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## LOVELAND GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME 19, NUMBER 7 March 2019

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Well, there are still several inches of snow in my garden and predictions for more to come tonight, but I can feel the garden season just around the corner. It's an exciting time of the year. I am eagerly awaiting the half off perennial sale at Fort Collins Nursery, and plan to start making regular visits to Gulley's, a nursery that is way too close to my home for the good of my pocketbook. Do any of you purchase plants without the slightest idea of where you are going to plant them? I hope I am not the only one who does this! I am not much of a veggie gardener, but this year I may even try to grow a tomato plant or two, so I am looking forward to our speaker for the March meeting, Kathy Hatfield. She is a real tomato expert and will offer a lot of practical advice. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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### NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

"Growing Tomatoes" presented by Kathy Hatfield – Raspberry Hill Farm  
March 20, All Saints Episcopal Church  
Hosts Betty Hill, Susan Whitfield, Nancy Bray and Irma Finnegan

### BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Leone Person Mar 1

Carol Klein Mar 10

Sue Phelps Apr 1

### EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO March-13 ~ April-13

#### ***Call Before You Dig Reminder***

Are you planting trees, building fences or doing other landscape projects that require digging or excavating? Call 811 before you dig. Pipeline companies and other utilities will mark the location of their lines at no cost to you. For additional information see [www.digsafe.com](http://www.digsafe.com).

**Gardens on Spring Creek Closure.** - Due to major construction the Gardens on Spring Creek will be closed as of Jan. 2, 2019. The closure is expected to last several months.

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](http://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 at [www.fcgov.com/gardens](http://www.fcgov.com/gardens);

970-416-2486 (ed. note -Probably sold out)

**Mar 9** "Introduction to Permaculture" by Tara Rae Kent & Daniela Escudero  
Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; 10 a.m.; Free; Pre-register 303-939-9403

**Mar 9** "Cover Crops for Gardeners: Why, How and Which" by Clark Harshbarger  
Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee \$20; ;\*\*Note: This class will be held next door to Harlequin's Gardens at Boulder Circus Center; Pre-register 303-939-9403

**Mar 10** "Fireblight Care: Pruning, Nutrition and Culture" by Mikl Brawner  
Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; 1 p.m.; \$15; Pre-register 303-939-9403  
**Mar 11** "The Meaning of Flowers" with Mary Munroe and Marjorie Monroe-Fischer.  
Master Gardener Series at the Loveland Public Library. At 1PM.

**Mar. 16** "Grow Your Own Veggies" by Mary Miller 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. 16** "Interpreting and Using Your Soil Science Test" by Jean Reeder  
Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Fort Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm; Fee: \$18; 970-416-2486

**Mar. 16** "Getting Started in Vegetable Gardening" 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. 16** "Mason Beekeeping" by Tom Theobald (This is a repeat of the class offered on March 2<sup>nd</sup> Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Please see [www.HarlequinsGardens.com](http://www.HarlequinsGardens.com) for details on ordering and paying for mason bee straws (a male and female in hibernation); Pre-register 303-939-9403

**Mar. 22** Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3501

**Mar. 23** "An Introduction to Medicinal Plants" by Kenna Castleberry and Sue Abernathy 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. 23** "Planting for Pollinators" by Kelly Kellow Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Fort Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm; Fee: \$18; 970-416-2486

**Mar. 23** "Get Equipped for Beekeeping" by Kristina Williams Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Free; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403

**Mar 23** "Cold Hardy Cacti & Succulents" by Kelly Grummons Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$20; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403

**Mar 25** "The Buck Stops Here: Gardening with Wildlife" with Charleen Barr, Loveland Public Library, 300 N Adams, Free 1 P M

**Mar. 30 – 31** Denver Orchid Society Show and Sale: Celebrate the Orchid  
Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 720-865-3501

**Apr 1 "Garden Myths and Mysteries: Learn the Truth!)", Loveland Public Library, 300 N Adams, 1 P M Free**

**Apr. 6 "Getting Started in Vegetable Gardening" 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**

**Ajar 6 "Rose Selection and Growing: Best Practices and Tips" by Roger Heins Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Fort Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm; Fee: \$18; 970-416-2486**

**Apr 13 "How Well Do You Know Your Sprinkler System?" by Eric Olson 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 - 12 pm; Fee: \$10; 970-416-2486**

**Apr. 13 "Uncommon and Underused Perennials" by Sherry Fuller Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Fort Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm; Fee: \$10; 970-416-2486**

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

- ✍ Plant peas, lettuce, spinach
- ✍ Plant spring bulbs
- ✍ Plant bare-root roses
- ✍ Plant something on St. Pat's Day.
- ✍ Apply compost for early spring crops
- ✍ Set out pansies in beds or frost proof containers. (harden off first)
- ✍ **In Colorado, March tends to be the snowiest month of the year. Heavy, wet snow can break the branches of evergreen trees and deciduous trees that have leafed out early. If heavy snowfall endangers tree branches, you may wish to knock off excess snow by gently lifting branches upward with a broom or rake. Be careful not to add to the weight already on the branches by pressing down!**
- ✍ Trim ornamental grasses close to ground. Use bungee cord and saw.
- ✍ Trim butterfly bush 3-5 inches above ground
- ✍ **Continue to water your yard periodically ("winter water") if it doesn't rain or snow. March's winds and sunny days can be very drying**
- ✍ **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**
- ✍ Stake out new beds or garden areas.
- ✍ Add trellises, tepees or latticework