



Evergreen Garden Club

WILD IRIS

December 2012

President's Letter

Our December meeting is going to reflect this busy season with lots of activity and food! We will have a short business meeting promptly at 9:30. There will be coffee and tea available when you arrive. Next, we have our featured speaker, Angela M. Rayne, Executive Director of the Humphrey Memorial Park and Museum. Angela will be showing us how to create our own delicious herbal vinegar – don't forget to bring a stoppered bottle. We'll follow this with games, shopping time, and our holiday brunch. Best wishes to all of you and your families for a safe, healthy, joyous and snowy holiday season.

Barbara Steger

December Meeting

Please remember to bring an 8 ounce container (and maybe an extra for a friend) for your herbal vinegar. Decorations for the container are optional but fun!

We'll have tables set up for your craft displays. It is not necessary to arrange ahead of time although it is a good idea to arrive early. As in the past, the club would appreciate a donation of 10% if you sell any items.



Dee Sacks cuts the "10 Year Service cake" honoring Beth Feldkamp



Beth Feldkamp is turning over the newsletter to new volunteers. She has also helped with the website and is still keeping our email member list up to date!

**Next Meeting
Tuesday
December 11, 2012**

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

**Please bring your own
coffee mug!**



Sylvia Brockner, Evergreen's beloved writer of birding and natural history articles for the Canyon Courier, was our speaker for the November meeting.

Critter Control

Susan Blake has been dealing with gophers at the Firehouse Garden. There has been an onslaught of gopher mounds in the garden, especially along the rock area facing the building and on the top of the garden area. She treated a month ago with gopher gasser and pellets but that was not successful. "Since gophers eat roots, our flowers are being killed and also the big ponderosa tree will eventually be affected, not only by diminished roots but by air pockets around the root system." She then made joint arrangements with the Firehouse Training Center for help from professional exterminators. So far there has been no additional gopher activity after the treatment.

A friend of Louise Mounsey's has gotten rid of gophers by pouring used kitty litter down the holes. It doesn't hurt them, they just move out. She is trying it now and will let us know how it is working for her.

Publicity Chairperson

Pam Hinish has volunteered to be the Publicity Chairperson. Please contact her with any additional ideas to publicize the Garden Club and out activities!

We watched a dirty movie!

Foothills Organic Gardeners (FOG) group hosted a movie night on November 29th, at the Bergen Fire House.

As the DVD is described... "Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book, *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, "Dirt! The Movie" takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to." A number of EGC members attended this thought-provoking event. The movie was followed by discussion about our own awareness of the dirt in our local environment along with ideas for community outreach on this topic and others. The Community Garden at Buchanan Park project was also a focus for discussion on its progress. Expect to learn more about this project and other FOG activities in the months ahead.

Thanks to Tina Kellogg and FOG for providing us the dirty entertainment.

\$\$ King Soopers and Safeway Fund Raisers \$\$

Thanks to past card holders and to those who recently joined, this fund raiser continues to be a success. If you want a King Soopers or Safeway reloadable gift card, please contact Barbara Steger. barbara.steger@gmail.com 303-674-0357



Susan Blake, Firehouse Garden Leader and EGC Historian, was snapped in action by Paul Luzetski.



Karla Briggs makes some announcements for local environmental meetings AND a NEW way to get rid of voles in your yard.

Community Garden Photos

Gardens can be interesting and inspiring throughout the year. Please send photos of your Community Garden to the Wild Iris. members@evergreengardenclub.org



Recent photos of the Post Office Garden by Paul Luzetski, the Post Office Garden Leader.

WORLD GARDEN TABLE

Lucille Nelson would like to remind us to bring an item that is GARDEN RELATED for the World Gardening Table to the December Meeting.

Forest Heights Christmas Party with the Garden Club December 10, 2012

We will be doing our annual Christmas Party with the boys from Forest Heights Lodge at 3:00 p.m. on December 10. This year, we are giving the boys yellow and white paperwhites. They are already growing quickly, but I know the kids will enjoy watching them grow more every day. We will be talking about seeds and bulbs, so we are also going to have the boys write their initials on a paper towel, wet it, then outline it with seeds, so they can watch the seeds germinate. We always have such a great time with the kids. Thanks to Beth and Bruce Feldkamp, Karla Briggs, and Lynn Dimmick for joining Dale and I.

