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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't know about you, but I am anxious to start my spring gardening tasks. During a recent warm spell I was able to get out and do some work. While cutting back perennials I took note of anything that I might want to donate to our May plant sale. I hope you will do the same as you begin your spring clean up. Plants that are labeled with name, color, and growing conditions sell best, so please include this info.

Did you know we sell houseplants at the May plant sale? If your houseplants collection has grown beyond the space available in your home, please consider donating to the sale.

Donating plants is just one way you can help support our biggest fundraiser. Next month I will be sending out more detailed info about the plant sale and how you can help. See you at our Feb 20 meeting. Barb

NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

February 20, 10 AM All Saints Episcopal Church, Loveland. Program: "The Buck Stops Here, Dealing with Wildlife in the Garden" Charleen Barr, Master Gardener

Hosts: Leisje Lehman, Ronnie Clark, Farris Clark, Jenny Romero

BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Susan Whitfield 2/20 Marilyn Tuohy 2/22 Leone
Person 3/1
Carol Klein 3/10

NEW MEMBERS LAST MONTH

Bernie Ave Laura McLimans Kim Mueller

EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO February-13 ~ March-13

Ongoing to Feb. 17 Orchid Showcase Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; See a special display of orchids in Marnie's Pavilion; 720-865-3501

Feb.9 - 17 Colorado Garden & Home Show Location: Colorado Convention Center in Denver Time: Sat.10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mon. - Thurs.

Noon - 7 p.m., Fri. Noon - 8 p.m Tickets: Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Kids 12 & under free; Monday - Thursday 2 for 1 adm Info: Visit w.coloradogardenfoundation.org for more info about parking, seminars, ticket discounts, etc.

Feb 16 Is Your Garden as Ready to Grow as You Are? Presented by Michael Morris of The Flower Bin in Longmont 1805 Nelson Rd 303-772-3454.

Feb. 18 Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3501

Feb 21 Bonsai Class Fossil Creek Nursery, 7029 S. College, Ft Collins, 5:30 - 7PM Pick you own pot, plant and learn how to design and prune your very own Bonsai \$35 Call 970-226-4924

Feb 23 Durable Plants Select Plants, pres by Ross Shrigley, Exec Dir of Plant Select 1PM at The Flower Bin in Longmont 1805 Nelson Rd 303-772-3454

Mar. 2 "Seed Starting Made Simple" by Ted Schaaf Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Fort Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 10 am - Noon; Fee: \$18; 970-416-2486

Mar 2 "How to Grow Beautiful Dahlias" presented by Calvin Cook, Arrowhead Dahlias. The Flower Bin, 1805 Nelson Rd, 303-772-3454.

Mar. 7 "Aromatherapy with Rainforest Plants and Herbs" by Candice McClay Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center, in Westminster; Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.; Fee: \$13.50 members (\$18 at door), \$15 nonmembers (\$20 at door); Learn about essential oils and rainforest plants, and create your own aromatherapy spritzer to take home; See www.butterflies.org to register

Mar 9 "Growing Vegetables in Colorado" presented by Kim Jackson of The Flower Bin in Longmont 1805 Nelson Rd Call 303-772-3454.

Mar. 9 Denver Rose Society SymROSEium: Roses and All that Jazz Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Free with admission to DBG; See www.DenverRoseSociety.org for details; 720-865-3501

Mar. 9 2019 High Plains Landscape Workshop Drake Center, 802 W. Drake Rd. in Fort Collins; All proceeds benefit The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 8:15 am - 3 pm; Fee: \$65 members, \$75 nonmembers, \$85 after Feb. 22; Includes snacks, beverages, boxed lunch, silent auction, book sale, workshop packet and presentations by four keynote speakers on the topic of *Localscaping*; Register www.fcgov.com/gardens; See website for details; 970-416-2486 Call soon this fills up fast.

THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

- * Attend a class, workshop, check out a nursery you haven't been to, or go to a Garden show

- * Fertilize houseplants & wipe foliage of large leaved houseplants .

- * Start cool crops – broccoli, lettuce, and snow peas. Start annual flowers: ageratum, sweet alyssum, geranium, petunia, snapdragon and verbena inside
- * Inspect fruit trees for tent caterpillar egg masses (looks like used brown chewing gum)
- * Clean and refill bird feeders prune, summer-blooming shrubs
- * Check perennials for any roots that have heaved above ground by frost action, blanket with compost.
- * Finish plans for garden and landscaping on paper
- * Brush up on horticulture – read books and articles. If you find books to give away – consider bringing them to the next club meeting to share.
- * During warm days cut branches of forsythias and lilac, set in vases of water and enjoy watching them bloom.
- * If you didn't clean up flowerbeds in the fall, begin to do these tasks this month before new spring growth appears. If you wait too long to begin clean up tasks you are likely to damage delicate new growth
- * Prune trees and shrubs, if needed, just before buds open. Remove branches that interfere with others, weak branches and ones that are growing vertical, creating a narrow crotch angle. No more than 1/4 of the branches/stems should be removed per year. Avoid topping branches (cutting off the tips) and shearing shrubs, which can lead to weakened, pest-prone plants. Exceptions are male, beech, dogwood, elm and sycamore. These “bleeders” should be in full leaf before they are trimmed
- * Check out LGC on Facebook – lots of pictures and garden hacks