



Evergreen Garden Club

# WILD IRIS

April 2014

## Not-A-President's Letter

*This is a garden idea that Susan Blake received from her niece.*

This worked well for me for many years - it's a simple, weed-free way to grow lettuce, spinach and even radishes. Take a 2 cubic feet bag of potting soil (I used Miracle Grow), rumple it around quite a bit to loose the soil, poke quite a few holes in the back side for drainage, then lay the bag on a smooth surface that will allow drainage and not get too hot, and cut out the top, leaving about a 4



or 5 inch border all around. Lightly rake through the soil to even it out and loosen it even more, then carefully, and evenly sprinkle the seeds

around. I put my salad green seeds in an old spice bottle with large shaker holes, added some cornmeal, shook it all up to mix well and sprinkled them out of it. I put the cornmeal in there to allow me to see that I had covered the soil evenly. If doing radish seeds or spinach, just make lines the depth mentioned on the seed pack, plant the seeds and cover appropriately. For salad greens I sprinkled a lite covering of soil over the cornmeal and seeds and then spray-misted to water them in. I put my bags on metal sawhorses and grates to make them waist level. This kept the bags off the hot concrete and I didn't have to bend over when cutting my salad. When harvesting, just use a pair of scissors and cut what you need - don't pull the plants out. Same goes for spinach - they will grow back almost magically overnight, and you can't tell where you cut. Spray mist the seeds and plantlings at first when watering, until they are established, then you can water more vigorously as the plants mature. You will probably need to water more often, since the depth of the bags are not as deep as a regular in-ground garden. I just kept mine moist, but not sopping wet.

**Next Meeting  
Tuesday  
April 8th, 2014**

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

## April Program

**"The Dirt on Dirt"**  
We dig deep...and shallow...in our quest to understand the part of our gardens that leads to the highest percentage of challenges towards optimal plant health.  
Presented by CO Master Gardener Program - Jefferson County



## Garden Club Meeting Photos for March

We had a large turnout for the March meeting. 3 guests: Star Kraus (top left), Katherine Ursam (top right) and Kristina Hughs (bottom left). Harriett McMillan of Echter's Garden Center speaks to us this month on Shade Gardening in Evergreen. Members: Irma Wolf, Kathy Lee & Sharon Eaves.



If you would like to include something in the  
**Wild Iris**

please send an email to [editor@evergreengardenclub.org](mailto:editor@evergreengardenclub.org)  
or call Lucy Ginley, home 303-670-1935 or cell 303-881-2150

Help Celebrate the  
*25th Anniversary of the Mountain Area*

## **Earth Day Fair**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Evergreen Lake House

### **Volunteers Needed To Staff Our Booth**

Three shifts Available

**8-10 am      10 am – 1 pm      1-3 pm**

More Information Available at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
or Call Lindy Doty at 303-759-9389.

## **Fairy Garden Classes**

Sundance by Design is happy to bring hands-on creative classes to our community.  
Our first class will feature

**Karen Belmont of WeeScapes presenting "A Fun Fairy Garden Frolic".**

Participants will create their own whimsical fairy garden  
with all materials and guided instruction included.

We will have 2 presentations lasting about 1-½ hours:

An adult class Friday evening, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Groups welcome!  
Light snacks provided, feel free to bring your own wine or adult beverage

Class to be repeated Saturday morning, May 17 at 9 a.m.  
Breakfast drinks and snacks included. Adult and child participation welcome!

Class size is limited, all reservations must be pre-paid, \$56 per person. For more  
information or to reserve your space please call 303.670.8211 or stop in to Sundance by  
Design (27945 Meadow Drive) to reserve your space.

For more information about Karen's adorable miniature gardens visit her Facebook page

## **Sundance by Design has MOVED and EXPANDED!**

We are OPEN and ready for spring in our new  
location just across the parking lot from Mountain  
Home Furnishings. We moved into the main floor  
space vacated by High Country Treasures, in the  
same building as STEMS. Our decks and "front yard"  
are loaded with new pottery, furniture, and  
outdoor art & accents. Our bright new inside space is full of fun, funky, and useful  
gardening treasures.



Check out our weekly specials, this week: Buy one/Get one 1/2 price "Plant Nanny".  
Visit [sundancegardens.com](http://sundancegardens.com) "newsletter" tab for Invitation to our  
Grand Re-Opening!  
Friday, April 11, 4-7 p.m.

## **Evergreen Garden Club Minutes**

**March 11, 2014**

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

President Barbara Steger called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM, and we had 45 marvelous members present including our guests, Katherine Ursum, Kristina Hughes, and Starr Krauss.

The minutes of the February meeting were published in the Wild Iris Newsletter. A motion was called for to accept the minutes as printed. A motion was made and seconded that we accept the minutes.

Annell Hoy, our treasurer reported that we had \$3,105.07 in our checking account, \$12,010.68 in savings, making a grand total of \$15,115.75. The outflow for February was \$70.03. Annell encouraged all our members to continue to use their King Soopers and Safeway gift cards from which we earn 5% of each sale!

Lucy Ginley, our Wild Iris newsletter editor asked that members who wanted to contribute information to the newsletter to please submit it to her by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month so that she has adequate time to add the information to it.

Pam Hinish, our Publicity Chairman was unable to attend today's meeting, no information was available. Evergreen Garden Club Cares chairman Beth Feldkamp, was unable to attend, however, Irma Wolf reported that Ruth Alford, one of our long time members was blown over by a very strong gust of wind and sustained multiple injuries due to her fall and that she is in a rehab center. Jean Lipson, our secretary reported that she had sent a note to Ruth on behalf of the Garden Club wishing her well.

Our club photographer/historian took pictures of our guests...look for the pictures in the next edition of the Wild Iris newsletter.

Our Hospitality girls, Francis Sorenson, Bev Wickland, and Annell Hoy, encouraged folks to sign up to bring refreshments. They also reminded the birthday folks to take home a long stemmed rose from the bouquet that graced the refreshment table in honor of their birthday.

Mary Dickhoff, our Natural Resources coordinator urged members to attend the Foothills Organic Gardeners, FOG, event that was being presented Friday evening, 6:30, March 14 at the Evergreen Fire Department, Station 2, a wealth of information will be available to fledgling and seasoned gardeners alike.

Lynn Dimmick, Public Gardner Coordinator, was unable to attend today's meeting no information was available.

Linda Doty and Diana Aldridge our co-chairs for the Earth Day event, excitedly informed us about the event that will be taking place at the Evergreen Lake House on April 19. They told us that a few cold hardy plants have been started and asked for more volunteers especially to help kiddos plant bean seeds. Volunteers are also needed to answer questions about gardening in Evergreen.

Barb Steger, Grace Covyreau, and Linda Ringrose will get together and discuss the financial feasibility of the Garden Club purchasing its own projector.

Patricia Stefaniw reported that the Response for Charitable Giving forms were handed out at the February meeting. Returned forms will be reviewed and will be ranked based on form guidelines. These requests will be delivered to her from the Board, at the April 2014 meeting. The deadline was extended to the April meeting. She'd like to present the committee review results to the Board, and then the board will present it to the club at the June meeting.

Barb Steger presented the history of the statue, "Flowers for a Friend" and the request from the Sculpture Committee to place the statue in the Victorian Hiwan Homestead Garden. As a result a lively discussion ensued. We all learned a great deal about pros and cons of the placement of the sculpture. Barb will email all members with the information and at a later date a vote will be taken on how to proceed with placing the statue.

Being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lipson, secretary