



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS



MARCH 2017

Erin go Bragh!

I hope all is well with you and you have been able to enjoy the spring and winter of the month.

There has been a lot of planning going on among our members. First, there is Earth Day on April 22nd. Diana Aldridge is doing a great job organizing the day.

Then in June, we will participate in the Rodeo Parade. Annell Hoy and Chryl Twilley have reserved May 4th to bag the seeds everyone has collected to toss at the parade. Please come and join the fun!

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, March 14th.

Your President,

Joan Evashevski

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

March 14, 2017

BERGEN PARK FIRE

HOUSE

9:00 a.m. Social

9:30 a.m. Meeting

THE PROGRAM FOR MARCH

UNDERSTANDING & OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF HIGH ALTITUDE GARDENING

A slide presentation covering:

- *Soil, or the lack thereof*
- *Plant choices that work in the mountains and why*
- *Water Issues – how to get around them without breaking the law or irritating your neighbors*
- *Micro Climates – existing and man-made*
- *Critter Control – what works, what doesn't*

*Content by Irene Shone and the Clear Creek
County Master Gardeners
Presented by Louise Heern*



Evergreen Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Joan Evashevski, at 9:38 a.m.

Other Board Members present were: Lindy Doty, 1st Vice President, Annell Hoy, Co 2nd Vice President and Susan Garcia, Technology Officer. Board members absent were: Jane Wingquist, Treasurer and Secretary, Gloria Owens. Jane was attending P.T. after recent knee replacement and Gloria due to her husband's recent return to ICU for kidney and heart problems. A request for continuing prayers for both persons was presented by Joan.

There were 27 members present and one visitor, Jeanne Alt, of Evergreen, CO. introduced by the Welcoming Committee. Joan Evashevski announced the February birthdays: Louise Heern, Cherie Luke, Frances Sorenson, Jeanne Erickson, Sandy Coleman, and Carol Herczeg. Happy Birthday was sung to all in attendance.

Joan Evashevski asked for approval of the minutes as published in the February Wild Iris. The minutes were approved as written by Secretary, Gloria Owens.

Annell Hoy, Co 2nd Vice President stated there were new addendums at the welcoming table for insertion into your yearly Directory of Members.

Treasure's Report: None today.

Susan Garcia, Technology Officer, reported she had added a Flash Drive to our file cabinet containing copies of the minutes during the time periods of: 1983-1989 and 2012-2016 for posterity. She is still working on gathering copies of the minutes during the 1990's for preservation.

Lindy Doty, 1st Vice President, stated today's program was "Show and Tell" of favorite floral items, a flower quiz and a flower trivia question segment. She is seeking a speaker on Wildflowers for the next meeting. She asked if anyone knew of a person or connection to a person who could speak on the subject. It was suggested by Lucy Ginley that Roseann Paslay could present a program. The Native Plant Society was suggested by Mary Dickhoff. Lindy will continue to follow these suggestions and look for a speaker on the subject.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Chairperson, Annell Hoy thanked those who had contributed to the refreshment table today and to Lori Redman for the centerpiece. She stated a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the next meeting was being passed around.

Publicity: Pam Hinish stated no report today.

Natural Resources: Mary Dickhoff stated no report today as she was dealing with personal family health issues.

Public Gardens Coordinator: No report today.

Nominating Committee: Susan Garcia, Jean Lipson and Annell Hoy have spoken with several members about a Board position. Those interested are talking with current Board officers. Offices to be filled are: Secretary, Treasurer, 1st VP and Assistant Technology Officer.

Earth Day Event: Chairperson, Diana Aldridge, stated she was passing around a sign-up sheet for assistants at the Event on April 22nd, 2017, 10:00-3:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Lake House. 6 volunteers are requested to have a fun and "easy assignment" talking with visitors at the event. It was noted that participation by our Club shows area residents that the Evergreen Garden Club is interested in and participates in the Community by maintaining 8 Public Gardens in Evergreen.

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Roseann Paslay has contacted Home Depot of Evergreen, for donations of plants for the event. These will be given away to visitors to our booth.

Rodeo Parade: Co-Chairpersons, Annell Hoy and Chryl Twilley are planning a seed packaging event at the FTC the first week of May. If members have seeds to share please let Annell or Chryl know the type and amount. If additional seeds are needed for packaging as handouts at the parade, the Club will purchase. The question was asked if dogs were welcome as "walkers" in the parade. That question will be answered after further investigation. The group will need members to walk the route and hand out seed packages and a request was made for small pull wagons. Susan Blake and Lindy Doty both volunteered "utility wagons" for the event.

