



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

April 2013

President's Letter

Barb is out of town but would like everyone to know that Garden Tour planning is underway! You can sign up at the next meeting for specific committees. "The most exciting news is that we have permission to use the photos from the article about the Moore's place that appeared in Colorado

April Meeting

Our April 9th program will be the timely "Seeds, Soils and Real Solutions"

Tina Kellogg, owner of Given Trees in Kittredge, will share her fount of knowledge for growing vegetables in our area, even if it's your very first garden. In Tina's own words

Entering into my thirtieth season of gardening at altitude, I think I know less now than I did when I first started. Every failure leads to questions, every success, leads again, to more questions. Every season leads to more experiments, until finally, one day in October you look and you've got a freezer full of your own-grown organic veggies. Yes, there will be failures, and there will be elk and deer and voles and gophers. And when you think you've got all those critters managed...it hails!

Gardening up here is for the near insane I swear...but no matter the failures, we get right back out there and do it all over again, this time vowing to fool mother nature, shoot the voles and fence the elk and deer out.

I'm not the real teacher here, just a liaison to seeds, soils and Mother Nature. We are all perennial students and there is no graduation...no diploma, no certificate of completion...but sometimes when we're lucky and asked enough questions, there are veggies in the freezer.

Join me this April 9th for "Seeds, Soils and Real Solutions".

For the full eight course season description and more, go to www.GivenTrees.com

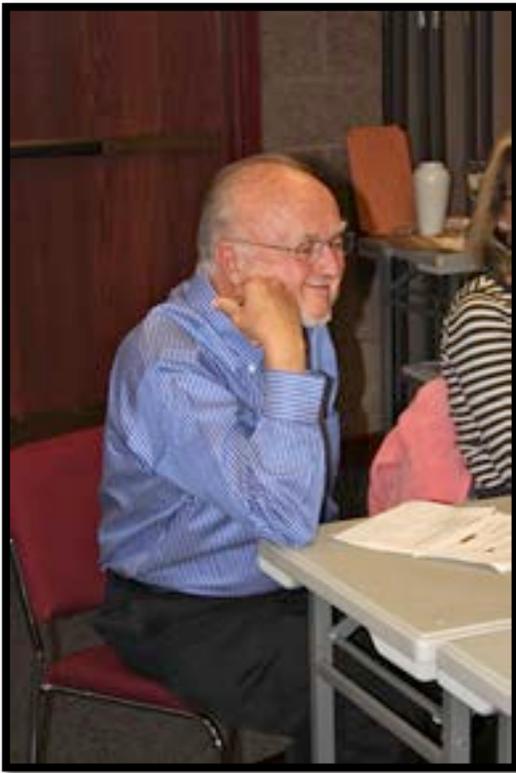
Next Meeting
Tuesday
April 9th, 2013

Bergen Park Firehouse
Social Time 9:15-9:30
Meeting at 9:30

March Meeting



Lindy Doty's
Iris display for
our March
program.



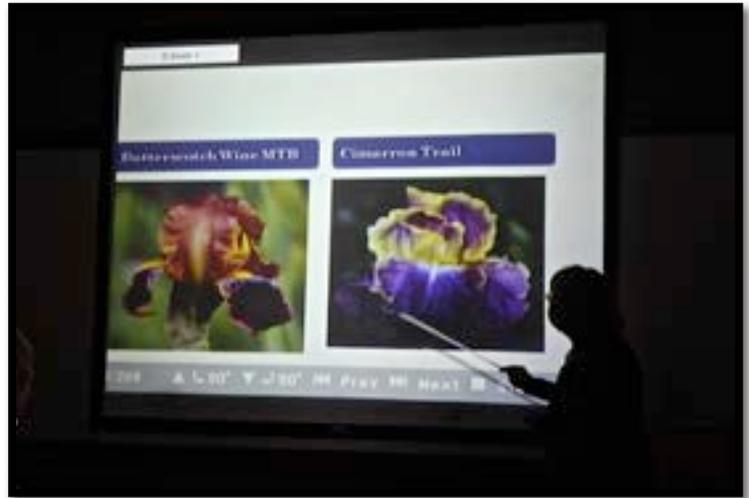
Joe Doty, Lindy Doty's husband, is here to help with today's program.

Computer Savvy Volunteer Opportunity

The Garden Club is looking for a volunteer (or two or more!) to help with our Facebook page. You would help connect the Garden Club to potential members by responding to inquiries and "Likes" on our Facebook page. You would have lots of help from our board members but basically the idea is to answer questions about the club and extend a welcoming hand to people interested in gardening.

