

PETALS

LOVELAND GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME 19, NUMBER 8 April 2019

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! It's hard to believe the plant sale is only a month away. Thank you to all of the members who have already given many hours of their time helping to prepare for this event, our largest fund raiser. The plant sale truly is a team effort. We still need volunteers for a variety of tasks including; church monitoring, set-up on Friday and Saturday, clean up on Saturday, potting members' plants, creating silent auction items and baking goodies for the bake sale. Every one of these volunteer activities contributes to the overall success of the sale. There will be sign up sheets for church monitoring, silent auction and bake sale donations at our next meeting. If you would like to sign up, but cannot attend the April meeting, you can email me at nearbarb@yahoo.com. Times for Potting Parties will be announced at our April meeting or by email. You do not have to sign up to help on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Just show up. There will be plenty to do. Unless you receive notice by email, our start time will be 8:00 am on Friday and 7:00 am on Saturday. The plant sale is a lot of hard work, but it is also a whole lot of fun and helps to support deserving horticulture students. I look forward to seeing you at our April Meeting.

NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

"Dirt Cheap Gardening Whimsy" Deb Courtner, Master Gardener.
10 AM All Saints Episcopal Church, Loveland. Hosts: Elizabeth Darling, Susan
Panico, Barb Stube, Sarah Newton

BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Sue Phelps 4-1 Sarah Newton 4-8 BJ Michels 4-25

EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO MONTH-13 ~ MONTH-13

Apr. 19 -to Sept. 15 *Human Nature: Figures from the Craig Ponzio Sculpture Collection*
Opens Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3501

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

Apr. 13 "Edible Landscaping" by Alison Peck Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th
St. in Boulder; Time: 10 a.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403

Apr. 13 "Do-It-Yourself Drip Irrigation" by Alison Peck Harlequin's Gardens, 4795
N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register 303-939-9403

Apr. 14 Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 9
a.m. - 5 p.m.; 720-865-3501

- Apr. 14 "The Art And Science of Planting Drought-Tolerant Plants" by Panayoti Kelaidis Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 10 a.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403
- Apr. 14 "Spring Pruning" by Mikl Brawner Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403
- Apr. 14 "Classic Miniature Gardening" Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm; Fee: \$40 per spot, includes materials; For adults and a child accompanied by an adult; Register for this class online at www.fortcollinsnursery.com. 970-482-1984
- Apr. 20 North American Rock Garden Society and Colorado Native Plant Society Show & Sale Denver Botanic Gardens,; Free with paid admission to the Gardens; 720-865-3501
- Apr. 20 "Waterwise Irrigation Basics and Landscape Watering Strategies" by Jason Brown, Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Ft Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; 10 am - 12 pm;: \$10; 970-416-2486
- Apr. 20 "Weekend Water Savings: Simple Outdoor Projects for Water Savings" by Katie Collins Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Ft Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm;: \$10; 970-416-2486
- Apr. 20 "Fearless Rose Pruning" by Eve Brawner Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403
- Apr. 26 – 28 Northern Colorado Annual Spring Home and Garden Show Location: Larimer County Fairgrounds - First National Bank Exhibition Hall Time: Noon - 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday Fee: Free Information: www.mile-high-productions.com
- Apr. 27 Spring Open House Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Booths, entertainment, activities for kids, special deals, grand opening of newly expanded store and more; www.fortcollinsnursery.com. 970-482-1984
- Apr. 27 "Just Drip It!" by Dilloon Hancock 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. 27 "Growing Fruit Trees on the Front Range" by Susan Bonsall, CSU Ext Master Gardener Carnegie Center for Creativity, 200 Mathews St. (west of Old Town Library) in Ft Collins; Offered by The Gardens on Spring Creek; Time: 1 - 3 pm; Fee: \$18; 970-416-2486
- Apr. 28 "Dryer Plants for a New Landscape Era" by Kelly Grummons Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 10 a.m.; Fee \$20; Pre-register 303-939-9403
- May 10 – 11 Spring Plant Sale Denver Botanic Gardens,; 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday; Free admission to the Gardens and plant sale; 720-865-3501
- May 10 Pricing day for Loveland Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 AM. At the church. Bring your extra perennials, gloves and marking pen. This is fun and gets everything ready for the sale.
- *May 11 Loveland Garden Club Plant Sale and Antique & Artisan Market All Saints Episcopal Church, 3448 N. Taft Ave., Lvid; Time: 9 am - 2 pm; Annuals, perennials, veggie starts, herbs, silent auction, bake sale, & vintage garden collectibles.

