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LOVELAND GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME 17, NUMBER 8 April 2017

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All! It has been so wonderful to see the rain and signs of spring popping out - even if most are WAY too early. I just returned from a trip to south Arkansas. I usually hate to go in March because everything is so green and azaleas are blooming down there and here everything is still gray and covered with snow. This year I came home to a not that much different sight. Not sure if that is good or bad.

If you haven't already, it is definately time to start thinking about what you can divide and plant up for our plant sale. It's just a little over a month away and we are hoping for the best one yet! [Our next plant sale meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00.](#) We will need to make sure all our bases are covered at that meeting so if you can attend, please do.

NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

"The Journey to Your Own Habitat Hero Haven" Don Ireland, Audubon Rockies
April 19, 2017, 10:00 All Saints Episcopal Church
Hosts Michael Walter, Carol Herbert, Elizabeth Darling and Susan Panico

BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Linda Shupe Apr 1 Dixie Straight Apr 2 BJ Michels Apr 25
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EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO APRIL-13 ~ MAY-13

Apr. 8 "Bulbs: Spring and Fall" by Mike Schleining Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; Time: 10 - 11 a.m.; Free; Reservations required. Call 970-226-4924

Apr. 8 "Orchid Care Basics" by Jon Weiss The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Fee: \$25 members, \$30 non-members; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online

Apr. 8 "Turf Doctor: What is Your Lawn Saying?" by Eric Olson The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$10; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online.

Apr. 8 "Do It Yourself Drip Irrigation" 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 11 LGC Plant Sale Meeting 1PM at the church

Apr. 15 Designer Days. Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$45 donation that will go to Pathways Children's Healing Garden; Meet one-on-one for 45 minutes with an expert from Alpine Gardens; Reservations required; See website for details or call 970-226-4924

Apr 22 "Build a Worm Farm for Earth Day", Gulley Greenhouse 6029 S. Shields \$10, reservations recommended gulleygreenhouse.com

Apr 21-22

Garden club members,

Take advantage of this educational offering from our state garden club. CFGC is holding an Environmental Studies School April 20 and 21st in Colorado Springs and Woodland Park. This low cost opportunity is on Water and related issues. Don't miss out! The registration brochure is attached but you can also find out more about the course and instructors on our website. www.coloradogardenclubs.org.

Apr 27 LGC "Potting Party" 10:00 @ Naomi's house 208 Pamela Dr (W of 1st and Namaqua) Bring containers, gloves, tools and any plants you want to pot up for the Plant Sale, especially items and decorative pots to include in Silent Auction. (Call officers for *snow date*, Ha, Ha)

Apr. 29 Gardener's Expo Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; Time: 10 a.m.; Special offers, prizes, get info & ideas, learn about products from company sales representatives, and more; 970-226-4924

April 29 "Container Gardening for Small Spaces" Gulley Greenhouse 6029 S. Shields \$30, reservations recommended gulleygreenhouse.com

Apr. 29 Spring Open House Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Special activities for everyone; www.fortcollinsnursery.com. 970-482-1984

May 4 Evening Garden Party Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; 5 - 7 p.m.; Free; Reservations required; Refreshments, specials; See website or call 970-226-4924

May 3-4 Gardening Study School put on by Colo state garden clubs in CO Springs

May 6 "Photography Class" with Michael Wilcox. Gulley Greenhouse 6029 S. Shields \$15, reservations recommended gulleygreenhouse.com

May 9 "Native Pollinators and Their Habitats" High Plains Environmental Center, 2968 Bluestem Willow Dr., Loveland Free with registration cityofloveland.org/LWP lectures

May 13 Loveland Garden Club Plant Sale All Saints Episcopal Church
Loveland 8:00 AM - 2 PM

May 13 – 14 Spring Plant Sale The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12 - 5 p.m. on Sunday; This event supports horticulture programs at CSU, Front Range Community College, High Plains Environmental Center and The Gardens on Spring Creek; See website for details; 970-416-2486

THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

- ✦ Take cuttings of houseplants
- ✦ Divide inside herbs
- ✦ Plant pansies, flowers attractive to Hummingbirds
- ✦ Prune hibiscus and butterfly bush
- ✦ Mulch and fertilize raspberries, strawberries
- ✦ **In spite of the temptation, don't plant annuals in your flowerbeds just yet. You need to wait until the danger of frost is past—usually mid-May along the Front Range. There are only a few hardy flowers, such as pansies and violas, that can safely be planted now.**
- ✦ **Once crocuses, daffodils, tulips, and other bulbs have bloomed, cut off faded flowers, but do not trim off the leaves until they have wilted and died. The leaves produce food that the bulb will store and use for next year's growth and bloom.**
- ✦ **Purchase summer-flowering bulbs in early spring while the selection is good, but wait to plant them after the danger of frost is past. Local garden centers, gardening sites on the web and flower catalogs offer a wide selection of bulbs such as amaryllis, dahlias, gladiolus, lilies and tuberous begonias.**
- ✦ **Wait until the end of the month to prune roses. New growth can be badly damaged by killing frosts if you prune them too early.**
- ✦ **During April you can plant cold hardy vegetables: peas, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, radishes, potatoes, spinach, turnips, cabbage and lettuce.**
- ✦ **Don't prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as lilacs, at this time. They should be pruned right after they have bloomed.**

- You should remove the tree wrap you placed on the trunks of young trees last fall. It can constrict the growth of the tree trunk and foster insects and disease if left on during the warmer months.
- To prevent problems with crabgrass and other grassy weeds in your lawn you may want to apply a pre-emergent herbicide in early April. (Note: A thick, healthy lawn that is maintained properly will help prevent the growth of weeds, enabling you to limit the use of chemicals.)
- Spring is a good time for core aerating your Kentucky bluegrass lawn. This procedure helps control thatch build-up and reduces soil compaction and water run-off
- Pot up perennials to share with friends and your local Garden Club!

GROW FOOD, NOT LAWN WORKOUT ROUTINE



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