year's garden tour. It is important for everyone who will be working the tour to plan now for Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

**What:** 2008 EGC Garden Pre-tour

**When:** June 24, 2008 Tuesday

**Time:** 9 am We will leave promptly @ 9:15 from the Park & Ride.

**Eligibility for pre-tour:** you are assigned to a position for the **June 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. tour**  
**please** this is a working day for all of us, friends, relatives, children are not included.

**Where:** Meet at the Bergen Park **Park & Ride** located CR 65 in Bergen Park  
Please plan to carpool for the tour. We want to do this as efficiently as possible. Fewer cars in the caravan will keep us together during our journey. Some of the garden sites have limited parking.

**What to Bring:** Sack lunch, pencil/pen, gear for inclement weather, sun protection & good walking shoes.

**Provided for you:** There will be tour handouts, lots of information about your tour assignment and an outing with your gardening friends.

**How Long:** Depends upon our ability to stay together and listen up. Usually our pre-tours are completed by mid afternoon.

**Why is this important?** Become familiar with the garden (layout, possible hazards, plant material etc.) It's an opportunity to ask questions (be prepared ).

This year's tour needs all the help we can get. Several of the garden sites will require more than 2 do-cents per shift. Ex: Parking attendants, plant salespeople and ticket takers and greeters.

Linda Ringrose needs more volunteers for directional signs. On the morning of June 28 @ 8am the directional signs need to be placed along the tour route and removed @ 3pm. We would like to add balloons to the signs to make them more visible. If anyone has a contact for the balloon purchase please contact Linda @ 303-816-9502. Cell # is 303-594-0786. Need more information? Call Julaine Kennedy 303-525-3670 or email [jubo40@comcast.net](mailto:jubo40@comcast.net).



Priscilla Chapin is requesting a member to take over her responsibility for the herb garden at Hiwan Museum Garden. The garden has been cleaned and looks good, so someone needs to check it occasionally and spruce it up before an event at Hiwan. Priscilla would be very grateful if someone would do this.

## *Minutes of the May 13, 2008*

Due to a Colorado spring snow storm, the workday in the EGC gardens was postponed. Garden leads will be in contact with their volunteers to reschedule.

President Karla Briggs opened the meeting at 9:20, welcomed members and thanked the hospitality committee for the goodies. 18 members were present.

April minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pam Hinish, Secretary

- World's Children sent several thank you notes for our donation which were circulated.
- Thank you cards were sent to Tina Kellogg for heading-up EGC's booth at Earth Day, Peggy and Dale Fetchenhier for organizing the volunteer time from Church of the Hills' workday, and to Susan Yetter for the April Program.
- Pam will send a get well card to Karen Knudsen.

BUDGET: Beth Feldkamp

- Current balances \$1467.01 in checking and \$6320.94 in savings.
- \$122 was made from the glove sale at Earth Day.

EARTH DAY – Tina reported that we had lots of volunteers and the day went well although there were fewer overall participants than previous years. Some complaints were received regarding the lack of parking and the bus arrangement. Suggestion was made that we look at participating in the Mountain Area Home and Garden Show next year, particularly if there is no cost for non-profits. A concern that should be addressed is that the non-profits were placed together this year away from the main show and didn't receive a lot of visitors.

2008/2009 SLATE OF OFFICERS –The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers; no additional nominations were received and the membership will vote on the slate at the June meeting:

President – Tina Kellogg

Co-Vice Presidents – Bonnie Hisgen, Lucy Ginley

Treasurer – Beth Feldkamp

Secretary – Pam Hinish

A discussion of the structure of Board members terms of office resulted in a recommendation that the new Board address staggering of terms, expanding term of office, etc.

MOUNT GOLIATH TOUR – 16 members have signed up with signed waivers; there is room for 9 more; contact Ken Ball if interested.

2008 GARDEN TOUR, PLANT SALE, AND LECTURE

- Publicity, Mary DeBaets – EGC bought a large ad, article and fantastic posters from Serenity for \$400; information and articles will also be in Mountain Home's quarterly publication; Jefferson County's Master Gardeners' publication, The Grapevine; and several other newspapers and newsletters; a banner will be at the Metro Dam Garden.
- Tickets go on sale June 1st at The Growing Store (Julaine's store), Wild Bird Store, Evergreen Gardening Center and Sundance.
- Lecture – We can take up to 100 individuals; Ken got permission for additional parking at the school since the Fire House holds 60.
- Jeffco Sherriff approved additional parking across from the Yellow House – we'll have parking assistants to help folks cross the street.
- Garden Tour Meeting of Board and Tour chairs– May 27, 9:30 at Fire and Rescue.

