



Evergreen Garden Club

The Wild Iris

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A Word from the President...

Well, OUR season is finally here!

It's down on all fours, in the dirt season! Boy do I need it. I've learned time and time again that I have NO CONTROL over Mother Nature's idiosyncrasies. Most times she is so warm and loving and other's well... Late Sunday afternoon I was calling her all sorts of names!

Three days of work and cleanup of fall and winter messes, prepping the soils, laying new mulch, thinking how wonderful memorial day weekend was...cool and damp and absolutely perfect weather for transplanting. Perfect for the plants anyway, and you know gardener's if the weather is perfect for plants, then so it is with us! My head was down and focused on all the little baby seedlings I'd been blessed with, purple Echinacea, gay feather, more shastas, and while I dearly love them all, the Johnny jump ups, California poppies and the cosmos have gotten way out of control. So I've got all my little pots out to move and rearrange all these cuties...when a loud clap of thunder startled me and rumbled through the canyon with earth shaking abilities. Well, it sure got my attention...I panicked looking up for the first time in a while and holy smokes, there it was...I had only moments to get all my tomatoes to safety, thinking a hard rain wouldn't do them much good...I'd just turn around to see who'd be next to move to safety and **THWACK** came the first thud, moments later another, then another...took me a couple seconds to ascertain "That was NO rain drop!" Thirty-five excruciatingly long minutes...I watch helplessly as golf ball sized hail turned my little paradise into the worse mess I'd seen up here, EVER. It was total devastation for the bleeding hearts that were just coming to their full, four foot glory; my variegated brunerras, hostas and anything with a broader leaf or hollow stem made for one heaping pile of green blood! I'm thinking my grandson could have done less damage with a weed eater!

Okay, so that's when I started yelling, I blasphemed Her name calling Mother Nature every nasty in the book, but she gently reminded me that "Well, it did fall from the sky, and that's 'Father Sky'"...you know the male oriented destructive patterns; Of Course, not the nurturing feminine. No woman in her right mind would work that hard for six months to raise all this flora only to destroy it in minutes! Hail; Male; they even rhyme! You might say I've been doing the "prostrated Hail Mary's" all week long, cleaning up once again...ahhhh, gardening in the Mountains! Aint it grand?
Tina Kellogg

June 9, 2009 Annual Business Meeting

Following the business meeting Mary Kirby from the Denver Rose Society will present a program on rose gardens. Those who wish may join her for lunch at the Fossil Trail Restaurant in Golden and then tour the Prison Garden. For details please refer to the May minutes. Please call Bonnie for reservations 3/816-7424 cell 3/913-1233

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. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECKS \$25 indiv. \$35 Family \$55. Business.**

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EGC 2008-2009 Board Members

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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 editor@EvergreenGardenClub.com

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Garden Club News

Hospitality Bites

The hospitality team for June is as follows:

Jo Powers Pam Hinish Vivian Michaels
Lorna Chorn



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!**

Welcome New Members!! Mary Ellen Putnam and Roseann Paslay

Summer Birthdays

June

6/04 Toni Yerkes
6/05 Christine Gray
6/10 Jan Schoonveld
6/11 Kathy Kubes
6/16 Karla Briggs
6/22 Jo Powers
6/14 Liz Barrett

July

7/03 Sharon Hilliard
7/08 Peggy Durham
7/11 Priscilla Chapin
7/14 Shauna Carder
7/17 Jacque Whyte
7/20 Juanita Zellner
7/23 Kathie Grider

August

8/02 Jean Todd
8/05 Susan Blake
8/10 Linda Ringrose
8/23 Mary Ellen Putnam
8/28 Jan Drury
8/23 Mary Ellen Putnam

Evergreen Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday

June 6, 2009

10AM—2PM

Heritage Grove

Hiwan Homestead Museum

We need everyone to help, so if you haven't signed up already and can help in any capacity. Wed. unloading and pricing. Sat morning early to set-up, work-day and clean-up.

