

WINTER/SPRING COURSES, CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

The **Water Conservation Depts. of many municipalities offer Xeriscape classes, Irrigation seminars & more.** Contact your city's Water Conservation office or check their website for more.

Colorado State University offers degree programs in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. colostate.edu

Colorado Master Gardener Program. Many county offices of **CO State University's Extension Program** offer **Master Gardener Training** as well as other trainings in **horticulture, composting, agriculture & natural resources.** Download Master Gardener Training schedule: www.cmg.colostate.edu/index.shtml. For info on other programs contact your local ext. office.

CSU Extension offers a **Native Plant Master Program** to learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in Colorado. To reserve a spot for 2018 offerings: <http://npm.eventbrite.com>. For more info: www.M2Mnativeplantmaster.org or [303-271-6621](tel:303-271-6621).

Denver Botanic Gardens offers an extensive roster of classes and lectures, a distinguished botanical illustration program, & the Rocky Mt Garden Certification Program. www.botanicgardens.org or call 720 865-3580.

Numerous **Colorado Garden Clubs** (check www.coloradogardenclubs.org) and plant societies (focusing on roses, herbs, native plants, water gardens, cacti & succulents, carnivorous plants, African violets & gesneriads, orchids, fungi, etc.) offer presentations, speakers, & plant sales.

Front Range Community College offers a two-year degree program and a one or two-semester certificate in **Landscaping & Horticulture Technologies** (frontrange.edu/enroll) plus an **Urban AG Management Certificate**. For more info: frontrange.edu

FEBRUARY

Adams County Ext. & Brighton Shares the Harvest Class: Seed Starting for Vegetable Gardeners, Sat, Feb. 24th, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm, Ext, Bldg, Adams County Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton. Need based scholarships available.
Register: <https://adamscountygardening2018afternoon.eventbrite.com> or contact Eric or Cassey at 303-637-8100.

APLD Colorado (Assoc. of Professional Landscape Designers) Luncheon Mingle at Kitchen in Denver, **Thur, Feb 15.** More info: www.alpdco.org Visit them at Booth 913, ProGreen Expo.

Beginning Beekeeping NOT for Dummies: Feb 4, Feb 11 or Mar 3. All day. **Starting Right w/ Packages, Nucs & Swarms: Feb 8 or 19th 7-9 pm. Early Spring Management – Feeding & Swarm Control: Mar 8 or 19, 7-9 pm.** www.beehaventoring.com

CO Native Plant Society Workshops. 2/3: Gymnosperms, Conifers & Pines, 9am, Regis University, Claver Hall Room 306. 2/13: Metro-Denver Chapter Program: Flora from the Colorado River Source to the Gulf of Mexico, 6:30-8:30pm, Denver Botanic Gardens, Plant Society Building. More info: conps.org

Denver Botanic Gardens. 2/3: **Fearless Shrub Pruning**, 9-11; **Art of Pressed Flowers**, 9:30 – noon; **The Forgotten Season: Planting for Winter Beauty & Wildlife**, 1 – 3pm. 2/8: **Planning a Medicinal Plant Garden**, 6 – 8pm; **Beginning Farmers Core Curriculum & Hands-On Workshops**, 6-9pm; **Starting Your Garden from Seed**, 6 – 8:30pm. 2/10: **Intro to Permaculture**, 9 – 4; **Understanding Essential Oils**, 10 – noon; **Smart Container Gardening**, 10:30 – noon; **Berries & Grapes for the Fr. Range**, 1 – 3pm. 2/11, 2/14, 2/16: **Love Potions from the Vine Tour**, 3 – 4pm. 2/12: **A New Gardener Boot Camp**, 6 – 8pm. 2/15: **Beginning Rocky Mountain Gardening**, 6 – 8:30pm; **Growing Roses in CO – Planning a Rose Garden**, 6:30 – 8:30pm. 2/17: **New Gardener Boot Camp**, 9 – 4; **Home Fruit Trees for the Front Range**, 10 – 1. 2/22: **Plants for the Plains** at Plains Conservation Center, 6 – 7pm; 2/24: **Understanding Front Range Soils**, 9 – noon; **Orchids 101**, 1 – 3pm; **Invitation to Ikebana: Shoka**, 2 – 4pm. 2/27: **Intro to Beekeeping**, 6 – 9pm. Check website for class fees. 1007 York St, Denver. Registration: BotanicGardens.org or 720 865-3500.

