

# The Wild Iris

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

**E**vergreen Garden Club Members,

Our election for board members will be coming up at the June meeting. I encourage *all* of you to think about volunteering for one of the positions! It's a great way to get to know other members and a great way to contribute to both the Club and the Community! If you are interested, please contact the Nominating Committee, Frances Sorensen (303-670-0065, [franev@earthlink.net](mailto:franev@earthlink.net)) or Bev Wickland (303-670-1995 c: 303-263-1419, [bevwickland@yahoo.com](mailto:bevwickland@yahoo.com)) for more information.

I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful breakfast at the May meeting and then I hope for wonderful spring weather while tending the Community Gardens!

Happy Spring!

Lucy Ginley  
President

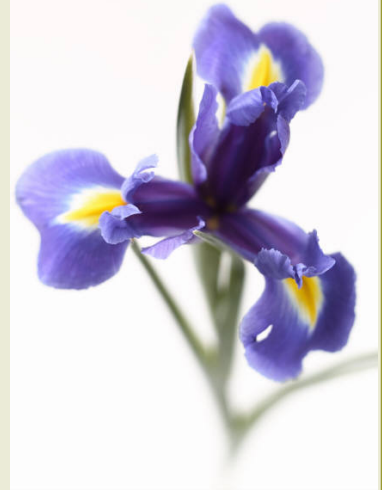
## MAY 10TH COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKDAY

### IT IS WOW SEASON!!!!

May's meeting is our Community Garden work day. If you don't know which garden you are working in starting May 10th and through the summer, please contact Karen MacFarquhar [gkmacf@aol.com](mailto:gkmacf@aol.com). Let's all work together over the next several months to WOW Evergreen with the 8 community gardens that EGC maintains.

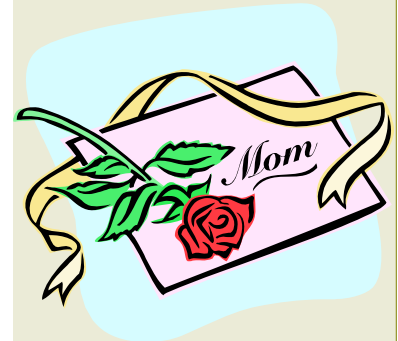
**We will have breakfast and a short meeting before going to work in the gardens. Meet at the Fire & Rescue Station on Bergen Parkway at 9:30am.**

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



Happy Mother's Day

Happy Spring



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### 2010-2011 OFFICERS

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

**Welcome All New Members**

**May Birthdays**

5/2 Sandy Swan  
5/6 Joy Young  
5/22 Beth Feldkamp  
5/25 Barbara Steger

First a howling blizzard  
woke us,  
Then the rain came down to  
soak us,  
And now before the eye can  
focus—Crocus.

~Lilja Rogers



**GARDEN TOUR UPDATE**

Barb Steger and Karen MacFarquhar report that the planning for our 2011 Garden Tour is coming along very well. The tickets from the canceled 2010 tour are being altered and used for this year which will save the club hundreds of dollars. A big thanks to everyone that has signed up to help make this year a huge success. Don't forget volunteering to help out gets members an invitation to the pre-tour. *More people are needed to help distribute save the date cards and tour posters to area merchants. etc. They will be handing out save the date cards and posters at the next meeting. Please let Barb or Karen know if you can help out for an hour or so the week of May 10th.*

**A Really Great Sale**

**Organic Vegetable & Herb Garden Plants**

Presented by

**Front Range Organic Gardeners club & The Herb Society of America Rocky Mountain Unit.**

**Tomatoes—50+ varieties, including many heirloom varieties which are hard to find in Denver! More than 30 varieties of Peppers! Other Vegetables! Herbs-45+ varieties! Also, annuals, perennials and ground covers.**

***Most plants were either seed-started by our members or divided from our own organic gardens.***

***Saturday, May 14, 2011***

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. —Pre-Priced Sale of Most Varieties**

**Also, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.--Shop at several great vendors of garden and gift items!**

**Denver Presbytery Center , 1710 S. Grant St., Denver 80210**

**(Location is 3 blocks east of Broadway, 4 blocks north of Evans. Free parking in lot south of the building-- enter from alley on east side of the building or driveway on the south side of building.)**

**Payment: CASH only**

**Please bring watertight containers to carry your purchases.**

**For more information:**

**[www.GardenFrog.org](http://www.GardenFrog.org) or contact Linda Tegtmeier at 303-744-7871**

**or email [frogardeners@comcast.net](mailto:frogardeners@comcast.net) (Approximately 85% of FROG's sale profits benefit public education on organic gardening, and grants to other not-for-profits who practice and promote organic principles.)**

## APRIL MEETING PHOTOS BY SUSAN BLAKE



Diana Aldridge introduces our speakers Kathy Shelton and Betsy Kelson. Subject: Noxious Weeds of the Northern Front Range

Nice to look at, but . . . not good.  
Myrtle spurge and mullen



Noxious weed display for weeds of the northern front range



## HORTICULTURE

### CAN YOU GROW ROSES AT 7,800 FEET ALTITUDE?

By EGC member Nancy Parker

Foreword and [comments] by Dave Ingram, Denver Rose Society Consulting Rosarian.

