



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS



MARCH 2018

Erin Go Bragh!

I hope everyone has been healthy and able to enjoy our Colorado sunshine.

Diana Aldridge is planning the Earth Day Booth at the Lakehouse on April 21st; be sure to sign up for a time slot. The Garden Tour committee is working hard to have a great tour in July.

The board has decided to have a tour of the Denver Botanic Gardens on May 18. There will be a sign-up sheet passed at the next meeting.

This month's program will be given by the Clear Creek County Master Gardener's. The topic is *Full Year Color and Interest*.

I hope to see you there!

Joan

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

March 13, 2018

**BERGEN PARK FIRE
HOUSE**

9:00 a.m. Social

9:30 a.m. Meeting



THE PROGRAM FOR MARCH

The Clear Creek County
Master Gardeners will be
Giving a Presentation on -

FULL YEAR COLOR & INTEREST

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes

February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Cherie Luke. Board members present were Cherie Luke, Mary Twombly, Kris Waggoner, and Susan Garcia. Kris determined that over 50% of members were present, therefore a voting quorum of members were present.

The club sang happy birthday to our members born in February: Louise Heern, Cherie Luke, Jeanne Ericson, and Carol Herzeg.

First Vice President: Cherie Luke: no report

Second Vice President: Mary Twombly: Lucy Ginley Memorial bench is being manufactured.

Secretary's report: M Twombly (sub) asked for corrections to January minutes as printed in the *Wild Iris*. No corrections were submitted, the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers report: Kris Waggoner. Reviewed financials, a slight over budget in the misc. category was due to the microphone purchase, otherwise the club finances are in good shape. Kris presented two ideas that require a change in bylaws:

- 1) Proposal to raise annual dues to \$30.00; after discussion the motion passed. The new individual membership annual dues will be \$30.00.
- 2) Proposal to adjust the dues collection month to September in order to align it with our fiscal year (September to August). This would delay the publication of the directory until October. After discussion the motion passed. We will collect 2017-2018 dues in September; the directory will be published in October. Note: New members that join the club from January to August will be assessed a \$15.00 membership fee.

No other officer reports.

Earth Day: Diana Aldridge passed a sign-up sheet for Earth Day Fair volunteers (Lakehouse, April 21st).

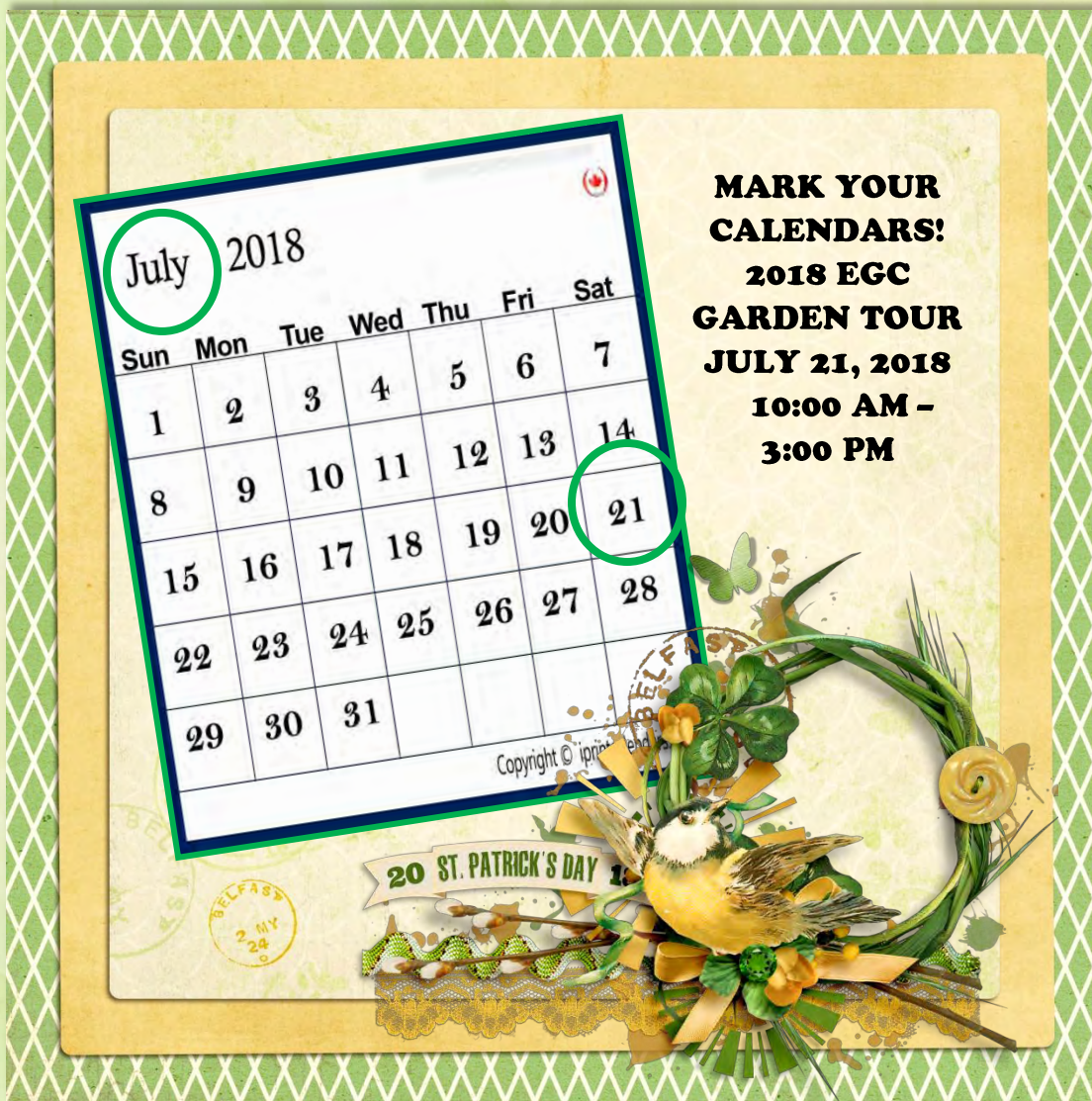
Garden Tour: Gloria Owens committee is working hard; a garden Docent signup sheet was circulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Cherie introduced our speaker, Irene Shonle, who spoke on "***Selecting the Right Trees and Shrubs for Colorado***"