May 11 "Vermicomposting" by John Anderson Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 1 p.m.; Fee \$15; Pre-register by calling 303-939-9403 **Worms will be available for purchase at the class for \$40. There is a \$5 discount if preordered by April 30. Call 303-939-9403 to preorder.

THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

GENERAL

- * Continue winter water, especially when temps are high several days in a row.
- * Prepare soil for beds of flowers and edibles.
- * Deep water trees, shrubs and roses.
- * Turn the compost pile.
- * Plant climbing vines for results in summer

INTERIOR

- * Fertilize pots of annuals and bulbs that were over wintered.
- * Check bulbs for dryness.
- * **KITCHEN GARDEN**
- * Sow cool crops of peas, onions, carrots, lettuce, spinach and radishes.
- * Hoe or hand pull spring weeds.
- * Plant zucchini and beans from seed in May.
- * Plant tomatoes and peppers from transplants at the end of May.
- * Interplant flower and herbs throughout a kitchen garden to confuse pests (nasturtiums, marigolds, basil, chives)
- * Begin harvesting early crops.

TREES AND SHRUBS

- * Check evergreens for browning
- * prune deciduous trees and shrubs that don't have signs of growth.
- * Prune junipers
- * Rake leaves from under and around trees, mulch. Wait a few weeks for shrubs.

LAWN

- * Get your lawn mower ready; clean up and sharpen blades. Leave grass high, 2".
- * Check lawn and beds for evidence of voles and treat, if necessary
- * Apply a pre-emergent herbicide if you had crabgrass last year.
- * Water heavily and less often
- * Aerate the lawn.
- * Prepare to activate the sprinkler system.

ROSES

- * Plant bare-root roses up until mid April.
- * Hold off cutting established roses until after last frost (usually around May 15)
- * Fertilize rose bushes

PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, AND BULBS

- * As perennials start to bud out, gently push back extra mulch for extra protection against frost. mid -May refresh beds and mulch for water retention.
- * Plant annuals at the same depth as in the container.
- * Start to harden and set out seedlings sowed indoors.
- * Check for aphids and other pests. Use slivers of Irish Spring soap and yellow Solo cups to discourage.
- * Pinch back mums so they are bushy in the fall.
- * Cut back perennials from last year.
- * Do not cut back foliage from tulips or daffodils as they finish. Needed for strength to make food for bulb.
- * Fork 2" or more of well-aged compost over garden bed.

- * Divide fall-blooming perennials.
- * Look for bargains at garden centers or early plant sales.
- * Cut back ornamental grasses at the base of the plant.
- * Put out seed for hardy annuals such as bachelor's button, calendula, larkspur, pansy and snapdragon late in April.

Start Digging

SPRING is the time when many gardeners remember the bulbs they planted last fall, as the first daffodils, tulips and crocus peek out of the soil.

But bulbs aren't just for spring. There's a wide range of blooms that sprout from these unique structures, from the snowdrops of winter to red hot poker, which thrives in summer's heat.

You can dig up a selection of flowering bulbs from this list, which includes true bulbs as well as corms, tubers, rhizomes and the like.

The words can appear horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and may be written forward or in reverse. If you can't collect all the answers, turn to page 60.

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 CALADIUM
 CALLA LILY
 CANNA
 CROCUS
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DAHLIA
 GLADIOLA
 GRAPE HYACINTH
 HARDY CYCLAMEN
 HARDY LILY
 HYACINTH
 IRIS

RED HOT POKER
 SNOWDROP
 SQUILL
 TUBEROUS BEGONIA
 TULIP
 VIRGINIA BLUEBELL

Best Host Plants for Bees

- Aster (*Aster spp.*)
- Bee balm (*Monarda spp.*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia spp.*)
- Blazing star (*Liatris spp.*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Coneflower (*Echinacea spp.*)
- Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
- Dill (*Anethum graveolens*)
- Giant hyssop (*Agastache spp.*)
- Globe thistle (*Echinops spp.*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*)
- Lacy phacelia (*Phacelia tanacetifolia*)
- Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)
- Milkweed (*Asclepias spp.*)
- Mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum spp.*)
- Nepeta (*Nepeta spp.*)
- Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*)
- Penstemon (*Penstemon spp.*)
- Sage (*Salvia spp.*)
- Sunflower (*Helianthus spp.*)
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis spp.*)