Denver Rose Society Monthly Meetings. 2/10: **New Roses for Your Garden** w/ David Ingram, 10am. Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York St. Denverrosesociety.org, 303 880-7415. Visitors & guests always welcome.

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

Fort Collins Nursery Winter Workshop Series. 2/3: **The Science and Culture of Coffee**, 10 – noon; **Houseplant Care**, 1 – 3pm. 2/10: **Pruning Basics for Shrubs & Small Trees**, 10 – noon; **Seeing & Thinking Like a Landscape Beginner**. 2/17: **Native Plants for Bees, Butterflies & Beauty!** 10 – noon; **Totally Terrific Tomatoes**, 1 – 3pm. Workshops \$18. 2121 E. Mulberry St., Fort Collins. Registration & complete class list: FortCollinsNursery.com or 970 482-1984.

Front Range Wild Ones. 2/28: **Learn How to Propagate Native Plants from Seeds**, \$10, 5-7pm @ REI Denver. Register at www.brownpapertickets.com

The Gardens on Spring Creek. 2/3: **Restoring & Establishing Native Open Space**, \$10, 10 – noon; **Chocolate: From Bean to Bar**, \$25, 1 – 3. 2/10; **Intensive Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces**, \$18, 1 – 3pm. 3/17: **Turf Selection, Installation & Maintenance Demystified**, \$18, 10 – noon. 2/24: **Grow Your Own Veggies**, \$18, 10 – noon; **Planting for Pollinators**, \$10, 1 – 3pm. 2145 S Centre Ave, Ft. Collins. fcgov.com/horticulture or 970 416-2486

Harding Nursery. For info visit Hardingnursery.com 721 N Powers Blvd, Colorado Springs 719-596-5712

Hudson Gardens. 2/24: **February Bird Walk**, 8 – 11am. The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, 6115 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton. Hudsongardens.org

Irrigation Assoc. Education Classes. 2/20-21: **Principles of Irrigation Landscape**, \$190, 8-5. 2/22: **Landscape Water Management & Planning**, \$130, 8-5. 2/23: **Managing a Landscape Irrigation Service Company**, \$80, 8-12. Register at coloradowaterwise.org/events by Tues, 2/13. Northern Water Headquarters, 220 Water Ave, Berthoud. Northernwater.org

Jared's Nursery. All classes are free & begin at 11 am unless noted. Check website or FB for updates. 2/3: **Orchids 101**. 2/10: **Damn Those Deer** – learn to prevent damage plus advice on critter resistant plants. 2/17 **Seeds & Seed Starting**. 2/24: **Design Consultations** w/ local landscapers. 3/3: **Veggie Gardening**. 3/10: **Herbs**, plus **Pet Safety & Hazardous Plants @ 2 pm**. 3/17: **Prune-A-Thon** -Full day of demos &

seminars. **3/24: Seeds & Seed Starting. 3/31: Annual Easter Egg Hunt. 4/7: Wake up Your Pond/Water Feature**, plus **Container Gardening @ 2 pm.**

Jaredsgarden.com. 10500 W Bowles Ave, Littleton. 303 979-6022.

Nick's Garden Center. For upcoming classes: nicksgardencenter.com. 2001 S Chambers Rd, Aurora. 303 696-6657.

Paulino Gardens. Check website for classes. 6300 Bway, Denver. 303 429-8062, paulinogardens.com.

Pikes Peak Urban Gardens. 2/24: Prepare Now for a Great Garden Season in 2018, \$10, 9-12, presentation 10-11:30. Horace Mann Middle School, 1001 E. Van Buren St, CO Springs. Register: ppugardens.org 719-651-3416

Sturtz & Copeland Classes: sturtzandcopeland.com. 2851 Valmont Rd, Boulder. (303) 442-6663.

