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LOVELAND GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME 18, NUMBER 3 NOVEMBER 2017

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am happy to say that I got the last of my bulbs planted before winter comes our way. Bulb planting always marks the end of the outdoor gardening season for me. Other than doing a little winter watering, for the next few months, I will be doing my gardening by looking through plant catalogues and attending gardening classes.

The Loveland Garden Club Scholarship at Front Range Community College is now ready to go. The application process will open on December 1st and close on March 1st. The college will screen applicants and send us those that meet our criteria. We will need to select our recipient during the first 2 weeks of April. I want to thank Ronni and Farris Clark for taking a leadership role in this project. I would also like to thank Penny Kragie, Linda McArthur, Linda Hollingsed and Betty Hill for helping to develop the selection criteria.

At our November meeting we will vote on the Board's recommendation for the distribution of the money we have budgeted for donations. You should have received an email from me outlining our proposal. As always if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

I wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving.

NEXT MEETING / HOSTS AND PROGRAM

10AM Wednesday November 15, All Saints Episcopal Church, Loveland. "High Plains Environmental Center" presented by Jim Tolstrup
Hosts: Penny Kragie, Barb Near, Nancy Hollenbeck, Janet Wagner, Marilyn Touhy

BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLUB

Paula Eldridge 11-7; John Murphy 11-24; Carol Bergersen 12-4

EVENTS IN NORTHERN COLORADO Nov-13, 2017 ~ Dec-13, 2017

Nov 15 LGC meeting 10:00 All Saints Episcopal Church, Loveland.

Nov.18 \$5 Day at Butterfly Pavilion Butterfly Pavilion & Insect Center, in Westminster; Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; See Events page at www.butterflies.org for details.

Nov. 18 Holiday Open House Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; Time: 10 am - 3 pm; See www.fortcollinsnursery.com. 970-482-1984

Nov 20 Monday set up tree at Library

Nov. 24 - 26 Holiday Open House Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 10 am - 5 pm; Live music, refreshments, locally made gifts; 303-939-9403

Nov. 24 - Dec. 24 on TH, F, S & S Holiday Gift Market Harlequin's Gardens, 4795 N. 26th St. in Boulder; Time: 10 am - 5 pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; Gifts for gardeners and non-gardeners; 303-939-9403

Nov. 24 - Dec. 24 Blossoms of Light Denver Botanic Gardens, Time: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. nightly; Thousands of holiday lights adorn the trees and plants; refreshments available for purchase; Entertainment on selected evenings; Fee: Advance purchase at reduced rates, prices higher at the door; See www.botanicgardens.org for details; 720-865-3501

Nov. 25 Holiday Preview Fossil Creek Nursery in Fort Collins; Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Get decorating ideas, see demonstrations and enjoy refreshments; 970-226-4924

Nov. 18 "Create Your Own Indoor Bonsai" by Richard W. Bender, Author The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Fee: \$45, includes materials; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online

Nov. 19 "Classic Miniature Gardening" Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and repeated at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.; 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.

Dec. 1 - Jan 7 Garden of Lights The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 5 - 9 p.m.; Fee: \$5 suggested donation per adult, \$2 per child, ages 2 and under free. Enjoy lights, shopping for gifts, entertainment and more. Weekend nights include additional features; See www.fcgov.com/gardens for details.

Dec. 2 "Create a Christmas Wreath" by Nancy Frank The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins; Time: 1 - 3 p.m.; Fee: \$30, includes materials; Call 970-416-2486 to register or register online.

Dec. 2 - 3 Poinsettia and Champagne Open House Lafayette Florist and Greenhouses in Lafayette; Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Champagne, hot cider & holiday breads; holiday decorating and gift giving ideas; ornaments, trees, wreaths, garlands, poinsettias and more; 303-665-0771

Dec. 4 "Holiday Wreaths" Sturtz & Copeland Florist & Greenhouse in Boulder; Time: 10 am.; Free, does not include materials; Call 303-442-6663 to register.

Dec. 10 "Holiday/Classic Miniature Gardening" Fort Collins Nursery, 2121 East Mulberry in Fort Collins; Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Holiday) and repeated at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (Classic); 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.

THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH



The foliage of many perennials will die after a hard frost. Rake up and remove any diseased foliage to prevent disease organisms from over-wintering and then re-infecting plants in the spring. Foliage that was healthy may be removed either this fall or next spring.



After the ground has frozen, spread a layer several inches thick of coarse mulch over the perennial bed. The mulch will help the soil to retain moisture and maintain a more even temperature during freeze/thaw cycles.



Once the ground freezes protect rosebushes from winter damage by mounding an 8-10" layer of mulch or soil over the crown (the bottom section of the bush). To prevent mulch from blowing or washing away you may want to place a rose collar, available at garden centers, around the base of the bush and fill it with mulch.



Canes of climbing roses tend to be susceptible to winter damage caused by Colorado's intense sunlight, dryness, and frequent freeze/thaw cycles. You may want to protect the canes by wrapping them loosely with burlap.



To encourage a Christmas cactus to bloom, place it where it will have 12-14 hours of darkness each night this month. It prefers cool night temperatures (50-55 degrees F).



Don't neglect winter watering. Lawns, trees and shrubs need more moisture than Mother Nature usually provides during late fall and winter in Colorado.



Clean and move all terra-cotta pots to a frost-free place



Sharpen tools and store



Make a map of where everything was planted this year What worked and what didn't???(even a "bubble" map)



Veggie cleanup. Put plant debris in the compost pile. Top dress with

compost (don't use any diseased plant)