EChO Table: Irma Wolf stated there were plants on the table that needed "to be adopted". Priscilla Chapin stated Jade plants also needed a home, for free. Many other items were on the Table for purchase. With no further Business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Annell Hoy, 2nd V.P for Gloria Owens, Secretary



***Sundance Gardens* is open at our new location 27945 Meadow Drive. We will be sharing the space with our sister store, *Sundance By Design*. Now our customers can enjoy one-stop shopping! We will be carrying all you need for the gardening season, so please stop by and say hi!**





Secretary
Treasurer
First Vice President
Have fun and get to know everyone!

We need your help!

***We're hoping these March winds will blow in volunteers for the above positions!
Let's keep the Evergreen Garden Club going strong -
Add your expertise to one of these positions today!
Open Positions Beginning in June 2017***



***If you have any questions about a position, or are interested in taking a position,
Please contact Susan Garcia, Jean Lipson or Annell Hoy***



**February's Meeting
Show & Tell!**



Bev Wickland describing her antique porcelain vanity set.



Mary Dickhoff describing the tiny porcelain flowers in her little glass house.



Lindy Doty's antique porcelain vase.

Pictures by
Susan Blake



LUCKY

February's Meeting
Name that Flower!



100% Natural

A note from
Lynn Dimmick



FOOTHILLS ORGANIC GARDENERS

5th Annual Garden Seed Share
Friday March 17, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
Bergen Park Fire Station Meeting Room A and B

Sponsored by:
The Evergreen Alliance for Sustainability +You (EAS+Y)
And Foothills Organic Gardeners (FOG)
Presentation by Margaret Rode

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AGENDA:

6:30-6:40 Come in and get acquainted!

6:40-6:50 Announcements

6:50-7:30 Margaret Rode on Plant Smart: Seeds and Strategies for a Great 2017 Gardening Season.

7:30-8:30 Seed Share – Bring seeds to share in envelopes, baggies, pill bottles, or we'll teach you how to fold your own seed packets! If you don't have seeds to share, no worries; bring your favorite garden quote, seed catalog or tidbit of garden wisdom to share instead.

SEE YA'LL THERE!

Designing with Conifers: Layers of Texture for your Garden



This is part of an article written by Jay Sifford, a Garden Designer in Charlotte, NC who is a frequent contributor to the popular Houzz website. To save time and space, I have eliminated the conifers from his article that are not suited for our high altitude; however, I hope you will find the rest of his article informative and inspiring. Below is the link should you like to read it in its entirety or search for others.

<http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/44942725/list/designing-with-conifers-layers-of-texture-for-your-garden>

Texture is a component of an exceptional garden, one that is composed of many different layers, offering new discoveries with each visit. We all inherently know what texture is but sometimes have difficulty defining it. Texture is the feeling, appearance or consistency of interwoven elements like raw silk or burlap. When we use the term, we generally use it to describe highly textural things that exemplify three dimensions and beg us to touch them.

Many plants exhibit a high degree of texture. Think of exfoliating bark on birches and fields of switchgrass dancing in the wind. Conifers exhibit more texture than most plants commonly found in the garden. Let's look at some of them and how to use them to introduce texture.



How to Use Conifers to Emphasize Texture

Contrast with hardscaping and art. Conifers can be used to contrast a hardscape; doing so further highlights their texture. This weeping Norway spruce (*Picea abies* 'Pendula', zones 2 to 8) contrasts beautifully with these highly textured boulders. Notice how the vertical lines of the spruce draw the eye to notice the horizontal and vertical texture of the stone.

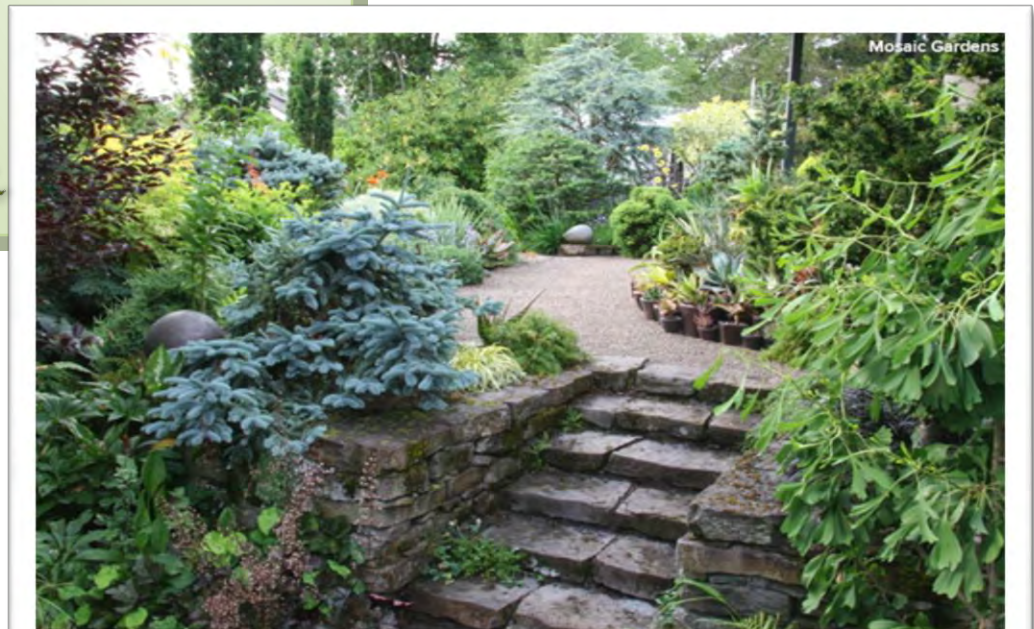
Conifers can also complement and contrast sculpture and oversize pottery with great effect.