Tagawa Gardens. 2/3: Principles of Xeriscape 5 & 6: Irrigation & Mulch, 12 – 1:15pm; Fairy Gardening for Kids, 2 – 3pm. 2/10: Starting Spring Seeds Indoors, 10 – 11am; Principles of Xeriscape 7: Maintenance, 12 – 1:15. 2/11: Herbal & Green Tea Blends, 1 – 2pm. 2/17: Backyard Bird Care & Spring Migration, 10 – 11am; How to Kombucha! 12 – 1pm; Winter Eating for Your Wellbeing, 2 – 3pm. 2/24: Combating Japanese Beetle, 10 – 11am; Gardening for Pollinators, 12 – 1pm; Vegetables & Herbs: What to Grow & When to Sow, 2 – 4pm. 7711 S Parker Rd, Centennial. TagawaGardens.com or 303 690-4722. at

MARCH

Adams County Ext. & Brighton Shares the Harvest Class: Management & Composting, Sat, March 31, 12:30-2:30 pm, Ext, Bldg, Adams County Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton. Need based scholarships available. Register: <https://adamscountygardening2018afternoon.eventbrite.com> or contact Eric or Cassey at 303-637-8100.

APLD Colorado (Assoc. of Professional Landscape Designers). 3/12: Coltivar Event-Financial Management & Improving Sales presented by Steve Coughran founder of Coltivar. Hosted by CPS in Westminster. www.apldco.org

CO Native Plant Society Workshops. 3/3: Introduction to Wildflowers of the Front Range, 9 – 11:30am, Rocky Mtn Arsenal NWR Contact Station, Commerce City. 3/24: Restoring Native Open Spaces, 9 – 3, High Plains Environmental Center, Loveland. More info: conps.org

Denver Botanic Gardens. 3/3: Starting Your Garden from Seed, 9:30 – noon; Drip Irrigation for Home Gardeners, 10-11; Tomatoes, 1 – 2pm. 3/6: Rocky Mt Horticulture I, 6 – 8:30pm; Amazing Vegetables A to Z: The Garden Build, 6 - 8:30pm. 3/10: Water-wise Landscape Planning, 9- noon; Extending the Garden Season, 9 – noon; Water-Smart Flower Garden, 1 – 3pm; Rootstocks for Fruit Trees in CO, 1 – 4pm; Invitation to Ikebana: Moribana, 2 – 4pm. 3/13: Amazing Vegetables A to Z: Planting 6 – 8:30pm. 3/15: Herbal Allies, 6 – 8pm. 3/20: Amazing Vegetables A to Z: Extended Gardening, 6 – 8pm; Rocky Mt Horticulture II, 6 – 8pm. 3/24: Conifers for Colorado Landscapes & Gardens, 9:30 - 3:30. Battling the Japanese Beetle, 10:30 – noon; Blueberry Success, 1 – 3pm. 3/27: Amazing Vegetables A to Z: Pests, Problems & Harvesting, 6 – 8:30pm. Check website for class fees. 1007 York St, Denver. Registration: BotanicGardens.org or (720) 865-3500.

Denver Rose Society. 3/10: Ergonomics in the Garden w/ Roberta Smith, 10am. 1007 York St. Denverrosesociety.org, 303 880-7415.

Denver Urban Gardens. 2/22: Build Your Grow Lab & Starting Seeds, 5:30 – 7:30pm, \$110-\$120. 1031 33rd St. Dug.org

Echter's March Classes for Gardeners. 3/10: 10-11:30 - Planning the Vegetable Garden; 2-3 p.m. - Pruning Trees & Shrubs. 3/11: 2-3 p.m. - Weeds – The Uninvited Guests at Your Garden Party. 3/17: 10-11:30 a.m. – Fairy Garden Workshop, Reg. req, \$50 + materials; 2-3:30 pm - **Terrarium Workshop**, Reg. req, \$75 + materials. **3/24: 10-11:30 a.m. - Selecting Perennials for Lower Maintenance; 2-3 p.m. - Composting & Soil Improvement. 3/31: 10-11 a.m. - Ornamental Grasses – Catch the Wave; 2-3:30 p.m. - Let's Get X-Rated! w/ drought tolerant perennials.** (303) 424-7979. 5150 Garrison St, Arvada. Echters.com.

Growing Gardens Greenhouse. 3/3: Fruit Trees: Winter Pruning & Care, \$40, 9 – 11:30am. **3/10: Intro to Beekeeping (1st of 2018 Series)**, 9 – noon, \$60 or \$400 for the entire series of 8 classes. **3/17: Garden Planning & Design**, 9 – 11:30am. **3/31: Gardening 101: An Introduction to Gardening**, 9 – 11:30. 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. Register at: Growinggardens.org, (303) 443-9952

Harlequin's Gardens Sustainable Nursery. Check website or call for upcoming classes. www.HarlequinsGardens.com 4795 26th St, N. Boulder. (303) 939-9403.

