



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

November 2013

President's Letter, November 2013

The suggestion of changing our yearly donation from the World Gardening Fund to a garden related organization in the U.S. was made at our October meeting. This donation comes from money raised at our Garden Table and the passed "can." It has been interesting to follow through on this. I was totally surprised and excited to see the number of organizations that are saving and distributing seed, as well as those who dedicate their produce to food banks. The Traditional Native American Farmers Association distributes seed with an emphasis on non GMO native seeds. Herman's Garden distributes to organizations who donate what they reap to local food banks. PAR is an organization that encourages people with gardens to Plant Another Row and donate what they reap to food banks. Locally, there are plots at the Buchanan Park Community Garden dedicated to the EChO food bank. We will choose what organization we want to support at our November meeting. Hope to see you there!

Barb Steger, President

November Program

"Air Plants & Terrariums"

Presented by Leezl Gnatovich, owner of Nellybelle General Store, in Evergreen.

Leezl gives the following synopsis:

"Let's explore the art of indoor landscape design. Tillandsias to succulents, organic adornment in the home can be the ultimate expression of class and style. Not to mention, whimsy and unexpected!"

Looking forward to it, Leezl!

October Workday Meeting:

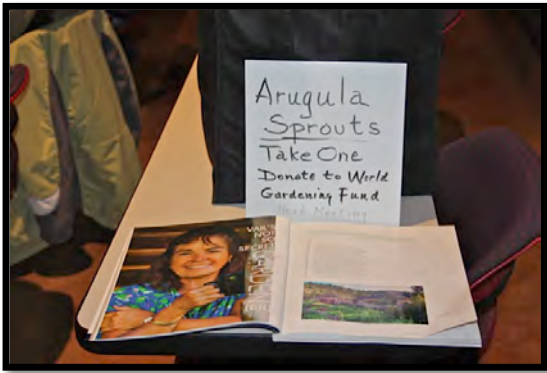
Our Workday started with a short business meeting and a delicious breakfast. We then enjoyed the beautiful weather as we worked to put the Evergreen Public Gardens to bed for the winter.

Next Meeting
Tuesday
November 12th, 2013

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



Lindy Doty serves herself some wonderful frittata.



Dianna Donovan, Evergreen Garden Club member and daughter of Louise Mounsey, was the subject of an article in the Vail Valley Magazine, Summer 2013. The title of the article was "Vail's Not So Secret Garden".

Also, Irma Wolf's bag of Arugula sprouts that popped up in her garden was available for those who wanted some really fresh greens.



Workday photos by Paul Luzetski, Lynn Dimmick and Susan Blake

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Please introduce yourself to Cherie Luke, our newest member, and welcome her into our club!



International Mosaiculture Exhibition Montreal - Summer 2013

Walter and I saw this exhibition when we were in Montreal last month. It was at the Botanical Garden. We have NEVER seen anything in the plant world more impressive. Absolutely fantastic botanical show. Susan Blake

To see more Horticultural Art go to:
<http://myvirtualgarden2.blogspot.com/2013/09/mosaiculture-exhibition.html?m=1>



The **Colorado Gardeners Calendar 2014** (a non-profit organization) is now available for purchase!

All profits from the sale of these calendars go towards our scholarship award. Our goal is \$2,000 in scholarships, this year.

Price: \$14.00

Cash, or checks made out to, "Master Gardener Fund". EGC member, Paul Luzetski, shall have calendars available at our November meeting on Tuesday, November 8th.

Thank you for your support!

Paul Luzetski

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Forest Heights Lodge

We will be doing our annual Christmas Party with the boys from Forest Heights Lodge at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10. This year, we are going to talk with the boys about pollination. Tupper Briggs is going to be our guest speaker. He will talk about being a bee-keeper.

We will provide the boys with cookies and plants for the party. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

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**A Wintertime Neighbor –
The Dark Eyed Junco**

By Paul Luzetski

There are a number of new (human) residents who have moved to the foothills area. Some of you have become members of Evergreen Garden Club. So, for those of you still familiarizing yourselves with our bird varieties, please note that there is one particular species many of us “long timers” are fond of: the dark eyed junco (*Junco hyemalis*).



While some area bird enthusiasts report the presence of juncos year-round, this bird’s prevalence during our cold weather months adds a cheerful aspect to the environment. Juncos seem to become more noticeable and numerous around here as the autumn months progress with chillier temperatures and other birds, such as hummingbirds and robins, seek more “hospitable” climatic locations. Juncos can often be found hopping around yards, foraging for seeds left behind by various grasses and other plants from the growing season. If you have feeders, trays, or a ground location where songbirds may converge, juncos enjoy sunflower, safflower, and niger/nyjer seeds, millet, as well as bits of peanuts and peanut butter based suet-style cakes. They are also insect eaters, though they seem to get along without us supplementing them with bugs.

Junco population numbers are reportedly still high. So, hopefully, you shall be treated to their presence throughout the wintry months in your spot of nature!



Sundance by Design is STILL OPEN!

For the first time, we are planning on being open for your holiday shopping convenience. We will be open for the Holiday Open House weekend, then re-open Black Friday, November 29. We will stay open Fridays and Saturdays through December 21, 10-4. We will also be happy to open by appointment (call 303.748.9777)

Please keep us in mind for unique artisan holiday gifts!

If you would like to include something in the

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Evergreen Garden Club Minutes October 8, 2013

Officers present: Barbara Steger, president, Paul Luzetski, vice president, Jean Lipson, secretary, Annell Hoy, treasurer

President, Barbara Steger, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM there were 33 members present.

Annell handed out paid King Soopers Gift Cards that several members had ordered. She reminded everyone that for only \$20.00 a King Soopers gift card and/or a Safeway gift card can be ordered from her and that it may be used the same as cash. When the balance on the card gets low, simply ask the cashier to add money on the card. Plus, we earn 5% of each sale!

Irma Wolf made a motion that the minutes of the September meeting which were published in *The Wild Iris*, our on line garden club newsletter, be accepted as published. The motion was seconded and carried.

Due to the fact that everyone was going to be working in the public gardens today, we did not have a guest speaker. Susan Blake and Paul Luzetski were going to be making the rounds of each of the gardens taking candid photos as we worked in the gardens.

Lucy Ginley, reported that she will publish an addendum to the *Wild Iris* newsletter

Mary Dickhoff, Natural Resources chairman, stated that she had nothing to report

Karen MacFarquhar announced that anyone needing a place to work, please report to the Evergreen Dam Garden as there was an extraordinary amount of work that needed to be done. Dale and Peggy, the coordinators of the garden, were already at work in the garden.

The welcoming committee had nothing to report

World Gardening Fund coordinator, Lucille Nelson, lead a discussion on whether or not we should continue supporting the orphanage in India with our monies that we make selling items at the World Gardening Table and by passing the can at each meeting, or if we should donate the monies to a different organization. A discussion ensued regarding the fact that the recipients of this yearly sum of money needed to be kept garden related. It was decided that a small group of members would meet and bring back a recommendation to our next general membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded that we form this small group and that the outcome will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Sherry Booth is our newest EGC member...welcome Sherry!

Please make note of the following corrections in your 2013-2014 Evergreen Garden Club Directory:

- The date for our December meeting should read: *December 10*, be sure to mark that on your calendars
- Vail noted that the correct spelling of her last name is *SCHAEFFER*

Don't forget to support the local businesses listed in our directory!

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lipson, secretary