

## April Calendar

### Classes & Meetings

**Adams County CSU Ext. Classes. 4/8: All About Tomatoes**, 10-12pm. **5/6: Vegetable Varieties for Colorado**, 10-12. All the specifics of tomato care from irrigation to fertilization to harvest and beyond. Adams County Fairgrounds Parks Meeting Rooms, 9755 Henderson Rd, Brighton. Call 303-637-8016 for info. Register: [tinyurl.com/hdos964](http://tinyurl.com/hdos964).

**Association of Professional Landscape Designers. 4/12: Colorado Chapter Coffee Talk Series** – Promoting the Value of Design, 7:30-8:30am, free. Brewing Market, Lafayette. [info@APLDco.org](mailto:info@APLDco.org).

**CO Native Plant Society Workshops. 4/1: Using Colorado Native Plants on Green Roofs**, Douglas County Extension Office, 410 Fairgrounds Rd, Castle Rock. **4/8: Great Plains Ethnobotany & Folklore**, Poudre Learning Center, Greeley **4/9: Tropical & Latin American Ethnobotany**, Poudre Learning Centre, 8313 W. F Street, Greeley. **4/29 & 4/30: Front Range Thistle Identification**, 6550 Gateway Rd, Commerce City. Workshops 9am-3pm, \$35/45. More info: [conps.org](http://conps.org).

**CSU Extension Native Plant Master Program Classes. 4/27 & 5/16: Basic Botany**, 6-9pm. **5/14 & 5/31: Wildflowers of Green Mountain**, 8:30am–12:30pm. **5/18: Plant Families of Colorado**, 6-9pm. **5/24: Painting the Native Landscape**, 11:30am-4pm. Register: [npm.eventbrite.com](http://npm.eventbrite.com).

**Denver Botanic Gardens. 4/6: Totally Tomato**, 6pm, \$36/31; **The Cook's Herb Garden**, 6pm, \$54/49. **4/7: Beginning Farmers Workshop Series: Irrigation & Equipment Use**, 9-3, at Chatfield Farms. **4/8: Herbal Home & Garden Workshop**, 9am, \$79/74; **Pruning & Training Your Roses**, 10am, \$31/26; **The Twelve Oils of Ancient Scripture**, 10am, \$41/36. **4/11: Intro to Beekeeping**, \$41/36. **4/13: Botanical Soap Making**, 6pm, \$62/57; **Garden Guru Tour**, 1pm, \$17/15. **4/15: Invitation to Ikebana: Modern**, 2pm, \$44/39. **4/18: Going Organic**, 6pm, \$36/32. **4/20: Lecture- Resource Harvesting for Dynamic Gardens & Neighborhoods** w/ Brad Lancaster, 6pm social hour, 6:30 program. **4/21: Workshop- Planting the Rain: Integrated Water Harvesting Systems** w/ Brad Lancaster, 9am. **4/22: Essential Oils for Vitality**, 10am, \$43/38. **4/27: Growing Food in Raised Vegetable Gardening Beds**, 6pm, \$24/20; **Making Great Compost 3 Ways**, 6pm, \$41/36, **Get Wet- Water Gardening Fun in 2017!** Keynote presentation by Tamara Kilbane, senior horticulturist of the Aquatic Collection, sponsored by CO Water Garden Society & DBG, 6:30-8:30pm. **4/28: Rain Barrels at Home**, 10am, \$42/36. **4/29: A Tomato Story**, 9am, \$23/18; **Beginning Bonsai**, 9am, \$82/78. **5/5: A Simple Guide to Planning a Seed Garden**, 3pm. 1007 York St, Denver. Registration: [BotanicGardens.org](http://BotanicGardens.org) or (720) 865-3500.

**Denver Rose Society.** Monthly meeting open to the public at Denver Botanic Gardens Plant Society House, 1007 York St. [Denverrosesociety.org](http://Denverrosesociety.org), 303 880-7415. Visitors & guests always welcome.

**Dig & Dream Garden Club** meets every 3rd Monday, 12 pm at Smokey Hill Library, 5430 Biscay Circle, Centennial. We share gardening ideas & have speakers on many topics. Join us for a meeting, meet friendly men & women who love to garden. Info: Gayle 720-427-7194, Aggie 701-663-2006.

