



Evergreen Garden Club

# WILD IRIS

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September, 2015

## President's Letter

A most hearty "welcome back" to our garden club members, and greetings to our many new members, and friends,

This past year for our club, being its 50th year anniversary celebration, was probably the busiest year we have ever had. For those who are new to the club, here's a brief summary to help you understand. Extensive planning started in January for our spring events: the 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the Hiwan Country Club in May; participation in the Rodeo Parade on June 20th; and our first and only EXPO at the Fire Training Center on June 27th. It was a whirlwind "happening" that kept everyone on their toes for days. But what fun we all had! All events turned out to be wonderful, and we could not have had a more celebratory time. My thanks to everyone who helped in the preparations and participated at the events. You were terrific!

I cannot promise you this coming year to have such an ambitious schedule by any means; however, Lindy Doty, our Vice President in charge of planning for speakers for our monthly meetings, has a good slate of topics/speakers for the 2015/16 year. We hope you'll enjoy them all. This is the year that we have our biannual garden tour of generally about 6 gardens in the local Evergreen area. It is a big event and a very important one as it is our major fundraiser for our club for 2 years. Gardens are already being viewed by the Tour committee and decisions will be made shortly as to which ones will be selected for next year's tour. Our community always looks forward to this event and turnout is very high. Members always assist on this special day, which will be July 17th this year. Docents, ticket takers, parking assistants. We have a job for you!

The Garden Gnome who travels to members gardens was again very busy this summer. For those of you who are not familiar with him, he (after being discovered in one person's garden) is secretly placed in another member's garden and so it goes for the rest of the summer season. This is a "fun" event for our gardeners to anticipate and enjoy.

### **Next Meeting Tuesday September 8th, 2015**

Bergen Park Firehouse  
Social Time 9:00-9:30  
Meeting at 9:30 am

### **Happy Birthday!**

#### **July:**

Kristin Seyboth  
Shauna Carder  
Peggy and Dale  
Fetchenhier

#### **August:**

Susan Blake  
MaryEllen Putnam  
Linda Ringrose  
Dee Sacks

#### **September:**

Diana Donovan  
Lindy Doty  
Dwight Gilliland  
Gayle Gordon  
Pam Hinish  
Karen MacFarquhar  
Lucille Nelson  
Lorrie Redman  
Patti Stefaniw

The main purpose of our club, in addition to having us all meet as friends and enjoy our programs, is to maintain our community gardens of which we have 8. Residents of Evergreen appreciate our devotion to these gardens and the beauty that we have created. With each year the gardens take on added beauty which is noticed by all. Thanks to the members who work with love in these gardens. They are very special.

So, with anticipation of the meetings in the coming months, I say welcome to our new members and welcome back to those who have been with us for a while. It will be good to see you all again.

Susan Blake, President

**Welcome to Our  
New Members:**

Ivy Parish  
Louise Heern  
Melanie Stopponi  
Carol Gardner  
Cindi Paulsen

**New Businesses:**

Wildflower Cafe  
JP Total

## Volunteer Opportunities!

Volunteers Needed for the following positions:

Secretary

Publicity Assistant to help Pam Hinish with her job.

Technology Assistant to be in charge of our Facebook page.

Photography Assistant to help Margo Constable with taking photos at our meetings.

Team Leader for the Post Office garden. Paul is resigning after 5 years at this position.

Editor for the Wild Iris, Lucy Ginley will be stepping down

Please consider volunteering some time by assisting in these positions. We all have very busy schedules. Extra help would be greatly appreciated.

Evergreen Garden Club has gone through some changes with our Board members job descriptions, meeting procedures etc. Paul Luzetski has volunteered to update our Evergreen Garden Club Bylaws and is looking for at least 2 other members to work on this project together. The goal is to complete the revised bylaws before our December 2015 Holiday party meeting. If interested, please contact Paul @ 303-674-7951 or [PaulL4@msn.com](mailto:PaulL4@msn.com)

Paul Luzetski has put the WOW in the Post Office gardens for years and is now ready to step back and let someone else direct that garden. Interested? Want more details? Please let Lynn Dimmick, 303.670.0108, or any board member know.

Please send your Warmest Wishes to Jean Lipson as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. She has decided to step down as our Secretary due to the surgery, so please consider volunteering for the Secretary position.

**A BIG HUGE THANK YOU  
TO THE RODEO PARADE TROOPERS:**

Jo and Jon Powers and their 1964 Buick  
Louise Mounsey our Founder  
Jean Lipson and Irma Wolf as seed providers  
Joy Young and Barb Steger as transport support  
AND our WALKERS

Pam Hinish Lynn Dimmick Paul Luzetski, Cindy Gibson,  
Sophia Pardo , Susan Blake, Grace Coveyeau , Jo Powers and Lindy Doty  
YOU MADE WONDERFUL REPRESENTATIVES OF EGC!  
From Annell Hoy

**IN MEMORY OF JULAINE KENNEDY**

Julaine Kennedy, former member and past president (1991-92) of our club passed away last Sunday. She was a dear friend to many of us, and a knowledgeable and enthusiastic gardening member of our club. She was loved by all who knew her. We are so very sorry to lose her. Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to Mr. Robert Kennedy, 3796 Ponderosa Drive, Evergreen, Colorado 80439.  
A Celebration of Life will take place for her at the Evergreen Lutheran Church, 5980 Highway 73, Evergreen CO on September 19th at 10 AM.