Call or email Lucy 670-1935 or 3/881-2150 lginley@comcast.net

Minutes of the May 12th, 2009 Meeting

President Tina Kellogg called the meeting together at 9:30 and welcomed members and guests Dottie, Mary Ellen Putnam, and Rosann Paslay. 46 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Pam Hinnish - Mary Dickhoff motioned for the April minutes to be approved, Diana Aldridge seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence – A letter from Evergreen Scholarship/Bootstraps thanking us for our donation and announcing Dillon Davis from Conifer as this year's recipient of the Evergreen Garden Club Scholarship. A thank you letter was received from World's Children. Thank you notes were sent to Arlene Fitterer, Terri Carrol and Ken Ball for the April program, a get well card to Sharon Eaves and a sympathy card to Tina Kellogg.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Beth Feldkamp reported Balances - \$546.09/checking and \$8128.85/savings. **Membership dues are DUE!** Please get to Beth by next month or earlier and update your membership form if you have changes (Beth has the forms). Diana Aldridge motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Susan Blake seconded and the report was approved by unanimous vote.

PLANT SALE - Lucy Ginley. Date is JUNE 6, 10 to 2:00, at the Heritage Grove at Hiwan Homestead.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers for cashier, question & answers, set-up, plant pick-up and delivery, and take down. Contact Lucy if you didn't get to sign-up and want to help.

Plant pick-up and delivery volunteers need to be at Tina's by 7:30 am on the 6th. Take down will be from 2-3:00 pm.

Tina will send an e-mail to schedule garden diggers.

A huge THANK YOU to Marsha O'Keefe for the great posters and flyers! If you are donating plants and have a lot of one kind, contact Susan Blake and she will make signs for them. Next plant sale meeting will be **Tuesday May 19th at the Fire Station** after the farewell for Tina.

NEWSLETTER If you requested a hard copy of the Wild Iris and are not receiving it, please contact Jeri Dufford.

NATURAL RESOURCES - Marilyn Kaussner. Please contact Marilyn for the 2009 Noxious Weeds Booklet (\$5), the Russian Olive booklet and the Garden Smart Colorado booklet (\$2).

Reminder, please do not leave garbage/trash at the Evergreen Recycle Center (behind King Soopers).

Call the Evergreen Nature Center, 303-330-0498, to reserve a spot on June 27 8-11 for the Garden Smart Program.

To learn more about noxious weeds, look for the weekly article on noxious weeds in the Canyon Courier.

The Rainwater Collection act was passed by the Colorado Legislature. Access it on-line or contact your local water board for specific information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lynn Dimmick – The first Community Meeting on the Buchanan Dome will be held Thursday May 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Evergreen Park and Recreation Center, Buchanan Center.

Karen MacFarquhar – The Farewell Coffee (and send off to Moab!) for Trish Scott will be at Karen's on Tuesday May 19, 9:30-11:00. Please e-mail or call Karen if you plan to attend.

Pam Hinish – Sharon Eaves is at home and her rehab is going great including weed readiness (practicing getting down, kneeling and getting up)!

ANNUAL MEETING - Tina Kellogg

JUNE 9 is the Evergreen Garden Club's Annual Meeting and field trip.

The 2009-2010 Slate of Officers will be presented for members' approval and installation.

Mary Kirby of the Denver Rose Society (and who designed the Golden Prison Rose Garden) will present on rose gardening.

Lunch will be at the Fossil Trace golf course in Golden followed by a tour of the Prison Garden.

Please contact Bonnie Hisgen if you plan to attend the lunch.

Respectively submitted, Pam Hinnish, Secretary



Over The Garden Fence

By Karla Briggs

GARDENING FRIENDS

Of all the things I have cultivated in my garden, friendships are the most precious. When I



first met Tricia Scott at a garden club meeting, it took all of 30 seconds to feel comfortable in her presence. While plants and how to grow them were our common ground, we eventually discovered that we shared other interests, like wine, dogs and family--not necessarily in that particular order. One of the great things about Tricia is that she is equally lovely with everyone.