**Echters Nursery & Garden Center. 4/8: Trees & Shrubs for Colorado Gardens**, 9:30-11am; **Xeriscape Gardening**, 1-2:30pm; **Dig In to Vegetable Gardening**, 3-4:30pm. **4/9: The Berry Basket – Small Fruits for the Garden**, 1-2:30pm. **4/10: Pond in a Pot**, 6-7pm. **4/11: Ornamental Grass – Waves in the Wind**, 6-7pm. **4/12: Weeds – The Uninvited Guests at Your Garden Party**, 6-7pm. **4/15: Beautiful Plants – Classy Containers**, 9:30-11am; **A Rose is a Rose is a Rose**, 1-2:30pm; **Hanging Basket Demonstration**, 3-4:30pm. Classes free, no registration required. (303) 424-7979. 5150 Garrison St, Arvada. [Echters.com](http://Echters.com).

**The Flower Bin** in Longmont offers a variety of classes. Visit [www.theflowerbin.net](http://www.theflowerbin.net) for details. 1805 Nelson Rd, Longmont. (303) 773-3454.

**Fort Collins Nursery. 4/8: Fantasy Orchid Day. 4/9: Classic Fairy Gardening**, \$40, 11-12:30pm & 1:30-3. **4/29: Spring Open House.** 2121 E. Mulberry St., Fort Collins. Registration and complete class list:

FortCollinsNursery.com or 970 482-1984.

**The Gardens on Spring Creek. 4/1: Designing, Building & Planting Raised Beds for Vegetables,** 10am-12pm, \$18; **Building Interlocking Concrete Paver Patios, Paths & Driveways- Traditional vs Permeable!** 1-3pm, \$10. **4/8: Orchid Care Basics,** 10am-12pm, \$30; **Turf Doctor: What is your lawn saying?** 1-3pm, \$10. **4/15: Audubon Rockies N. Colorado Habitat Hero Event: Wildscaping 101 + Plant Walk,** 10am-12pm, \$10; **Gentle Movement for Gardeners w EarthBeat Dance,** 1-3pm, \$15. **4/29: Not the Usual Suspects: Underused Perennials,** 10am-12pm, \$10; **Beekeeping Through the Four Seasons: Spring,** 1-3pm, \$18. **5/6: Gardening for Insects – Or Not!** 10am-12pm, \$18; **Introduction to Urban Homesteading,** 1-3pm, \$18. 2145 S Centre Ave, Ft. Collins. fcgov.com/horticulture or 970 416-2486.

**Growing Gardens Greenhouse. 4/1 & 4/6: Gardening 101: An Introduction to Gardening,** 9-11:30am Sat or 6-8pm Thur, \$40. **4/8: Beekeeping Series: Understanding the Bees,** 9am-12pm. **4/29: Honeybee Colony Care,** 9am-12pm. **4/30: Summer Garden Management,** 9-11:30am, \$40. For more info: growinggardens.org 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. (303) 443-9952.

**Harding Nursery. 4/1: Vegetable Gardening for Beginners & Struggling Gardeners,** 9-10:30am. **4/8: Integrated Pest & Disease Management,** 9-10:30am. hardingnursery.com 721 N Powers Blvd, Colorado Springs 719-596-5712.

Harlequin's Gardens Sustainable Nursery. **4/1: Getting Started in Vegetable Gardening,** 10am; **Seed Starting Success,** 1pm. **4/2: Succession Planting,** 1pm. **4/8: Do It Yourself Drip Irrigation,** 10am; **Organic Lawn Care,** 1pm. **4/15: Edible Landscaping,** 10am; **Neonicotinoid Pesticides,** 1pm; **4/22: Native Bees for Youngsters,** 10am; **Fearless Rose Pruning,** 1pm. **4/23: Viticulture,** 1pm. **4/29-5/5: Annual May Day Celebration & Sale.** Pre-registration advised for classes. www.HarlequinsGardens.com 4795 26th St, N. Boulder. (303) 939-9403.