Hudson Gardens. Beekeeping Classes: 3/21: Installing Package Bees & Nucs, 6 – 8pm, \$27/\$30. **3/31: March Bird Walk**, 8 – 11am. Register: HudsonGardens.org or (303) 797-8565 ext. 306. 6115 S Sante Fe Dr, Littleton.

Lyons Farmette. 3/17: Intro to Beekeeping, 1 – 3pm. **3/24: Calligraphy Class**, 1 – 3pm. **3/25: Vermicomposting: Wonderful Worms!** 1 – 4pm. **3/31 & 4/1: Spring Gardening Intensive**, 9am Sat – 1pm Sun. For info: Betsy@Lyonsfarmette.com. 4121 Ute Hwy (Hwy 66), Lyons. 303 746-6266.

Pikes Peak Urban Gardens. 3/24: New Tips on How to Grow the Best Cool Season Veggies. Horace Mann Middle School, 1001 E. Van Buren St, CO springs. Register: ppugardens.org 719-651- 3416

Tagawa Gardens. 3/3: How to Prepare for Spring, 9:30 – 10:30am; **Outdoor Gardening for the Newbie**, 11 – noon; **Journaling Your Way to Gardening Success**, 12:30 – 1:30pm; **Reimagining & Revitalizing an Established Landscape**, 2 – 3pm. **3/17: Beginning Perennial Gardening**, 10 - 11am; **Xeriscape Plants: Trees**, 12 – 1:15pm; **Tree & Shrub Pruning 101**, 2 – 3. **3/18: Ultimate Guide to Improving Your Landscape**, 1 – 2pm. **3/24: Combating Japanese Beetle**, 10 – 11pm; **Rain Barrels in Your Backyard**, 12 – 1pm; **Spring Lawn Care 101**, 2 – 3pm. **3/25: Spring Lawn Care 101**, 12 – 1pm; **Dog Tuff Grass Seminar**, 2 – 4pm. 7711 South Parker Rd, Centennial. Registration and info: TagawaGardens.com or (303) 690-4722.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

Feb 10

Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference at Denver Bot. Gardens. “Restoring The Landscape with Native Plants – Why & How.” Keynote speaker: Panayoti Kelaidis. How to add natives to existing landscapes, native alternatives to ornamentals, soils, rock & crevice gardening. More info: www.landscapingwithcoloradonativeplants.org

Feb 12-16

ProGreen Expo, Annual green industry conference at Colo. Conventipn Center, Denver. Extensive 4-day roster of classes & workshops, Expo trade show Weds-Fri. Info & complete schedule @ progreenexpo.com

Feb 24

Wild Mountain Gardening Classes w/ Penn & Cord Parmenter. Saving & Adapting Seed for the High Country 10am-2pm; **Seed Starting Mountain Vegetables**, 1-3 pm. Woodland Park Library, lower level. Pre-register by email - altitudegardeners@gmail.com or mail – Gardeners w/ Altitude, 224 Rutgers Pl, Woodland Park, CO 80863, Sponsored by Rampart Seed Library & Gardeners w/ Altitude.

Feb 27 & 28

5th Annual High Plains Organic Farming Conference, Laramie County Community College. 12 – 5pm Tues, 7:30 - 5pm Wed. \$30 - \$50. 1400 E College Dr., Cheyenne. eventbrite.com or highplainsorganic.org

Feb 24 – March 4

Colorado Garden & Home Show, CO Convention Center, Denver. Free educational seminars, over 1,400 booths, juried flower show, over an acre of professionally landscaped gardens. 100% of every ticket sold is awarded in horticulture grants and scholarships across Colorado. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, kids 12 & under free. 2 for 1 Admission Mon. Feb 26- Thurs, 3/1. Coloradogardenfoundation.org.