I have only ever been a member of our garden club, but Tricia has been in several other garden clubs and she happily contributed the experience and wealth of ideas she gleaned from those other

memberships to EGC.

She is not only an idea girl, she excels at implementing those ideas. Tricia has been instrumental in EGC's plant sales, garden tours, programming, hospitality and community gardens, even down to the shirts on our backs: Tricia was our fashion diva when it came to creating and ordering our EGC denim shirts. If all that was not enough, she served a two-year term as our club's illustrious president. I was privileged to serve as her vice-president along with Beth Feldkamp for both of those years and I can attest to her devotion and commitment to our club. Working with Tricia on many projects, I learned three important details about my friend: she is smart, she has a terrific laugh and she is never selfish with either.

This May was the last spring that Tricia spent in Evergreen. She and her husband Malcolm have moved on to redder dirt. They are making their new home in Moab, Utah and Tricia has already begun creating her high desert landscape. I eagerly await the reports of how her garden grows and I marvel at the prospect of a British Columbia, Canada-Seville, Spain-New Jersey-Evergreen, Colorado girl reinventing herself once again to gather rosebuds and friends in the southwestern territory of Utah.

Traveling mercies to you, Tricia Scott, there will always be a place for you in our Evergreen gardens.

Karla

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Now for the water report: at our May meeting, Mary Dickhoff shared a copy of the official Senate Bill 09-080 "concerning limited exemptions for water collected from certain residential rooftops." She detected, and rightly so, that the bill applies only to Colorado residents on wells and we all wondered why residents on municipal water systems were excluded. I called the Colorado Division of Water Resources and they confirmed that the bill only applies to residents on wells. Here is the reason why: Colorado residents that have wells can reduce the amount of water they are drawing from their ground water source by using the collected rainwater for irrigation, livestock watering, and fire suppression. Residents on a municipal water system cannot apply for the permit to collect rainwater and it is still illegal for them to collect rainwater. When I asked if there were plans to include residents on municipal water at a later date, the person I spoke with didn't know of any such plans.

My question is this: wouldn't the residents on a municipal water system be saving water as well by collecting and using rainwater for irrigation, livestock watering, and fire suppression? I came up with yes, they would, but their water bill would go down and so would the revenue to the local municipality. I have no idea if I am right but I betcha' a cool drink of water that I am.

Long story short, people on wells can purchase a permit from the state to make the use of their rain barrels and cisterns legal. People on city water are still outlaws when they collect rainwater. It appears that Senate Bill 09-080 is a baby step toward water conservation, but we still have a long, dry row to hoe before we can all be water conservationists.

For additional information, go to <http://water.state.co.us/> or call the Ground Water Information Desk at 303-866-3587 or Kevin Rein at 303-866-3581 (he is involved in the project). Jefferson County is in the South Platte River Basin, Water Division 1.

And finally, Henry Mitchell writes on gardening, "while we all have sense enough not to expect the impossible, we have a right to expect the magical."

Have a great summer; I hope all your gardens are magical!

Karla Briggs



Keep the plants, we'll take the pots

Garden Centers of Colorado and their participating members are concerned about our environment and want to do our part in keeping our planet clean. We are launching a program for you to participate as well by dropping off various gardening products to be recycled instead of adding them to your garbage.



Products that can be accepted include any pot that annuals, perennials, trees or shrubs are grown in, carrying trays, 4 and 6 packs, hanging baskets, flats, and clean shrink wrap or greenhouse plastic. We currently are unable to accept soil & mulch bags, glass, or any trash. The recycled products are crushed, baled and sent to manufacturers to make into new landscape products, toys and bumpers. Below is a list of participating members where you can drop off your items to be recycled.

"Drive By-Drop Off" event for Garden Plastic Recycling will be held on June 27 at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York St. Members of the general public may bring their clean plastic pots, hanging baskets, 4 and 6 packs and carrying trays to these sites to be collected for recycling between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This project is sponsored by Garden Centers of Colorado, Monrovia, The Denver Post, and Denver Recycles.