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Twombly

Second Vice President



EGC GARDEN TOUR JULY 21, 2018

The EGC Garden Tour committee has been busy planning our upcoming tour on July 21, 2018 from 10 am until 3:00 pm. Each member is encouraged to help with this fun, major fundraising event for the club!

Please contact Chairperson Gloria Owens if you are interested.
gloriaowens@centurylink.net



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

**RUTH ALFORD
MARNIE CHISHOLM
LUCY GINLEY (in memoriam)
JENNIFER MCGRATH**

**ROSEANN PASLAY
LOUISE SPROT
JANE WINGQUIST
KAREN WOOD**



**BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!
EARTH DAY IS APRIL 21, 2018
AT THE
EVERGREEN LAKE HOUSE**

**PLEASE CONTACT DIANA ALDRICH
TO VOLUNTEER FOR A TIME SLOT!**

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Sundance Garden Center News

To our Evergreen Garden Club friends,

As we patiently await the arrival of spring and the sprouting of another garden season at Sundance I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new garden center manager.



My name is Pam Selman. Some of you already know me and many of you will recognize me from my work at other garden centers in the Kittredge and Littleton areas. I received a degree in Horticulture from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and have worked in the industry since moving to Colorado in 1986. I have always lived in the foothills, initially in Evergreen but for the last 25 years in Conifer so I am aware of and understand the trials and tribulations of gardening in the foothills...the high altitude restrictions, the deer and elk and the cute but not so welcome creature...the vole.

Since I garden at 8300' I have a passion for container gardening using annuals, perennials, tropicals and anything chartreuse in color. My favorite perennial to use is Monkshood so if you are unfamiliar with the benefits of this wonderful plant stop by and I'll gladly share why you should give it a space or two in your garden.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Sundance's retiring manager, Linda Zakes. She is a huge part of the Sundance legacy, a much respected member of the Evergreen gardening community and has left me with some very big shoes to fill. I wish her happy retirement and hope her life's garden is full of many more beautiful blooms.

Happy gardening,

Pam Selman
pam@sundancegardens.com

Sundance is hiring! If you or anyone you know would like a fun full or part time job please contact us. We have several opportunities including an assistant manager, cashier, and seasonal employees. Please call 303.670.8211 or stop in for more information.