**Jared's Nursery. 4/1: Attracting Hummingbirds & Butterfly to the Outdoor Room,** 11am-12pm. **4/8: Spring Start Up for the Pond & Water Features,** 11am-12pm, **Attracting Hummingbirds & Butterflies to the Outdoor Room,** 1-2pm. **4/15: 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt,** 10am. **4/22: Spring Open House & Earth Day,** 9-5. **4/29: Planting a Container Pizza Garden & More,** 11am-12pm. Jaredsgarden.com. 10500 W Bowles Ave, Littleton. 303 979-6022.

**Lyons Farmette. 4/8-4/9: Spring Gardening Intensive Workshop,** Sat 9am - Sun 1pm. **4/12: Cured Cooking Class,** 6-9pm. **4/30: Vermicomposting: Wonderful Worms,** 1-3pm. Betsy@Lyonsfarmette.com. 4121 Ute Hwy (Hwy 66), Lyons. 303 746-6266.

**Nick's Garden Center. 4/1: How to Grow Prize Winning Produce,** 11am-12pm. **4/8: What's New in Plant Select,** 11am-12pm. nicksgardencenter.com. 2001 S Chambers Rd, Aurora. 303 696-6657.

**Paulino Gardens. 4/2: Container Gardens – Anything Goes!** W. Marcia Tatroe, 2pm. **4/9: Landscape Facelift** w/ Betty Cahill, 2pm. **4/15: Roses in the Spring: Pruning, Planting & Feeding** w/ Dave Ingram of the Denver Rose Society, 10am; **Worm Composting the Easy Way** w/ Dave Ingram, 2pm. 6300 N Broadway, Denver. 303 429-8062, paulinogardens.com.

**Pikes Peak Urban Gardens.** Check website for classes. 1001 E. Van Buren St., CO springs. ppugardens.org 719-651-3416

**Purge Your Spurge - & Get Free Plants.** 9 am-noon. Sat, 4/1 at Boulder Cnty Fairgrounds, Longmont. Sat, 5/6 at ReSource, 6400 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder. Sat, May 20 at CSU Ext., 888 E. Iliff Ave, Denver. More info at Purge Your Spurge on Facebook.

**Sturtz & Copeland Classes. 5/17: All About Roses,** 6-8pm, free. Check website for more classes. sturtzandcopeland.com. 2851 Valmont Rd, Boulder. (303) 442-6663.

**Tagawa Gardens. 4/1: Landing a Great Lawn 101,** 10-11am; **Toughest Trees & Shrubs for Colorado,** 2-3pm. **4/2: Landing a Great Lawn 101,** 1-2pm. **4/9: Roses 101** w/ Tammy Jansen of the Denver Rose Society, 2-3pm. **4/15: Japanese Beetles: What You Need to Know,** 10-11am. **4/21: Night of Wine & Roses** w/ music from Los Chicos Malos Quintet, 4-7pm. **4/22: Creating Curb Appeal,** 10-11am; **The Secrets of**

**Irrigation Management**, 12-1:15pm; **Dog Tuff Grass Seminar**, 2-4pm. **4/29-4/30: Spring Tomatopalooza; Tomato Chat Stations**, 10-3pm; **4/29: Straw Bale Gardening**, 10-11am; **Planting Your Garden for Continuous Color**, 12-1pm; **Springtime Native Plant Walk** along the Cherry Creek Trail, 1-3pm; **Growing Veggies on Your Balcony, Porch, or Patio**, 2-3pm. **4/30: Growing Tomatoes 101**, 1-2:30. **5/6: Pruning 101** w/ Craig Miller, 1-2pm. 7711 S Parker Rd, Centennial. [TagawaGardens.com](http://TagawaGardens.com) or 303 690-4722.

## EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

### Sat, April 1

**11th Annual Western Landscape Symposium** w/keynote speaker David Salman of High Country Gardens. Sessions on composting, grasshoppers, trees, edible natives & more. Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO. Info: (719) 583- 6566 or [westernlandscape.org](http://westernlandscape.org).

**Denver Rose Society- Annual Educational SymROSEium at Denver Botanic Gardens.** Free w/ paid admission to DBG. "Japanese Beetles" w/ Carol O'Meara, CSU ext Entomologist; "Practically Perfect: Ideal Roses for YOUR Garden & their Secrets for Success" w/ Tammy Jansen, Den Rose Society. 9:30-12:30. 1007 York St, Denver. [denverrosesociety.org](http://denverrosesociety.org), (303) 880-7415.