BUCHANAN PARK GREENHOUSE PROJECT – Irma Wolf and Pam Hinish will be EGC's formal liaisons with this project of the Evergreen Park and Recreations District.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeannie Rothenmeier needs help watering and caring for her garden and dog the week of June 13-17. Her garden is on this year's Garden Tour. Call her at 303-562-4906 to discuss.
- Tenas will be offering a variety of classes at their New Nature Center which is at the old Evergreen Lake Warming House. Go to [dipper.org](http://dipper.org) for more info.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 for Einer Jensen's presentation on Defensible Space

## Over the Garden Fence

It's time! The planting frenzy has begun...at least at my house. But come to think about it, the frenzy really started when I realized I'd started soooo many plants from seed without the thinking what I'd do with all of them this time of year. It's now taking me an hour and a half just to get them all outside for the daily sunshine and hardening off. Flat by flat I've started sending my student's seedlings home with them, but still a lot to care take and coddle. All this plant care has left me little time to get my own lettuces and peas started. Then there's the 'perennial', perennial moving...Its the worst its been in quite some time just trying to make room for everything else. I thought about having a plant sale along with our annual Kittredge garage sale mid June but find myself gifting the neighbors just so I don't have so much to pot up! Yes, frenzy is a good word to describe what I'm going through this year. The fact is I can hardly keep still writing this without my knees bouncing up and down like a nervous twitch knowing full well I should be out side and 'getting to it'.

So sorry to have missed the last deadline for the newsletter! It was all about planting by the moon cycles. Some of it is dated, but the information bears repeating.

*"....Speaking of Grandmother Moon, I am preparing, once again to plant by Her cycles. They say the best time is just a few days before She's new. Planting by the phases of the moon is a practice that goes way beyond time measured; yet by many is still practiced. In previous years I've had some difficulties following this tradition, in part because of our short seasons, last minute frosts, and well, just good old fashioned organization. Now with the addition of my greenhouse/garage and many lumens of grow lights, I am trying to follow the moon a little more acutely. I have observed that it takes much less time in general to germinate seeds planted in this manner. Last month's classes showed great success when planting two days before the new moon. I was amazed at how quick some of these pups sprang up. Most of the labels on the tomato seed stated ten to fourteen days...ours were up between five to seven days! Last year I had trouble getting some Edamame soy seeds to germinate. Using this method they were popping up their cotyledon leaves in the record time of four, yes, 4 days!*

**"Sort and extra-long-germinating seeds are planted two days before the new moon, when the first significant magnetic forces occur, and up to seven days after the new moon. Long-germinating seeds are planted by the full moon. And up to seven days after. Seedlings are transplanted at the same time. Both planting periods take advantage of the full sum of the forces of nature, including gravity, light and magnetism.....When you place short germinating seeds in the ground two days before the lunar tide forces are greatest, the seed has time to absorb water. The force exerted on the water in the seed helps create a 'tide' that helps burst the seed coat in conjunction with the forces produced by the swelling of the seed."** John Jeavons - *How to Grow More Vegetables...*

*Other sources report that all above-ground crops be planted at or just prior to the new moon, give or take a few days. While below-ground or root crops are planted at third quarter moon, full moon and week after. All timings planned to lunar gravitational pulls and the coinciding tides that swell at that time. The decreasing lunar gravity and the corresponding relative increase in Earth's gravity stimulate root growth. At the same time, increasing amount of moonlight stimulates leaf growth. Thus planting by moon phases provides for balanced growth. The proper nutrient levels through water are thus produced in balance as well...."*

Yes, I know, without the use of indoor processes, this system gets thrown out and when the soil temps are right, the crops get planted! This year looks like both the timing and the lunar phases are lined up perfectly for our traditional planting dates; the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May! New moon in June (Ooh! Sounds like a book title coming here!) is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.... So despite the current draught conditions, something tells me we're in for an incredible garden year.

There's some great stories and information out there about cultural planting times. For instance' "When the goose berry is flush, it's time to plant corn...."

Long before regular calendar keeping and even before the farmers' almanac, global warming and science as we know it, how and when to plant seed was handed down from generation to generation, along with the seed I might add!