GCC member stores for recycling program **Current Stores Address City Web Sites**

Echter's Garden Center 9170 W. 52nd Ave. Arvada www.echters.com, Timberline Gardens 11700 W. 58th Ave. Arvada www.timberlinegardens.com, Garden Country 4181 W. 120th Ave. Broomfield, Hilltop Gardens 9660 N. Federal Blvd Denver www.hilltopgardening.com, Creek Side Gardens 5730 W. Coal Mine Ave. Littleton, Jared's Nursery 10500 W. Bowles Ave. Littleton www.jaredsgarden.com

For more info www.gardencentersofcolorado.org Submitted by Sharon Eaves



Volunteers needed at the Hiwan Homestead Museum Garden. Call or email Lucy 674-1935 or cell 3/881-2150 lginley@comcast.net

HORTICULTURE

Dry Ideas (submitted by Julaine Kennedy)

PEOPLE ADVISED TO THINK TWICE ABOUT PICKING UP YOUNG ANIMALS

Posted: 23 Apr 2009 04:27 PM PDT

I received this information from the Colorado Division of Wildlife and thought it valuable. Forgive my cut and paste plagiarism, but I couldn't have said it any better!

DENVER, Colo. - Spring is the season of re-birth when many wildlife species come into the world. As people venture outside in the warm weather, they may find newborn wildlife in their yards, along trails, or in open space areas. As tempting as it may be to "help" a young animal by picking it up, or by trying to give it food or water, for wildlife babies, there is no substitute for their natural parents.

It seems counter intuitive, but according to wildlife experts, it is normal to find young wild animals without an adult animal nearby. Well-meaning people sometimes scoop up baby wildlife and bring them to wildlife rehabilitation facilities, veterinary clinics, or Colorado Division of Wildlife offices, but experts say that is the wrong thing to do.

If you find young wildlife, enjoy a quick glimpse, leave the animal where it is, and keep pets out of the area. "The best thing to do if you are concerned is to quietly observe the animal from a distance using binoculars. Don't hover so close that the wild parents are afraid to return to the area," advises Colorado Division of Wildlife Officer Jeromy Huntington.

"If several hours go by and the parent does not return, it is possible the newborn was abandoned or the parent is dead (hit by a car, for example) then report it to the Division of Wildlife. Do not move the animal yourself," he said.

Donna Ralph of the non-profit Ellicott Wildlife Rehabilitation Center agrees. "Many of the animals we get should have never been picked up in the first place," said Ralph. "They would have had a better chance for survival if left in the care of the parent animal."

"The sooner the animal can be released back to where it came from the better," she explained. "Make sure you provide your contact information so we can let it go in the same place you found it."

Ralph said her center has already taken in many small mammals this year including several fox kits. "Baby foxes don't look like most people would expect them to look like. They are very small, very dark (almost black) and appear to be very kitten like. People who find them think they might be baby raccoons, skunks or something else.

Whatever you do, don't try to keep the animal as a pet," she said. "It is illegal to keep wild animals in captivity unless you are a licensed wildlife rehabilitator."

Right now, wildlife centers are taking in small mammals, but as the season progresses, people will bring in newly hatched birds that have fallen from their nest. Experts recommend returning them to the nest if you can do so safely, or placing them on a high branch to keep them away from pets. It is an old wives tale that birds will reject their young if people touch them. Birds have little sense of smell.

"If you are not able to reach the nest, put the bird in a small box and attach it as close to the nest as you can. It is a lot easier, and more successful, when the parent birds feed and care for their babies than when humans try to do so," Ralph said.

Cute baby raccoons and skunks will grow up to be big problems if you illegally "adopt" a foundling. "You are putting yourself and your family at risk. You can be ticketed and the animal will be taken away," he cautioned.