*The Denver Rose Society would like to introduce you to Nancy Parker, a gardener who lives in the mountains above Evergreen, Colorado. Nancy gardens at an altitude of 7,800 feet.*

*High altitude climate conditions in Colorado include long winters, severe cold, snow, wind, and short summer growing seasons.*

*Guess what? Nancy does just fine! See Nancy's photos and story below.*

While there are many tough, hardy roses that might do well under her severe conditions (like the Canadian Hardy roses, and certain species (wild



roses), Nancy chooses to grow Hybrid Teas, which many of us would swear could not survive even a single winter under her tough conditions.

*Guess what? Nancy does just fine! See Nancy's photos and story below.*

*"I purchased these roses from [local] nurseries and they were in great shape when I planted them. The longest time that I have kept a rose is four years as of this spring. My altitude is 7,800 feet and except for one bush they have been in a raised bed" says Nancy. [A success hint for the rest of us, along with good winter protection.]*



*"This beautiful rose, Midas Touch (below), lasted two years and had its roots eaten by voles. Otherwise I think it would still be around" Nancy states.*



*The next rose, "from 2005, I had a couple of years" she says.*

*(Continued from pg. 4 Can you grow roses at 7,800 feet altitude?)*

“The [deep pink] rose I have had for four years now, very vivid pink and white (name tag lost); the white spots on the leaves are Liquid Fence, a necessary evil in deer and elk country” Nancy explains.



*Above: photo from 2003, name unknown*

**ROSES GROW GREAT IN COLORADO!**  
Nancy Parker may be doing a special job high up in the mountains, but the Denver Rose Society can help you succeed with the Queen of flowers in your yard!



*Above: Midas Touch*

## MINUTES—APRIL 12TH, 2011 MEETING

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

Treasurer's Report: Cash flow: Checking balance is \$1,198.09 and savings balance is \$7,868.21.

If you are purchasing material for community gardens bring Dwight the receipts. You may bring them to the meeting or mail to the P.O. box if urgent. We need everyone to pay their membership dues.

Lucy Ginley reported that 45 people attended the movie night. Discussion followed about what to do with the funds and whether EGC was advocating the subject of the movie. This may have been covered with the disclaimer already provided. Diana Aldridge raised the point that we can't "lobby" under our 501-3C status. Discussion tabled for now.

The minutes were passed for March.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Frances Sorensen needs one more person to help with breakfast prior to work day. Thank you to everyone who contributes.

Natural Resources: Marilyn Kaussner informed the members of electronic recycling available at the Church of the Hills, and reminded us of the great website; [kitchengardeners.org](http://kitchengardeners.org).

Welcoming: Cathi Edmund reminded everyone to get a door prize that contributed food .

Garden Tour: Christine Gray reminded us that docents are still needed. The tour is free to the members who volunteer as a docent.

Meredith Bossert shared information on FROG: Front Range Organic Gardeners, who have their annual sale May 14th at 1710 S. Grant in Denver. Perennials, Heirloom Tomatoes and herbs will be sold from 9-1, but plan on getting there early since it sells out quickly. Please visit [www.gardenfrog.org](http://www.gardenfrog.org) for more information. All the plants are raised by their own members.

Updated information about the July 12th field trip to Vail and the Donovan Ranch (Louise's daughter, Diane). We will meet at the Bergen Park and Ride at 8am and leave promptly at 8:15. We have a scheduled docent tour at the Betty Ford Gardens beginning at 10:30 am and will last 90 minutes. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Diane lives on 400 acres and raises cattle, chickens and has large gardens. She is hostess to the "Outstanding in the Field" event which brings the top chefs from the Vail Valley for a gourmet meal in the pasture!

Lucy Ginley concluded the meeting suggesting that the Moonlight Garden Club is welcome to join us and that Cathi Edmund would be our liaison to keep them informed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Cathy Shelton, coordinator of the Community Weed Awareness Campaign gave an informative talk on the noxious weeds in Evergreen.

## GREEN NEWS & REQUESTS

Evergreen Electronics Recycling Day, sponsored by the Wild Rose Congregational Church, is Saturday May 7, 9am - 4pm, at Church of the Hills, Buffalo Park Road. This is a great way to get rid of old TV's, laptops, printers, radios cell phones, etc. (no refrigerators, air conditioners and large appliances). Modest recycling fees will be charged.

Questions? Call Jan Aitken 303-674-1535.

Thanks, Pastor Ann Bolson



Wine and Cheese Opening Reception for "Flowers for a Friend" has been rescheduled and will be Sunday June 12th, 3:30 at Creekside Cellars.

## HOSPITALITY BITES

The hospitality team for May 10th 2011 is as follows:

Linda Ringrose, Mary Ellen Putnam, Paul Luzetski, Tina Kellogg, Glenda Cadarette.

Please would you arrive 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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*I'd rather  
have roses on my table  
than diamonds on my  
neck. ~Emma Goldman*



**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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Denver Botanic Gardens**

**Plant Sale**  
York Street  
Friday, May 6  
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

York Street  
Saturday, May 7  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

***DBG Members receive 10 percent off all purchases!***

**admission**

Free entry to the Plant Sale on Friday & Saturday

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