Susan Blake would like to share the following Fall Foliage Prediction map website.  
<http://smokymountains.com/fall-foliage-map/> It is interactive and includes all regions of the United States

## September Program

The Speaker for the September 8th meeting will be Master Gardener Kerry Poppe. She is speaking on the topic Buttoning Up Your Garden For Winter.

## June Meeting

Our presenter was Karen Belmont, owner of WeeScapes.



Karen Belmont describes the making of her wee scape garden in a hand painted cup.



Props for wee scapes gardens.



The finished wee scape project.



Barbara Steger making eyes at our EGC tee shirt model. SOOO cool!



Arlene Fitterer, Lindy Doty and Joan Evashevski examine plants that Susan Blake brought in from her garden for the Echo Table,

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## Evergreen Garden Club Minutes June 9, 2015

Officers present, Susan Blake, president, co-vice president, Annell Hoy, co-vice president, Paul Luzetski, Jean Lipson, secretary, Patti Stefaniw, absent, no treasurer's report was given.

President, Susan Blake called the meeting to order at 9:35 and there were 32 members present.

Marva Zima, Welcoming Committee, introduced our guest, Molly Clark, and our newest member Jan Parks.

June birthdays include, Karla Briggs, Lynn Dimmick, Christine Gray, Jo Schouveld, and Sharon Mounsey.

Jean Lipson, secretary, called for a motion to accept the May minutes as published in The Wild Iris. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Two letters were read from former EGC presidents. A letter from

Gretchen Stoeppelwerth, president of EGC 1965- 66 and 1972-1973 who along with Louise Mounsey was a co-founder of our Evergreen Garden Club, expressed her gratitude for the invitation to join us the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon; however, Gretchen stated that due to the aging process that she and her husband are experiencing, and the fact that she is living at a distance (Texas) she would not be able to attend. She wished us well, and in her words, "...a check for \$50.00 to help another plant grow up." In addition, a note was read from Tricia Scott, 2003-2005, EGC president, who expressed disappointment that she will be unable to attend. Furthermore she stated that she enjoyed her years on the EGC board and the time spent with the club. Jean also reported that Bev Wickland will be having additional cancer surgery. Diana Aldridge noted that Francis Sorenson had a broken a bone. We wish these two marvelous women a speedy recovery.

Committee Reports:

Lucy Ginley, Communications; Pam Hinish, Publicity; were both absent and no reports were given. Susan Blake, Historian/Photographer, reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was well attended and many photos have been posted on our web site. Annell Hoy, Hospitality, noted that a new chairperson will be needed for our 2015-1016. Mary Dickhoff, Natural Resources, reported that due to the large amounts of rain that we have had this spring that mosquitoes will be a problem and that standing water and ponds are a breeding ground for them. Mary suggested using Larvaside to deter the mosquitos.

Public Garden Coordinator, Lynn Dimmick, talked about due to the EGC Expo this year, many people will be aware of our gardens and that due to all the rain that has fallen and the entire cool weather it's been difficult to get in to our gardens. But even with that visitors to our gardens will be able to see what can be done in spite of adverse weather conditions.

Nominating committee, Lindy Doty and Louise Mounsey presented the slate of officers for our 2015-2016 board. Susan Blake, president, Lindy Doty, first vice president, , Annul Hoy, second vice president, Jean Lipson, secretary, Jane Wingquist, treasurer, Sophia Pardo, Technical support , Lori Redman and Lesley Jordan, co-chairs for hospitality, A motion was made and seconded that we accept the slate of candidates as presented.

Barbara Steger encouraged everyone to purchase an EGC T-shirt and to proudly wear them the day on the Evergreen Rodeo Parade, and especially the day of our Expo. Irma Wolf will also be selling them to the public at the Expo.

Paul Luzetski and Barbara Steger gave us wonderful updates on the progress that we are making on the Expo. Currently we have 2 dozen vendors, 4 classes that will be ongoing throughout the day, face painting that will be done by teenagers, flower crafts for our

“younger gardeners,” and Paul told us of the publicity that we are receiving from KDVR Channel 31, KWGN/CWZ stations. They may air it on the TV/websites in the days leading up to the Expo. Stay tuned. We will be calling you or emailing you for additional help as we get closer to the Expo.

Susan Blake, will temporarily fill in as coordinator for our summer 2016 Garden Tour. A Chairperson will be needed. Currently, we have 8 volunteers for this. More details to come in the fall.

No more business was needed to be addressed; the meeting was adjourned at 10:15. After a short break, Karen Belmont, our EGC member, shared her skills on creating whimsical miniature fairy gardens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Lipson, secretary