Human-raised and hand-fed animals rarely can be returned to the wild because they have imprinted on humans or because they lack survival skills. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are trained to use methods that will give a wild animal the best chance of surviving upon release.

Despite the fact that wildlife is usually best left alone, there are instances in which people find injured or orphaned wildlife that needs help. If this happens, call the DOW for assistance.

For more information, visit the DOW web site at www.colorado.gov/wildlife or call your local Colorado Division of Wildlife Office

Congratulations! Bootstraps scholarship award recipient for 2009 Dillon Davis.

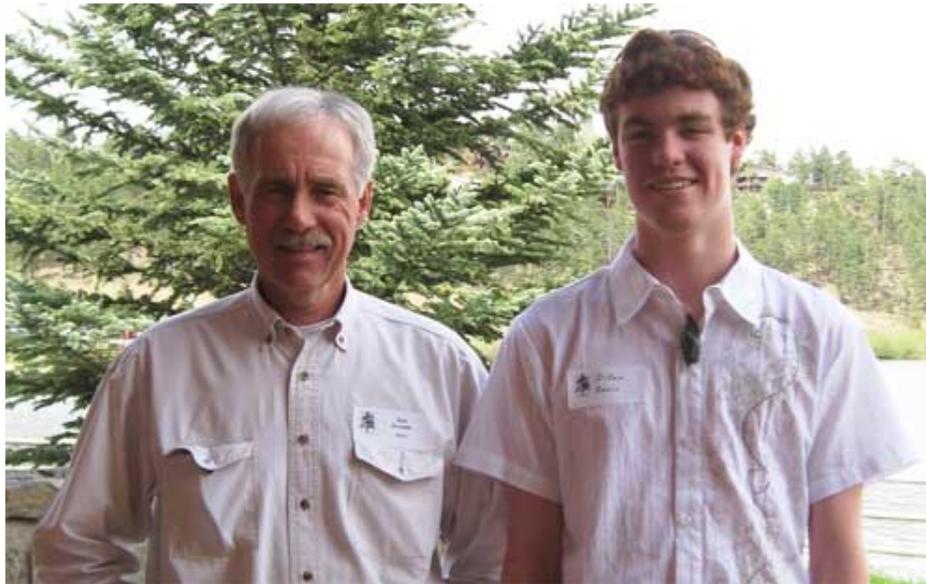
For more than 60 years Evergreen Scholarships / Bootstraps Inc. has been providing scholarships and interest free loans to Colorado students from the Conifer / Evergreen area. The purpose of ESBI is to assist these mountain area students in pursuing their goals of

Every year the Evergreen Garden Club has a Garden Tour or Plant Sale to raise money for the Bootstraps Scholarship Program. This year, Rich Reynolds made a generous contribution in memory of his wife Joan, who was a very active and supportive member of the club. This enabled us to double the scholarship amount to \$4000.00.

The awards were presented at the Lake House on May 20th. Dillon was there with his parents, and younger brother. What a delightful family!

Dillon is a graduate of Conifer High School, and plans to attend Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA., where he will study environmental sciences. He's also an artist.

Dillon is such a personable young man, and he plans to attend the Plant Sale on June 6th! I know everyone will enjoy getting to know him, and will join us in wishing Him the best at Humboldt State University.



Pictured here Rich Reynolds and Dillon Davis

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 * "If anyone knows of any beautiful gardens, or has a garden worthy of being in the 2010 *
 * garden tour, please let Irma Wolf know ASAP. Give her the name, phone number and/or *
 * address." Thanks Irma 3/670-3402 *
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Plantskydd deer repellent's main ingredient is bloodmeal which works by emitting an odor that animals associate with predator activity, repelling the animal before it nibbles on plants. Research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other repellent systems where the animal needs to taste treated plants before being repelled. Once animals are attracted to an area and begin feeding, it is more difficult to discourage them from returning. Plantskydd repellent stimulates a fear-based response which will have deer, elk, moose, opossum, rabbits and many other animals looking to dine somewhere other than your garden or

plantation.

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