### April 2-7

**Seed School at Denver Botanic Gardens.** \$750/650 members, includes lunch. April 2-5 at 1007 York St, Denver. April 6-7 at Chatfield Farms, 8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. Register: [RockyMountainSeeds.org](http://RockyMountainSeeds.org) or 928-255-1125.

### April 22-23

**Wild West Gardening Conference**, Cheyenne, WY. Taking gardeners and specialty crop growers to a new level of success. Programs from successful vegetables gardening to growing lavender, perennial flowers, plus 5 hands on workshops, vendor show, diner speaker and much more. Registration is \$90 on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) for more information call Catherine at 307-633-4383.

### April 27

**Get Wet- Water Gardening Fun in 2017!** Keynote presentation by Tamara Kilbane, senior horticulturist of the Aquatic Collection, sponsored by CO Water Garden Society & DBG, 6:30-8:30pm, Gates Hall at Denver Bot. Gardens. Open to the public & free admission – use after hours entrance North of Visitors Center.

### May 6

**Pikes Peak Herb Fest**, 9-4 rain or shine. Over 50 local vendors. Lush herbs, fruit trees, vegetable starts, seeds. Local food, herbs for body, mind & kitchen. Tour a tiny house, attend great classes, free chai on tap. [PeakHerbFest.com](http://PeakHerbFest.com) for list of vendors & more info. Aspen Pointe Café in the El Paso County Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd, CO Springs. \$3 adults, \$1 seniors, students & children free.

### May 20

**Northern Water Conservation Gardens Fair**, 9:30-2. 220 Water Ave, Berthoud.

## PLAN AHEAD

### June 8-10

**Four Corners Horticulture Conference** with an All-Star line-up of speakers including: David Salman - Founder of High Country Gardens; Mike Kintgen - Curator of Alpine Collections, DBG; Kelly Grummons - Renowned Plantsman & Cactus Hybridizer; Mike Bone - Curator of Steppe Collections, DBG; Don & Donnie Barnett – Author, *The Cactus of Colorado*; Andrew Hatch - Denver Orchid Society; Jim Klette - CSU Horticulture Prof.; Pat Hayward, Phytologic Horticulture Services; & Jeff Wagner, CO Nursery Professional. At Fort Lewis College. [durangobotanicalsociety.com](http://durangobotanicalsociety.com) for

details & registration

### June 24 & 25

**11th Annual Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds** self-guided charity pond tour. 9-5. All net profits will be matched & donated to the Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region by Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes. Tickets with tour map just \$5. Available in May online at [purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds/](http://purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds/) & at all 3 Pioneer Sand locations in CO Springs, Monument, the Black Forest. 717-896-0038.

### July 23-28

**35th Perennial Plant Symposium**, to be held in Denver, CO this year. Higher education includes 28 sessions, 6 industry tours, a trade show and endless networking. Full Details & Registration Now Available at [www.ppadenver.com](http://www.ppadenver.com) #hortiholics2017reunion #ppadenver.

## PLANT SHOWS & SALES

### March 31-April 2

**Perennial Palooza at Fort Collins Nursery.** 50% off select perennials. 2121 E. Mulberry St., Fort Collins. [FortCollinsNursery.com](http://FortCollinsNursery.com) or 970 482-1984.

### April 14 & 15

**Plant Hunter's Market** presented by North American Rock Garden Society Rocky Mtn Chapter. Friday, 5-8pm, members only. Sat. 9-3. 10,000+ Rock loving plants- Xeric, Alpine & Native, w/ Colorado Native Plant Society. Mitchell Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens, 1005 York St, Denver.

### April 22

**Colorado Dahlia Society Tuber Sale at Paulino Gardens.** 6300 N Broadway, Denver. 303 429-8062, [paulinogardens.com](http://paulinogardens.com).