Two of my favorite sources are, "**Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden**" as told to Gilbert L. Wilson and "**Astrological Gardening, the Ancient Wisdom of Successful Planting & Harvesting by the Stars**" Louise Riotte

Here's to a great garden season, **Happy Planting!**

Tina



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Speaking of gardens, I am always spouting off about how everyone should mulch and mulch some more. Well, I have to confess that I didn't mulch my troughs last fall, and this spring I was witness to a huge loss of life in the poor little things. The previous winter, I mulched each of the troughs with pine needles and they came through beautifully. Why, oh why, did I leave them so exposed to face the cold darkness of winter without even so much as a pine straw blanket to keep them warm? All of the garden beds that I did mulch came back in full. Live and learn. Have a wonderful summer in the garden. Take time to sit in the shade of a tree and give thanks.

Peace,  
Karla

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Evergreen Scholarship/Bootstraps awarded 73 scholarships and loans to 59 students. Jo Powers, our Scholarship Chairperson and I attend the reception at the Lake House on May 21st, and met our recipient. We are so proud of her, and wanted to share her accomplishments and future plans with all of our members. It reminds us how important our upcoming Garden Tour is for making these contributions possible.

My full name is Kyla Marie Berendzen and I am 18 years old. My parents are Steve and Tanda Berendzen and I have a 15-year-old brother named Cole. Steve manages the Rocky Mtn. Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge near Commerce City and Tanda is a horticulturist. They are both from Missouri. I will be majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology at the University of Missouri in Columbia. I attended Evergreen High School and graduated last Saturday as Valedictorian. I enjoy running and ran cross-country and track for Evergreen, and I also enjoy hiking, swimming, and camping. I work as a lifeguard at Buchanan Rec Center. And I do have a garden though I mainly just grow vegetables and herbs since my mom already has landscaped gardens.

If you would like any more information please let me know. Again, thanks so much for the scholarship!

Kyla



# HORTICULTURE

## Thrillers, Fillers & Spillers! from Echter's Garden Center

This is the perfect concept to remember when designing your container gardens.

Start with a plant or plants that will be bold and colorful all season to be the centerpiece of your container garden. These are the **thrillers** and are usually tall and vertical plants with dramatic flowers or colorful foliage.

Then use **fillers** that complement or add contrast to (but don't overwhelm) the thriller. Fillers cover the extra space in the container.

Use **spillers** along the edges that will overflow and trail down the sides of the containers. This softens the edges and when the spillers touch the ground, it will give the pot an anchored look.

Container gardens allow you to place color anywhere in your yard. Don't limit your thoughts to decks, porches, and patios. Windowsills, stairways, fence tops and open areas out in the garden are great locations for containers.

Container gardening also enables you to experiment with some plants on a smaller scale and the ability to move plants when needed during inclement weather.

Many people bring their own containers to Echter's to have them custom planted. If you don't want to design your own, you can choose one of our preplanted ones. We have a terrific selection of containers so you're sure to find what you want.

You can grow vegetable plants in containers as well so you can have some of your favorite vegetables fresh from your patio garden. You can even do water gardens in containers.

When gardening in pots, it's important to remember that potted plants need a little more care than their counterparts in the ground. Because the pots are exposed above ground, the soil dries out more quickly. Keep potted plants well watered and fertilized.

Echter's Own Hanging Basket and Planter Mix is what we use in the containers we sell. Fertilize with a water soluble fertilizer that promotes blooms. We like Green Thumb Blossom Bloom fertilizer and Jack's Classic Blossom Booster with the original Peters formulas from Jack Peters.



## Plant orders arrive June 24th!!

If you ordered plants from Little Valley Nursery, they will be ready for pick-up on Tues. June 24th from 2pm—5:30pm

Kathi Grider's 3040 S. Interlocken Dr. (in Hiwan)

Turn on Lewis Ridge Road. Next left is Hiwan Dr., then Rt. On Interlocken her house is on the right,.

Call Kathi if you have questions 670-6909 or cell 720-220-7005  
or Trish Scott 679-6670 cell 303-880-9158

Attached are some digital photos take of flowers from my gardenThe pansy and crocus photos were taken a couple weeks ago. The tulips and newly sprouted aspen leaves photos were taken this morning, as the rainy weather subsided. Feel free to respond with any questions, etc. Thanks. Paul Luzetski PaulL4@msn.com



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**Denver Botanic Gardens Schedule of Events** [www.denverbotanicgardens.org](http://www.denverbotanicgardens.org)

Free Day

Date: Friday 6/6/2008

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

URL: <http://www.botanicgardens.org/pageinpage/freedays.cfm>

Notes: Free days for Colorado residents are held throughout the year at both Denver Botanic Gardens and Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield thanks to funding from the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

Free Days are for regular Gardens hours only and do not include ticketed events.

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