WORLD GARDEN TABLE

Lucille Nelson would like to remind us to bring an item that is GARDEN RELATED for the World Gardening Table to the April Meeting.



Lindy Doty, a member of our club, is here to share her knowledge of growing iris in Evergreen. Here



Diana Aldridge asks for volunteers for Earth Day.



Lucille Nelson attends to the World Gardening table.

Membership

I am starting to collect membership dues. (\$25 for individual members, \$35 for family, and \$55 for a business membership) We only have a short business meeting on the May Workday, so I am starting early. The volunteers working on the directory really appreciate everyone paying on time so that the directory can be ready for the September meeting. I hope to have all dues collected by our June meeting.

The board looks for your input and anything we can do to make our club better please let us know. We need and deeply appreciate each and every one of our members.

Thank you, Roseann Paslay, Treasurer 303-278-2167

Critters

An update from Priscilla Chapin

Here's an update on my battle with the voles. YEAH!! I'm winning. I'm happy to report that after using the vole control system for the past 10 month I have NO holes, tunnels, trails or gnawing at all. There has been NO sign of them what so ever for the last couple of months. I have filled the bait stations at first every week, then every two weeks and now when I check them there is still bait in them and no signs at all. I will continue to check the bait stations and watch for signs but I really think I'm ahead of them. Now, I would have rather used a natural method , which I tried for months, but they were multiplying faster than any natural approach or traps could handle. And after all the years and \$\$ that I've invested in my yard I was not about to let these furry little creatures continue on their mission of destroying it. I don't mind sharing a leaf here and there but they were bent on taking it all. So something had to be done. I am very pleased with the results I've gotten from www.volecontrol.com and would recommend it. It is safe, easy and effective.

Now if anyone has a remedy for keeping the squirrels from debarking my trees and shrubs I'd be grateful.

Take the plants, return the pots. A list of local garden centers that recycle those plastic pots.

Current Stores	Address	City	Web Site
Echter's Garden Center	9170 W. 52nd Ave.	Arvada	www.echters.com
Nick's Garden Center	2001 S. Chambers Rd	Aurora	www.nicksgardencenter.com
McGuckin Hardware	2525 Arapahoe	Boulder	www.mcguckin.com
Garden Country	4181 W. 120th Ave.	Broomfield	www.gardencountrynursery.net
City Floral Garden Center	1440 Kearney St.	Denver	www.cityfloralgreenhouse.com
Groundcovers Greenhouse	4301 E. Iliff	Denver	
Hilltop Gardens	9660 N. Federal Blvd	Denver	www.hilltopgardening.com
Lafayette Florist	600 S. Public Rd	Lafayette	www.lafayetteflorist.com
Creek Side Gardens	5730 W. Coal Mine Av	Littleton	www.plantsbycreekside.com
The Flower Bin	1805 Nelson Rd	Longmont	www.theflowerbin.net
Tagawa Gardens	7711 S. Parker Rd	Parker	www.tagawagardens.com
The Windsor Gardener	6461 HWY 392	Windsor	www.thewindsorgardener.com

FROG Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Presbytery Hall, 1710 So. Grant, Denver 80210 is the annual joint plant sale for FROG (Front Range Organic Gardeners) and the Rocky Mountain Unit of the Herb Society of America.

These two groups together provide a broad range of plants including heirloom tomatoes, peppers, other vegetables, a wide variety of herbs, annuals, perennials, and maybe a few shrubs & trees. For updated information, go to <http://www.gardenfrog.org/> or e-mail frogardeners@comcast.net. You may also contact Meredith Bossert at MTN87frog@gmail.com or 303-697-4534.

Upcoming Garden Classes

These links will take you to upcoming gardening classes. . .

Denver Botanic Gardens - calendar of everything

<http://www.botanicgardens.org/calendar>

Denver Urban Gardens - look throughout this website

<http://dug.org/>

Echter's - click on "Coming Events & Classes"

<http://www.echters.com/>

Paulino Gardens

<http://www.paulinogardens.com/instoreclasses.htm>

Tagawa Gardens

<http://www.tagawagardens.com/tgevents.htm>

Timberline Gardens

<http://www.timberlinegardens.com/class-list/>

Harlequin's Gardens in Boulder

<http://www.harlequinsgardens.com/classes/>

Colorado Gardening - There's bound to be something here for you.

