

Presidents Message

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I have seen many of you at Sharing Our Gardens. A big thanks to all the hosts and to Beth Feldkamp, Lucy Ginley, Karla Briggs and Roseann Pasley for coming up with the idea. We are very talented gardeners! This is so enjoyable, educational and a good way to get to know fellow members.

Remember to keep your King Soopers card loaded. If the card goes to zero and stays there for 90 days, then it has to be replaced. If that does happen please let me know and I will get you a new one. So far we have earned \$580!

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do. We don't want to lose any of our members and we want to get your name in the directory. Dues are \$25 single, \$35 family, payable to EGC. Please mail your check to P.O. Box 1393, Evergreen 80437 or bring it to the September meeting.

Pam Hinish has been doing a great job submitting articles about and Susan Blake contributing wonderful pictures of each of our gardens to justaroundhere.com. If you are not familiar with this website, it is teeming with interesting articles about local happenings and people. Each week there will be an article about one of our community gardens. If you wish, you can get on their mailing list on the site.

I'll see you all in October. I'm sorry, I will be in Spain for the September meeting. OK. I'm pretty excited about going, but am sorry to miss the kickoff of what I'm sure will be a great year for EGC.

Barbara Steger
President

Local Events

Denver Urban Gardens

Through October: Learn how to compost in your backyard or with a worm bin in ongoing classes. Free; visit website

to register. Gove Community Garden, 1325 Colorado Blvd., [720-865-6810](tel:720-865-6810), DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

**Next Meeting
Tuesday
September 11, 2012**

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:15-9:30
Meeting from 9:30 until
noon

Bring your dues!

**Please bring your own
coffee mug!**

The Directory will be going to the printer shortly after the September 11th meeting.

In order to be included please pay your dues at or before the meeting.



Barbara Steger, our new president for 2012-2013

Local Events – cont.

Hudson Gardens

Offering "Meet the Vegetable Gardeners" sessions twice a month for visitors to observe and ask questions about bed preparation, planting, weeding, maintenance and more, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Remaining dates are August 23, Sept. 4 and 18. All sessions included with admission 6115 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, [303-797-8565](tel:303-797-8565) ext. 306, shop.hudsongardens.org



Frances Sorenson and Bev Wickland on their last day as chairpersons of the

Nature Notes

Interested in gardening above 7,500 feet? The CSU-Extension Master Gardeners have you covered. In coordination with the Gilpin County Master Gardeners, the Jefferson County chapter has founded a new blog dedicated to the particular challenges and successes of gardening above 7,500 feet. The beautifully-designed page contains information on favorite mountain garden plants, successful vegetable gardening with little to no water, and season-extenders to prolong the garden season or prevent hail and wildlife damage. The new blog can be found at <http://coloradomountaingardener.blogspot.com>.



Joe Julian, Colorado State University extension agent for Douglas County speaking June 2012 on Managing Conflicts with Wildlife.

September Program

The Art and Science of Composting at Altitude

By Terry Walters
Master Mountain Composter

Turning kitchen scrapes, yard waste, cardboard and paper into dark, earthy, nutrient filled compost at our elevation can be a challenge. Approaching the process as both art and science can be fun, educational and very rewarding. Learn the benefits of composting, what materials can be composted, the science behind composting, various bins and containers and how to deal with our dry climate, cold winters and local wildlife. Whether you consider yourself a beginner or experienced composter, you can always learn new tricks, techniques and methods to turn your organic waste into rich, moist, soil-enhancing organic compost.

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September Program – cont.

With over fifteen years of high altitude composting and organic gardening experience Terry has also completed a four week course and been Certified as a Master Mountain Composter with the High Country Conservation Center of Summit County. Come join us for an entertaining and informative presentation that will surely provide you with new insights into backyard composting.

Whether you are an experienced composter or just starting out, you will enjoy the art and science of composting at altitude.

If you would like to include something in the

Wild Iris

please send an email to

editor@evergreengardenclub.org

or call Lucy Ginley

303-670-1935 – home or 303-881-2150 - cell

Minutes of Evergreen Garden Club Meeting June 12, 2012

Officers Present: Lucy Ginley, Grace Coyveau, MaryEllen Putnam, Roseann Paslay, and Lynn Dimmick

President Lucy Ginley called the meeting to order at 9:30. Approximately 35 members were present.

Andre Yerkes thanked the Garden Club for the flowers the group sent to his mother at the time of her death. He offered to help with any projects we might have in the future.

Our new president, Barbara Steger, thanked the current board for their work in the past year, and on behalf of the Garden Club, presented each member with a Lily of the Nile plant. Lucy Ginley, outgoing President, requested a vote to accept the new board for the next year. The vote was taken and passed.

Lucy explained the “Sharing Our Gardens” program and passed a sign-up sheet among members.

On June 13th the Garden Club will plant the Hiwan Museum garden, using all deer resistant plants. Seven people volunteered to help with the planting.

Lorna Lind, an active member the Garden Club is moving to California; we wish her well.

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**Minutes of Evergreen Garden Club Meeting
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Hospitality:

The current hospitality committee has agreed to stay through June, 2013. We thank Frances Sorensen and Bev Wickland for their work in the past year.

Earth Day:

The new activities on Earth Day were well received by the community and the group recommends adding these to next year's program.

Natural Resources:

The community gardens group met recently at Tina Kellog's home. The garden will be located in Buchanan Park, near the offices for the Buchanan Rec Center. There is no cost involved in being on the committee and they will welcome new members.

Publicity: The Garden Club has two sites on the Evergreen Community Webb Site. Information on various projects sponsored by the club can be posted on these sites.

World Gardening: Lucile Nelson read a letter titled: Healthy Children Around the World.

Communications: Beth Feldkamp is retiring from her job as editor of the Wild Iris newsletter, and Lucy Ginley will replace her.

Historian: Susan Blake continues to take pictures of our gardens and our group. She has wonderful pictures of the Dam Garden which is especially beautiful in the spring.

Community Gardens: Paul Luzetski reported that the Post Office garden group needs help with weeding and watering.

Treasurer Roseann Pasley reminded members that annual dues are due by July 1st. Only paid member's names will appear in the Evergreen Garden Club Directory, which will be printed in time for the first meeting in September. We no longer give out name cards for membership. The local gardening retailers no longer give discounts to members.

The directory will be ready for review in September and given to members in October.

Submitted by MaryEllen Putnam

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