Happy Holidays! Peggy Fetchenhier.

2013 Colorado Gardener Calendars!

Jefferson County's Colorado Master Gardener Calendar Committee is pleased to announce the availability of your 2013 Colorado Gardener Calendar. It makes a great gift and contains updated, locally developed timely tips each month. Calendars are always available at the Extension office; please purchase them from the front desk staff. The cost is \$14 and either cash or checks are accepted. Checks made payable to *Colorado Master Gardener Fund*. Proceeds from the calendar help support a deserving CSU horticulture student from Jefferson County.



Paul Luzetski will have calendars available for sale at our next Evergreen Garden Club meeting, December 11th. Please help support this wonderful volunteer endeavor. Thanks!

The Hospitality Committee

would like to extend our thanks to all members who have brought delicious "goodies" to our meetings. It's always fun to see what an assortment of refreshments are contributed!

Ho, Ho, Ho to the MANY contributing to the Christmas Brunch: it should be quite the feast. Thank You!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Annell Hoy, Dee Sacks, Jean Lipson & Ana Psenda: Hospitality Committee

Memorial for Bill Mounsey

A Celebration of Life was held for Bill Mounsey on Sunday, November 23rd at the Evergreen Lakehouse. Many friends and family attended the event, including many garden club members. He was a longtime member of the Evergreen Garden Club, along with his wife, Evergreen Garden Club founding member Louise Mounsey. A website has been set up, www.billmounsey.com, where you can see photos and read about Bill's remarkable life. It also includes a page where you can sign up for a time to visit Louise. We will all miss him!

The family has decided to set up a memorial fund in Bill's name to improve the old Evergreen Cemetery. As Diana said at Bill's memorial "I know it is supposed to be a natural cemetery, but to us it seems abandoned. It's just the kind of project that Dad would like to take on." Donations should be sent to Louise at 29952 Dorothy Road, Evergreen 80439.

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November Minutes

Evergreen Garden Club Minutes November 13, 2012

Barbara Steger, president, called the meeting to order at 9:40. Board members present included: co-vice presidents Grace Coveyeau and Lynn Dimmick, secretary, MaryEllen Putnam, and treasurer, Roseann Paslay.

MaryEllen read the minutes from the October meeting and they were accepted.

Barb honored Beth Feldkamp for her years of service to the Garden Club. She edited the Wild Iris for ten years and also served as treasurer and vice president. The group shared a special cake in her honor.

Grace Coveyeau invited guests as well as members who brought food for the group today, to choose an item from the gift table.

Treasurer Roseann Paslay distributed copies of the new budget and asked members to review it. She asked for a motion to pass the budget; Grace Coveyeau made the first motion and MaryEllen Putnam, the second. The group voted and the motion was passed with all in favor.

To date in 2012, the Garden Club has earned \$850 from Safeway and Kings Sooper gift cards. Barbara Steger explained how easy it is to get the cards and use them. She asked all members to participate in the program.

Louise Nelson discussed the World's Children Organization and requested donations. The group's orphanages are world wide including India and Africa. Donations are used for basic needs: shelter, food and sanitation.

Lucy Ginley, editor of the Wild Iris, requested that members send information to her by the first of the month. Her goal is to have it published two weeks prior to our meeting.

Barb Steger announced that July 13th is the date for this year's Garden Tour. We will need everyone's help on that day!!!!

Karla Briggs, chair of the Natural Resources group, showed us a "mouse" trap that catches voles, a gardening curse in Evergreen.

Paul Luzetski showed us the new Colorado Gardener's Calendar. He had copies available for sale for \$14.

Tina Kellog discussed the new community garden where the Garden Club will want to have a presence. Tina explained that the sculpture, "Flowers for a Friend" will have a permanent home in the garden. It is not yet paid for and she asked that members and others in the community contribute to this.

Pam Hinish will be the new chair for the Publicity Committee, taking over from Vail Schaeffer. Barb reviewed the plan for the December 11 meeting. We will have both a speaker and a craft project. Members can bring a craft that they make and sell for the holidays. There will be games and a delicious brunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.