<http://www.coloradogardening.com/index.html>

Colorado Mountain Gardeners - written by real gardeners in the real mountains

<http://www.coloradomountaingardener.blogspot.com/>

Is it a weed or isn't it?

http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/ag_Conservation/CBON/1251618874438

Creekside Gardens

www.plantsbycreekside.com

HC3's 2013 Master Mountain Composter Program Hosted by HC3 & CMC

High Country Conservation Center has been offering Backyard Composting Workshops to the Summit County community for several years. The popular workshops are well suited to citizens interested in learning (or reviewing) the basics of composting. However, if you are among those that are interested in a more in-depth program then the Master Mountain Composter program is for you!

The 2013 MMC Application is NOW available here. Please send or drop off a check, cash, or credit card payment for the program fees with your application. Please state on the application form if you are applying for the *Trained Mountain Composter* option. Also, if you are unable to download the application using the link below, please contact us at 970-668-5703 or jen@highcountryconservation.org to obtain a copy.
Applications are due by Monday, April 15, at 5pm.

Greenhouse Class

Here is the final location and details regarding Penn and Cord Parmenter's Sustainable Greenhouse Design Class. The class will be held in the **fellowship hall** from 9-4 at:

Church of the Hills
28628 Buffalo Park Road
Evergreen, Co 80439

Register with Penn Parmenter - send an email or call.
719-783-2917

mtntop@theironmancord.com

Go to Penn's website to see all of their classes:

<http://pennandcordsgarden.weebly.com/classesconsultations.html>

Dave and Karen Lystrom

dlystrom@live.com

303 674 2905

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The Sundance Garden Center and Sundance by Design are now OPEN and ready to serve you! If you have not already been into Sundance by Design, stop in and see what is new. On their recent buying trip to Atlanta they discovered over 30 exciting new vendors, new merchandise is arriving daily. Located behind Mountain Home Furnishings in the Evergreen Design Center. For more information check out our website: sundancegardens.com

Thank you,

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please send an email to
editor@evergreengardenclub.org
or call Lucy Ginley
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**We will be sending the Wild Iris out earlier starting with the May issue.
Please send anything that you would like included in the May issue by
April 15th.**

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Minutes – Evergreen Garden Club – March 12, 2013

The President, Barbara Steger called the meeting to order.

Diana Aldridge gave a report on the Earth Day progress, which is Saturday, April 20th. The Evergreen Garden Club is registered and hopes to be placed by the fireplace at the Evergreen Lake House again this year. Louise Mounsey, Mickey Miner, and Diana Aldridge will be manning the EGC booth. Barbara Steger and Grace Coveyeau volunteered to help in the afternoon from 2:00-4:00. Seed planting will be offered as an activity. Diana requested that members bring recyclable King Soopers' bags for the give-away plants.

Grace Coveyeau, Welcoming Committee, welcomed guest, Joe Doty, husband of Lindy Doty and new member, Jennifer Kjellsen, living in Genessee.

Roseann Paslay, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. The club has received an additional \$341.80 from the King Soopers gift card program. The gift card program was reviewed and Barbara Steger offered to order gift cards for anyone interested. The total in checking and savings is \$9,710.86.

Barbara passed around the upcoming Garden Tour sign-up sheets for Docents, Ticket Distribution, and Publicity.

Barbara passed around questionnaires about fencing and garden item donations for the new Evergreen Community Garden and Buchanan.

Barbara announced that, due to scheduling conflicts at the Firehouse, on the May 14th workday in the gardens there will be no meeting at the Firehouse. Meeting days and times will be left to the discretion of the Garden Heads.

Dee Sacks, Hospitality Committee, passed around the sign-up sheet for refreshments for the April 9th meeting.

Lucy Nelson presented the display at the World Gardening table.

For some reason, we had a lively discussion about genetically modified seeds.

Lynn Dimmick announced that the garden centers at Echter's, Paulino's, and Tagawa are starting their low-cost and free gardening classes.

Barbara announced that we have a new business member – Trish Ockinga with Mountain Garden Diva, 24800 Starview Dr., Conifer.

Joe Doty, guest, explained Australian woven-wire game fencing and that deer don't like to walk on chicken wire.

Lynn Dimmick announced that the Evergreen Community Garden at Buchanan is still accepting mail-in applications until March 15th for the lottery for the remaining 11 plots.

Barbara proclaimed that she will be calling together a Nominating Committee for the next year to elect a new Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please say, "Yes" when called.

The meeting adjourned, there was a short break for refreshments, and then Lindy Doty gave a colorful program on "Irisses."

Submitted by Lynn Dimmick