

The Wild Iris

Presidents Message....

I recently spent an afternoon at the Denver Botanic Gardens. It's a great time of year to find plants with winter interest. Many had sculptural forms and colored bark that isn't as obvious when covered with foliage, such as Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (*Corylus Avellana* 'Contorta') and Colorado Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea* 'coloradensis'). There were a variety of plants that were still holding berries, the most colorful being an unidentified variety of barberry (*berberis*). I have had a grudge against barberries ever since they ate my toys 40+ years ago, but I have decided to reconcile and plant some with the beautiful, translucent, almost glowing, red winter berries. I just need to find out what variety they are! (Any help here is appreciated!) My extra bonus in visiting the Gardens was to enjoy the snowdrops and the crocus, a pre-spring preview of what is to come! Happy Spring!

Lucy Ginley - President

March 8, 2011 Meeting & Program

"The Power of a New Landscape Paradigm"

Greg Foreman, Evergreen Resident and Lakewood's very talented Chief of Horticulture will present a program on awakening to regionally distinctive plants in the New Western Garden.

Meet at the Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:30am.

Remember to bring your plants, cuttings, pots etc for the World Gardening Table...and in keeping with being green, bring your own coffee mug.



Garden Club meetings will be canceled whenever Jefferson County Mountain Schools are closed because of inclement weather.

This will eliminate any confusion and need for last minute communications about weather cancellations.

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- Vice President—Diana Aldridge & Anne Hittle
- Secretary—Nancy Latimer
- Treasurer—Dwight Gilliland
- Past President—Tina Kellogg
- Member Emeritus—Louise Mounsey

Welcome All New Members

March Birthdays

- 3/4 Lucy Ginley**
- 3/8 Bonnie Hayslip**
- 3/9 Stan Barrett**
- 3/9 Ruth Alford**
- 3/13 Lorna Lind**
- 3/14 Roseann Paslay**
- 3/16 Vivian Michaels**
- 3/16 Hilarie Anderson**
- 3/20 Liz Alumbaugh**
- 3/30 Bonnie Hisgen**



“Starting a vegetable garden has been a great way for Greg to relax and really get in touch with himself.”

To be a good gardener, you need a cast iron back with a hinge in it!
~anon~

Submitted by Frances Sorensen

Common Name: Easter daisy

Botanica Name: Townsendia hookeri and Townsendia exscapa

Family: Asteraceae

Native Region: New Mexico to Wyoming

Description: Often the first native plant to bloom along the Front Range each winter, these tough plants generally are blooming by the 20th of February in all but the most arctic of years. Both species are very similar and share a similar distribution from New Mexico to Wyoming. Found from the Plains well into the foothills they prefer areas of little completion from other vegetation. Some of the best areas to see these plants in the wild are the ridges of Niobrara Shale that dot the Front Range from Jefferson County to Larimer County. The photo was taken north of Boulder on February 23, 2008.



★ **Congratulations to our members Bill and Louise Mounsey, and honorary member Sylvia Brockner.** ★

★ They are the first recipients of the Evergreen Audubon Founders' Award, presented on Jan. 21st. ★
★ Both the Brockners and the Mounseys were forgers of a group of conservation-minded people who ★
★ became Evergreen Audubon. Bill Brockner was presented with the award posthumously. Louise ★
★ was Evergreen Audubon's first conservation director, advising and campaigning for environ- ★
★ mental issues, and as a member of Evergreen Garden Club, helps to conserve and beautify Ever- ★
★ green. ★



The "Hardy Gals & Guy" who made it to the February meeting: Barbara Steger, Christine Gray, Laura McReynolds, Susan Blake, Jo Powers, Bev Wickland, Francis Sorensen, Diana Aldridge, Anne Hittle, Lucy Ginley, Dwight Gilliland, Louise Mounsey, Tina Kellogg, Nancy Latimer, Peggy Durham.



Dr Joan Spaulding of Spaulding Trees, speaks to us on "Growing, Planting, and Protecting Trees in Evergreen."



Anne Hittle introduces our speaker,
Dr. Joan Spaulding



Free Green Movie Nights

**6:30 p.m. at the Bergen Park Fire/Rescue
Training Center ~ Auditorium**

1802 Bergen Parkway

“Dirt~the movie”March 31st

“Food Inc” April 28th

To Be Announced...May 26th

**Please join us for a screening and discussion about
these timely and sustainable topics on our dirt
and the food systems it grows!**

Sponsored by Evergreen Garden Club inc Co-Sponsored by EAS+Y

**This will be a ‘low impact’ event. No food or drink served. BYO water, please carpool
and use overflow parking at Bergen Elementary.**

For more information or suggestions for May’s movie night email

Tina Kellogg at tina@giventrees.com

Daylight Saving Time Sunday March 13, 2011 at 2am

The official spelling is Daylight Saving Time, **not** Daylight Saving**S** Time.

Saving is used here as a verbal adjective (a participle). It modifies time and tells us more about its nature; namely, that it is characterized by the activity of saving daylight. It is a saving daylight kind of time. Because of this, it would be more accurate to refer to DST as daylight-saving time. Similar examples would be a mind-expanding book or a man-eating tiger. Saving is used in the same way as saving a ball game, rather than as a savings account.