From sharp and spiky to soft and fern-like, conifers are studies in textures. These Colorado blue spruces (*Picea pungens* cvs. USDA zones 3 to 7) in the background anchor this garden and exhibit a coarse texture, while the white pines (*Pinus strobus* cvs, zones 3 to 8) and the Alberta spruces (*Picea glauca* 'Conica', zones 2 to 7) bring in a soft, fuzzy textural quality that draws us in. The chartreuse junipers low in the foreground have a deceptively soft, airy quality, as these are, in fact, less desirable to touch.

It is the artistic blending of these textures that gives this garden depth and interest. It is what makes you pause to take a second look. Like an artist uses a variety of brushes, paints and palette knives to craft a painting, you can use a variety of conifers as your tools to craft a sensual and personal garden. Here are some suggested plants with which to stock your palette.



Highlight mixed beds. When used in this way, conifers contrast beautifully with other sedummates. Frequently, in fact, their high contrast with neighboring plants elevates them to the status of living sculpture.



Jay Sifford Garden Design

Arborvitae. The arborvitae is another member of the cypress family and a useful tool in creating artistic textural gardens. Like the *Chamaecyparis*, it generally exhibits flat, textural fern-like foliage. While we generally picture the taller pyramidal arborvitae that are commonly used for hedges, there are several dwarf and rounded forms available. Mr. Bowling Ball (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Bobozam', zones 3 to 7) and Little Giant (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Little Giant', zones 3 to 8) are two suggested cultivars.

The three Mr. Bowling Ball arborvitae shown here play off the textural stone birdbath and take on a sculptural quality, planted unexpectedly in a gravel

seating area.



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Junipers. This group of shrubs and small trees is probably the most maligned group of conifers in existence. Highly textural, many juniper s— like this Grey Owl cultivar (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Grey Owl', zones 2 to 9) — exhibit sharp foliage that conjures up painful childhood memories of hiding in the bushes.

Many of the newer juniper cultivars are user friendly and highly recommended. For color and texture, junipers are unsurpassed. Consider planting them with columnar spruces or firs for contrast.



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Contrast conifers with one another. Because conifers have such varied sizes, shapes, colors and textures, it is exciting, and often intimidating, to use them together to create vignettes of high contrast and interest. Bedmates such as this Slowmound mugo pine (*Pinus mugo* 'Slowmound', zones 2 to 8) and this Curly Tops false cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Curly Tops', zones 4 to 8) provide year-round structure and high contrast based on size, shape, color and texture.

Don't be shy about using different conifers in close proximity. Your garden may just thank you.





10th Year Anniversary

Paint a Ceramic Egg at Go Paint! to benefit our Downtown Evergreen Events
(Dam Ducky Derby * Halloween Walk * Holiday Walk)

Kids Division—\$15 (1—7) (8—14) * Adults— \$25.00 (15 and up)

Professional Eggs Painted by Local Artists * Sponsored by a Business * \$50.00

PRIZES AWARDED in all divisions, press recognition to

winners & public bidding/voting at Evergreen National Bank, Main Street Fine Art Gallery & The Evergreen Gallery

PREMIERE OF THE EGGS!



Evergreen National Bank
April 3rd—April 7th
Main Street Fine Art Gallery &
The Evergreen Gallery
April 7th—April 20th

ART OF THE EGG FINALE PARTY

April 20th
Main Street Fine Art Gallery
& The Evergreen Gallery
6:00—7:30 p.m.

Live music Johnny Turner

Chance to submit final bid & votes

Winners announced

Pick up eggs



**Bid on a Professionally Painted Egg
and start or add to your Collection**

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Lucy Ginley

Ruth Alford

Jane Wingquist

Roseann Paslay

Marnie Chisholm



My favorite doodle by Andre Jordan; especially fitting this time of year!

The garden gnome lies in
the shed, benefitting, as all
gardeners do, from this
period of dormancy...

"I am bored shitless"



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