More Designer Combinations

From the book
Designer Plant Combinations
By Scott Calhoun



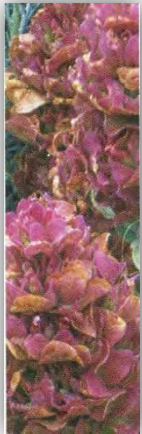
Curlicue Artemisia

Artemisia versicolor 'Seafoam'

Low, silver, and very aromatic, curlicue Artemisia is a fine growing companion to giant-flowered purple sage. Known for its “foamy” curling leaves, curlicue adds a soft, lacy contrast to surrounding plants that are more stiff, upright and architectural. It’s an interesting alternative to the more common ‘Powis Castle’ artemisia.

8” tall; 4” wide

Zone 4



Giant-flowered purple sage

Salvia pachyphylla

A newcomer to cultivation, giant-flowered purple sage has had an impact on the garden scene in the West. Colorado seedsman Alan Bradshaw supplied David Salman with the first seeds for this California native plant. The sterling plant with iridescent purple blooms has since appeared in plantings at the Denver Botanical Garden. It will take all the sun and heat you can throw at it, and it prefers well-drained soil. It responds well to a shearing in late summer after it blooms.

3’ tall; 30” wide

Zone 5

***This combination gets
the Silver Medal for
Deer proofing!***



Canyon penstemon

Penstemon pseudospectabilis

Handsome, triangular, toothed leaves and towering, hot pink flower spires characterize this rugged southwestern native. In spring to early summer, hummingbirds visit the tubular flowers; later, the plant produces copious seed. Cutting back the spent bloom stalks (and collecting seed!) keeps the plant's rosette tidy when it's out of bloom. Needs good drainage and full sun to part shade.

1'-3' tall; 1'-2' wide

Zone 5

BUCKWHEAT SELECT

This plant pairing uses a design trick that works nearly every time. Take a low-growing, mat-forming plant, side it up against a strong, upright grower with a contrasting flower color and foliage, and you'll be treated to a powerful effect. In this case, two durable Rocky Mountain plants — a spectacular, glowing buckwheat called Kannah Creek and a canyon penstemon — are the stars of a show acted out in vivid yellow and hot pink, with white native fleabane as a bit player. This assortment is nestled into a slope of Colorado horticulturist Panayoti Kelaidis's Denver garden.



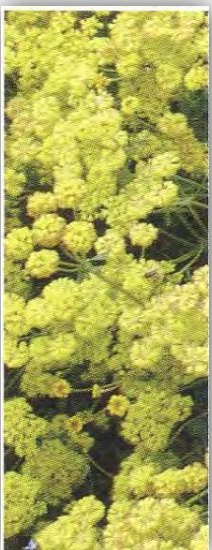
Kannah Creek buckwheat

***Eriogonum umbellatum* var. *aureum* 'Psdowns' (Kannah Creek)**

Panayoti Kelaidis is well known as a plant explorer: a man who finds an exceptional plant in the wild, introduces it to horticulture, and shines a bright spotlight on it. This is what he helped do with Kannah Creek buckwheat, a mat-forming ground cover from Colorado's Grand Mesa known for masses of yellow, popcorn shaped flowers that appear to hover over the plant on wiry stems. Kannah Creek, chosen for the Plant Select program, is distinguished from other sulphur buckwheats by its brighter yellow flowers and foliage that turns purple-red in autumn and winter. Adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions, including clay, as long as reasonably good drainage is provided.

12" – 15" tall; 12"-24" wide

Zone 3



Colorado State Forest Service Conservation Seedling Trees:

Orders are due by May 1

at <http://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/programs/natu/seedling-trees/>

Chokecherries, Native Plum, Nanking Cherry, Red-Osier Dogwood, Wax Currant, Aspen, Blue Spruce, Englemann Spruce, Mountain Mahogany and Antelope Bitterbrush are now available again - they were listed as sold out earlier.



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or GoPaintPottery@live.com.

Proceeds from this Go Paint! event benefit
the Evergreen Downtown Business Association

2017 1st-place juried winner
"Taking a Dip with Momma"
by Jeannette Stutzman

117 People's Choice winner
"Jolly Ol' Saint Nick"

DOWNTOWN



Creating and maintaining just one season of beauty is often challenging in our high-altitude gardens, let alone four!

However, you can design a beautiful year-round garden with a little planning and imagination.

Join Clear Creek County Master Gardeners at our March 13 meeting to learn different methods that can add year-round color and interest to your mountain garden.

Hope to see you there!



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"