Nevertheless, many people feel the word *savings* (with an 's') flows more mellifluously off the tongue. *Daylight Savings Time* is also in common usage, and can be found in dictionaries.

Adding to the confusion is that the phrase *Daylight Saving Time* is inaccurate, since no daylight is actually saved. *Daylight Shifting Time* would be better, and *Daylight Time Shifting* more accurate, but neither is politically desirable.

Community Garden News

WOW!!!

Are you ready to WOW everyone with the Garden Club's community gardens again this summer? The positive feedback we received from the community last year was amazing. The Club will be breaking onto small groups, according to garden, during our April meeting. Start talking to your garden team leader about ideas, visions, etc. for the garden you are involved in. If you are not on a specific community garden team or have questions, please contact Karen MacFarquhar gkmacf@aol.com.

"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are pulling a weed is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant. If it is almost impossible to pull out, it is a weed."

" A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except learning how to grow in rows. "

~Arlene Fetterer~

GivenTrees Presents Classes and Experiments in the Garden

2011 Classes

Seeds, Soils & Real Solutions

A six course series, first Saturdays,

April –September 10-1

Experiments

Co-Creating in the Gardens

Demystifying Permaculture

The Crone's Patch

Flower's for a Friend Garden Party

August Free Tours in the Garden

“Dirt - the movie”, screenings and discussions



Minutes—February 8th, 2011 meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:45am. Winter weather but meeting not cancelled.

All officers present

Minutes not approved for January

Treasurers Report: Dwight Gilliland submitted Cash Flow Sheet. Checking balance: \$1,394,68 Savings balance: 7,865.04

New Business: Lucy Ginley presented the idea of having classified ads in the Wild Iris and the members thought this would be fine as long as they were related to gardening.

Louise Mounsey's daughter Diana has offered a tour of her farm in Edwards. A field trip was tentatively scheduled for July 12th. We would also visit the Betty Ford Gardens in Vail.

Earth Day is April 23rd. Mary Dickhoff is familiar with details and Diana Aldridge will help coordinate

Committee Reports:

Movie Night: Planned for 4th Thursday in the month at 6:30pm with "Dirt" suggested as the first film shown. Want to co-sponsor with EASY. To be held in the auditorium at the fire station. Contact Tina and Liz Emmer for details.

Garden Tour: Barbara Steger reported: Save June 25th. Everyone is needed to help out in some way. Sign-up sheets now available for the following committees:

Ticket Sales: distribute to businesses, collect money and give to Dwight

Directional Signs: distribute balloons and signs on morning of event

Plant Identification: need 5 members to list plant material and list on web site

Ticket Poster and Flyer: need 6 members to apply stickers by hand to last years tickets. Minor changes to posters

Publicity: Newspaper, posters and banner. 3-4 members required

Docents: Chris Gray is chair. 40 members required (20 for am, 20 for pm) 8 parking attendants.

Speaker: Dr. Joan Spalding of Spalding Trees

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am

Submitted by Nancy Latimer, Secretary

Green news & requests



The Colorado Master Gardener program, through Jefferson County's CSU Cooperative Extension, has some leftover 2011 calendars.

These calendars help raise funds for various community garden projects & educational classes for adults and children. Besides helping a good cause, you also receive month-by-month "To Do" lists and "Pest Watch" inside the calendar.

Calendar photos were taken by area Colorado Master Gardener members. Cost is \$12 per calendar. Paul Luzetski will bring them to the meeting, so if interested in purchasing them see Paul, or contact him at 303-229-9073 or email PaulL4@msn.com.

Hospitality bites

The hospitality team for March 2011 is as follows:

Pam Hinish, Beth Feldkamp, and others?

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!

Front Range Sustainable Small Acreage News

Go to <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/sam> to read issue 8 of the Front Range Sustainable Small Acreage News a newsletter recommended by Marilyn Kaussner. This month covers; Raising Pigs for Meat, Reducing Your Trash, How to Grow Blueberries in Colorado, Lets talk Eggs, and Early Weed Detection for Better Management. Newsletters are in the lower right sidebar off the home page.

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Evergreen Garden Club

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 Dwight Gilliland at (303) 679-1846 or Members@EvergreenGardenClub.org

Newsletter Contributions are due by the 20th of each month to Editor@EvergreenGardenClub.com

Newsletter Editor & Website www.EvergreenGardenClub.org

Upcoming Events at Denver Botanic Gardens



Story Keeper: Works by Melanie Yazzie

Feb. 9 – May 8, 2011

A new body of work by Melanie Yazzie (Diné, the term Navajo use to identify themselves) tells plant-inspired stories. While colorful and whimsical, her work has serious undertones, and references Native post-colonial dilemmas. She often brings images of indigenous women to the forefront, alluding to matrilineal systems and pointing to the possibility of female leadership.

Artist Talk: Thursday, March 10, 6-7 p.m.

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