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## LOVELAND GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME 18, NUMBER 6 March 2018

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring. I know we could get some more extreme winter weather, but we are getting closer to the gardening season, and I am excited to attend some of the many gardening classes and seminars that are available in our area. I encourage you to take advantage of some of these educational opportunities this spring. B.J. does a great job of putting together a list of classes. If it has been some time since you have attended a class or seminar, make an effort to attend at least one this year. These classes are informative and fun. They are even more fun if you invite a friend to go along. If you hear a speaker who is outstanding, pass the name along to Linda MacArthur as a potential speaker for one of our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting. Think spring!

### NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

March 21, 2018 10AM "Loveland Youth Gardeners: Info, Impact, and Vision", Alyssa McConkey.

Hosts Betty Hill, Susan Whitfield, Linda McArthur, Judy Bivens, Leone Person.

### BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Carol Klein 310

Linda Shupe 4-1

Dixie Straight 4-2

### EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO MONTH-13 ~ MONTH-13

**Mar 10 Annual Seed Swap , the Growing Project. Location at the Old Town Library, 201 Peterson St Ft Collins. 11AM/2PM. Bring seeds to exchange if you have them. Lots of seeds available. (even if you don't have exchanges.). Limited seed-starting soil and trays for attendees. Master Gardeners on hand for Q & A. Free gardening classes.**

**Mar. 10 "Veggies That Thrive Here" by Mimi Yanus Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 10 a.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403**

**Mar. 10 "Vermicomposting" by "Worm Man" John, Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403**

**Mar 10 "Native Plants for Pollinators" Bath Garden Center  
2000 E. Prospect Rd. Ft. Collins, 10 – 11AM. Free**

**Mar 10 Beautiful Herbs for the Garden" Betty Cahill, MG, at the Flower  
Bin, 1805 Nelson Rd, Longmont 1PM**

**Mar. 10 "Native Plants for Pollinators" by Eric Blewitt Fossil  
Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; Time: 10 - 11 a.m.; Free;  
Reservations required. Call 970-226-4924**

**Mar. 17 "DIY Hypertufa Troughs" by Kelly Kellow The  
Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$30,  
materials provided; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online.**

**Mar. 17 – 18 Denver Orchid Society Show Denver Botanic  
Gardens; 720-865-3501**

**Mar 17 "Pruning 101" Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; 10:00am to  
12:00pm Free**

**Mar 17-18 Spring begins at the Flower Bin, 1805 Nelson Rd, Longmont.  
Classes, 30% off and a free viola.**

**Mar. 22 Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens,:call 720-865-3501**

**Mar. 24 "Colorado Gardening Hacks: Lessons from a Decade of  
Colorado Gardening" by Alison O'Connor The Gardens on Spring  
Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$10; Call 970-416-2486 to  
register or register online.**

**May 24 "Building and Gardening in Raised Garden Beds" Bath  
Garden Center, 2000 E. Prospect Rd. Ft. Collins 10AM and  
2PM, \$10.**

**Mar. 24 "Restoring Native Open Spaces" a CoNPS workshop  
presented by Jim Tolstru,p High Plains Environmental Center, 2698  
Bluestem Willow Dr., Loveland; Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$45 for  
non-members of the CO Native Plant Society; For details and to  
register please see <https://conps.org/mfm-event-calendar>.**

**Mar. 31 - Apr. 1 Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society Show,  
Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 720-865-3501**

**Mar 31 "Beginner Veggie Gardening" Bath Garden Center,  
2000 E. Prospect Rd. Ft. Collins 10am & 2pm Cost: \$10**

**Mar 31 What are Bareroot Trees and Shrubs? 10:00am to  
11:00am Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins**

**Apr 7 Denver Rose Society SymROSEium, Denver Botanic Gardens call 720-865-3501**

**Apr. 7 "Just Drip It! The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 10 am - 12 p.m.; Fee: \$10; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online**

**Apr 7 "Natural Bee Keeping for Beginners" Bath Garden Center 2000 E. Prospect Rd. Ft. Collins, 10AM, \$10**

**Apr. 7 "Growing Tomatoes and Peppers with Ease" by Jon Weiss The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$18; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online.**

**Apr. 7 "Designing with Native Plants for Pollinators" a CoNPS workshop presented by Jim Tolstrup High Plains Environmental Center, 2698 Bluestem Willow Dr., Loveland; Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$45 for non-members of the CO Native Plant Society; For details and to register please see <https://conps.org/mfm-event-calendar>**

**Apr. 8 Free Day Denver Botanic Gardens,; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3501**

**Apr. 14 "Uncommon and Underused Perennials" by Sherry Fuller The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 10 am - 12 p.m.; Fee: \$10; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online.**

**Apr. 14 "Beekeeping in Spring" by Dr. Tom Cavanagh The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$18; Call 970-416-2486 or register online.**

**Apr 14 "Composting and Vermiculture", Bath Garden Center 2000 E. Prospect Rd. Ft. Collins 10am & 2pm Cost: \$10**

**Apr 21-22 Bath Nursery Spring Open House – 11-3pm Cost: FREE**

**Most classes sold out at Gulley's Greenhouse.**

Landscape Workshop sold out.

## **THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH**

**Plant bare-root roses and transplant rose bushes this month as soon as the soil becomes workable.**

**Roses and other tender shrubs should not be pruned at this time.**

**Pruning stimulates new growth that could be killed by frost or heavy snow.**

**It is best to prune many trees in late winter or early spring while they are dormant; therefore, if you have trees that need pruning, do it now. One advantage to pruning now is you can more easily see how to shape the tree when it has no leaves. Also, insects and disease organisms that penetrate trees through pruning wounds are less prevalent in cold weather. Birch, maple and walnut trees may ooze sap when pruned now. Therefore, some gardeners prefer to prune these in mid-summer.**

**In order to get good-sized onion bulbs, plant onion seed during March.**

**If you didn't fertilize your lawn in the fall, then you might want to fertilize it with a good nitrogen fertilizer in mid-March or early April to promote spring green-up and growth. (This recommendation does not apply to Buffalo grass or Bermuda grass.)**

**If your spring bulbs are poking through the soil, protect the foliage with mulch while the temps continue to alternate single digits at night with daytime temps in the 50s and 60s.**

**Once your soil has thawed out water new plants, particularly the deeper rooted trees and evergreens that may only be moist in the top few inches. A rule of thumb is the watch the ice on the ponds – during that time, the ground will also be frozen.**