### May 5, 6 & 7

**Heirloom Tomato Farms** offers over 100 different & hard to find varieties of tomato plants. All organic, non GMO from seed. 5/5 from 11-5, 5/6 & 7 from 9-4. At 2 Denver locations: RINO ART DIST, Farm 39, 3611 Chestnut PL, 80216 and CAPITAL HILL, The Sparrow, 475 Corona St, 80218. More sale dates at [www.heirloomtomatofarms.com](http://www.heirloomtomatofarms.com).

### May 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21

**Growing Gardens 17th Annual Community Plant Sale**, 8am-4pm. Best selection of locally-grown, organic heirloom tomatoes, vegetable & herb starts, plenty of Bee Safe annuals & perennials, water-wise plants, natives, berries, grasses and more! [growinggardens.org](http://growinggardens.org) 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. (303) 443-9952.

### May 11-13

**Denver Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale.** Preview party Thurs 4-8. Sale Fri 8-6 & Sat 8-5. Fifteen plant divisions, including Herbs, Grown at the Gardens, Hanging Baskets, Plant Select, Water-Smart, Roses, Mixed Succulents & more. Staffed by experts to answer your plant questions and offer excellent advice. Free admission to the plant sale & the Gardens. 10 member discount on plants. [Botanicgardens.org](http://Botanicgardens.org) 1007 York St, Denver. 720-865-3501.

### May 12-14

**Gardens on Spring Creek Spring Plant Sale.** The Gardens will have just what you need to grow a beautiful landscape, bountiful veggie garden, and lively containers this spring! Members only Friday 3-6, Public hours Saturday 9-4 & Sunday noon-5. Proceeds support horticulture programs at CSU, FRCC, High Plains Environmental Center, & The Gardens. 2145 S Centre Ave, Ft. Collins. [fcgov.com/horticulture](http://fcgov.com/horticulture) or 970 416-2486.

### Sat, May 13

**Boulder Garden Club Annual Plant Sale.** 9-noon. Unitarian Universalist Church, 5001 Pennsylvania Ave, Boulder. BoulderGardenClub.org.

**Boulder Culinary Gardeners Plant Sale,** 1000's of plants to choose from: vegetables, small fruits, annual & perennial flowers, ornamental shrubs. All organic & bee safe. at Bickel Sheep Farm, 988 7th St, Boulder.

**High Plains Environmental Center Grand Opening & Native Plant Sale,** 9-3. 2968 Bluestem Willow Dr, Loveland. Suburbitat.org.

**Loveland Garden Club Plant Sale, Antique & Artisan Market,** 9-2. Annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs, silent auction, live music, garage & bake sale, vintage garden collectibles, artisan market. All Saint's Episcopal Church 3448 N Taft, Loveland.

**Happy Transplants Garden Club 18th Annual Plant Sale,** 9-3 or until sold out. Perennials, Annuals, vegetables, herbs. Rain date May 14. Vectra Bank Parking Lot (SW Corner 72nd Ave & Irving, Westminster.)

### May 19-21

**Horticulture Art Society of CO Springs Gigantic Annual Spring Plant Sale.** Friday & Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Achieve your gardening dreams while supporting the Horticultural Art Society's public gardens in your community. Our friendly, knowledgeable and passionate volunteer gardeners can help you find those unique and fabulous plants suited for your specific garden needs. H.A.S. Demonstration Garden, 222 Mesa Rd & Glen Ave, CO Springs.

### May 20-21

**Denver Master Gardener 12th Annual Spring Plant Sale,** Saturday 8-3, Sunday 10-3. Featuring heirloom tomatoes, New Mexico chiles, annuals & perennials. Master Gardeners on hand to answer all of your questions! Rain or shine. CSU Denver Extension, 888 E Iliff Ave, Denver. 720-913-5270.

### May 20

**Front Range Organic Gardeners & The Herb Society of America- Rocky Mtn Unit 16th Annual Plant Sale.** Sat, 9-1. Huge selection of organically grown herbs, tomatoes, vegetables, annuals, perennials. Cash only. Denver Presbytery Center. 1710 S. Grant St., Denver.

### June 3

**Fairmount Heritage Rose Sale,** 8am until sold out. Follow signs to Chapel in the Pines. Fairmount Cemetery, 430 S. Quebec St, Denver. 303-399-0692.