

The Wild Iris

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

I've spent a few sunny afternoons enjoying our Community Gardens. They are all looking good thanks to the many Volunteers and our new WOW initiative! Please take a few minutes to visit YOUR Community Garden and communicate any suggestions for plants and supplies to your Garden Leader.

At the Hiwan Victorian Garden, where I volunteer, there are already a few crocus in bloom with daffodils and tulips on the way! Unfortunately, the deer and elk are also excited about Spring's new growth, so it's probably a good time to start applying a little deer repellent!

Happy Spring!

Lucy Ginley

President

APRIL 12TH, 2010 MEETING & PROGRAM

“Colorado Weeds—Native and Noxious “

Cathy Shelton, coordinator of the Community Weed Awareness Campaign, will share her extensive knowledge of weeds prevalent in our area and answer questions on how to handle to these persistent garden problems.

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. In keeping with being green, bring your own coffee mug.



Happy Easter
April 24th



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NEW MEMBERS

Sally Moore

Molly Clark

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April

4/6 Louise Mounsey

4/13 Bev Wickland

4/15 Jeri Dufford

4/25 Jeff Davidson



WE NEED YOU!

Barbara Steger reminds the audience to sign up for committees for the garden tour. Look for her smiling face, and clipboard at the next meeting!

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Submitted by Paul Luzetski

“We didn't have the green thing back in my day.”

In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

That's right, they didn't have the green thing in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the green thing back her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts "wind and solar power" really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus, instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint. But that old lady is right. They didn't have the green thing back in her day.

MARCH PHOTOS

Greg Foreman, Chief horticulturalist for the City of Lakewood gives a most informative talk on "Discovering the New Western Garden for the 21st Century (Xeriscape Plant Applications and Design Techniques)"



New members Sally Moore and Molly Clark



FUN FACT OR NOTICE

In light of the recent fires, and future ones, it is a good idea to be able to receive reverse 911 emergency calls on your cell phone. The Courier had a tiny message about how to register your wireless or VoIP phone to receive 911 emergency messages if you live in Jefferson County, or are served by Evergreen Fire Dept. Simply go to <http://your911.org/> and follow the instructions.

Also, it is essential to think about evacuation plans. Make a list of what to take with a few minutes notice, or with an hour's notice. Have your pet carriers handy. Back up your computer on an external hard drive that is easy to grab, or on an online service. If you have a relative or really good friend down the hill, see if they have room to store your precious family photos and other important keepsakes for the duration.

Linda Ringrose



Ponderosa pine next to FTC building covered with frost the day of the March meeting

To make one pound of honey, bees must tap 2 million flowers.



Say "NO!" to mulching with plastic

Topsoil is 50 percent air and the soil actually inhales oxygen and exhales carbon dioxide down to several feet of depth. The top 5 inches of soil is completely renewed every hour by this process. (Covering soil with plastic suffocates the tiny critters and blocks all-important sunlight).

MINUTES—MARCH 8TH, 2011 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Lucy Ginley at 9:35am

Christine Gray volunteered to organize the summer field trip to Diana Donovan's farm and the Betty Ford Garden in Vail.

Classified Ads: We will have a section in the Wild Iris for members who are interested in anything gardening related: tools, plants, help in the garden, etc.

Earth Day: Diana Aldridge needs several members to staff a table with materials on April 23.

Treasurer's Report: Dwight Gilliland reported cash flow at \$1,383.88 for checking and \$7,866.54 for savings. Echo receipt for 103 lb. of grocery donations received on Jan 11, 2011.

New Business:

1. Evening Event: Scheduled for March 31 at 6:30, featuring the movie "Dirt".
2. Historian: Article in the Mountain Connection by Tina Kellog
3. Hospitality: Frances Sorensen and Bev Wickland need help for April, May and June.
4. Welcoming/Door Prizes: Two new members in at today's meeting. Thank you gifts for guests and buffet donations.
5. Garden Tour: Liz Emmer needs help getting her garden ready for tour. Irma has nine restaurants offering a 10% discount off lunch the day of the tour. Please sign up for committees and docent positions.
6. Garden Coordinator: Karen MacFarquhar is meeting with all leaders today. Thank you Paul Luzet-ski for being the new coordinator of the post office garden.
7. World Gardening: Lucille Nelson would like any small plant donations for her adoption table.
8. Wild Iris: Jeri Dufford and Beth Feldkamp decided to return to the old way of submissions. Please send all news editor@evergreengardenclub.org. If you need a paper copy of the Wild Iris please be in touch with Jeri.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20. Greg Foreman presented on "The Power of a New Landscape Paradigm"

July field trip to Vail

On Tuesday July 12, the Evergreen Garden Club is planning a trip to Vail to see the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens and then to visit Diana and John Donovan's ranch (Louise Mounsey's daughter and son-in-law) near Edwards. The plan is to meet at 8am at the Bergen Park park n' ride and to carpool from there to the gardens where we will have a 10:30am docent guided tour of the gardens. The cost of the one and one-half hour guided tour will be \$6.00. We will leave the gardens around 12:30pm and drive to The Donovan Ranch, arriving there around 1pm. We will eat our sack lunches in Diana's garden – Diana has offered to provide drinks for us. After enjoying our lunch at the ranch, we will make the return trip to Denver.

At our April meeting, I would like to collect monies for the garden tour and to arrange carpooling. Any questions, please call or email Chris Gray at 303-979-9432 or christinemgray9432@q.com

GREEN NEWS & REQUESTS

OUR COMMUNITY GARDENS

The coordinators of the Club's Community Gardens met in March to begin planning for the months ahead. Distribution of funds, and member involvement were the main focus of the our discussion. The annual Community Garden spring clean-up day is May 10th during our regular meeting time, but there is much to be done all summer. The Club needs a strong commitment from members to keep the WOW growing! Each leader will be coming up with a schedule for summer work days. Please let them know what will work best for you. If we all put in just a few days over the summer months, the gardens will continue to positively represent our Club. If you aren't signed up for a specific garden or want to change gardens, please contact Karen MacFarquhar gkmacf@aol.com.

HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for September 2010 is as follows:
Susan Blake, Linda Yates, Julaine Kennedy, Tina Kellogg,
Arlene Fitterer, Cathi Edmund, Gayle Gordon.

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!

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23rd Earth Day

The Annual Mountain Area Earth Day Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, at Evergreen Lake House. Shuttle parking will be available at Wulf Recreation Center. Admission is free for all ages. Growing since 1990 and now one of the largest and most popular Earth Day celebrations in Colorado, this year's fair will feature more than 50 federal, state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations and businesses.

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