March 2, 3, 4

Echter's Spring Echxpo. Check website for complete listings & updates. Free Admission unless noted. **FRI, 3/2: The Foodscape Revolution** by author & PBS correspondent **Brie Arthur**, 1:30 – 3 p.m. Pairing edibles in a traditional ornamental landscape increases bio-diversity and adds purpose to everyday spaces. **\$15 Fee – 303-424-7979 for tix.** 3:30-4:00 - **Easy Container Designs for Season Long Beauty**; 4:30-5 - **Orchids.** **SAT, 3/3:** 9-10 a.m. - **The Magic of Container Gardening – The Prettiest Pots & Baskets**; 10:30 -11 a.m.- **Good for Your Garden, Good for You, Organic soils & fertilizers for containers & gardens**; 11–12 p.m. -**Great Landscapes Start w/ Great Trees & Shrubs**; 1-2 p.m. - **Growing Plants from Seed – Do it Yourself**: 3:30-3 p.m. **This Herb's for You**; 4-5 p.m.- **Sweet & Sassy Succulent Containers.** **SUN, 3/4:** 11-noon - **Landscaping Your CO Garden**; 12:30 -1 p.m. - **Rock Gardens in Containers**; 1-2 p.m.-**Bee a Pollinator Pal**; 3-3:30 - **Pond Maintenance**; 4-4:30 - **Rose Pruning.** 5150 Garrison St., Arvada. 303-424-7979

March 10

High Plains Landscape Workshop, 8:15am-3pm. “Planting with a Purpose.” Keynote speakers Dave Leatherman, Micarla Truslove, Rob Proctor, Brian Vogt. All day workshop for homeowners and professionals designed to promote high quality, sustainable landscapes that reflect a sense of place in Colorado's northern Front Range. Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd, Fort Collins. Register: fcgov.com. ((970) 416-2486.

Wild Mountain Gardening Classes w/ Penn & Cord Parmenter. Mountain Food Growing 101, 10 am-2 pm. Woodland Park Library, lower level. Pre-register by email - altitudegardeners@gmail.com or mail – Gardeners w/ Altitude, 224 Rutgers Pl, Woodland Park, CO 80863

March 15

6th Annual Tree Diversity Conference at Denver Botanic Gardens. \$75, 8:30 – 4.

March 16, 17, 18

Wyoming Bee College Conference, Cheyenne, WY. Open to everyone concerned about the welfare of honeybees or native bees. Registration: \$125 for all-day workshop of choice on Friday 3/16. \$85 for Sat. & Sun., 4-5 tracks to choose from each day. www.eventbrite.com. Info: www.wyomingbeecollege.org or Catherine at 307-633-4383

Colorado Dahlia Society Sale is usually at the end of March at Paulino Gardens in Denver. Check their website for more info.

March 17

Western Landscape Symposium. A forum to promote appealing and sustainable landscapes in SE Colorado, incorporating water wise garden practices and plants adapted to local climate and soil conditions. Keynote speaker Marcia Tatroe. Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO. More info: westernlandscape.org.

April 7

Denver Rose Society- Annual Educational SymROSEium at Denver Botanic Gardens, 9:30 – 12:30. Keynote speaker Chris VanCleave will present “Roses for the Real World.” Free w/ paid admission to DBG. Mitchell Hall, 1007 York St, Denver. denverrosesociety.org, (303) 880-7415.

April 22-27

Seed School Teacher Training. Posner Center, Denver. Presented by Rocky Mtn Seed Alliance, Global Seed Savers, & Denver Urban Gardens. Apply: RockyMountainSeeds.org or 928-255-1125

MISC.

Jan 15 - Mar 15, Second Start Community Gardens, Longmont, 2018 Plot Registration Is OPEN
Organic Vegetable Gardens in Central Longmont at Baker St. & 11th Ave. Reserve your Plot Now! Email the Registrar: SSCG.Longmont@gmail.com Orientation: Sun, Mar 4 & April 15, 2pm.

PLANT SHOWS & SALES

Jan 11 - Feb 19

Orchid Showcase at Denver Botanic Gardens. Hundreds of exotic blooms are featured, from common specimens to rare orchids. Free w/admission to DBG. 1007 York St, Denver. botanicgardens.org.

March 10

Rocky Mt. African Violet Council Spring Show & Sale. Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3. All proceeds support the RMAVC. Tagawa Gardens, 7711 S Parker Rd, Centennial. Avsa.org

March 17 & 18

Denver Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale at Denver Botanic Gardens. 1007 York St, Denver. aos.org

March 31- April 1

Colorado Cactus & Succulent Society Sale & Show at Denver Botanic Gardens. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10 – 3:30. Hundreds of award-winning & rare plants from around the world on showcase, 1000's will be on sale. Free workshops each day. Admission free with DBG entry. 1007 York St. Denver. CCSS.org

April 20-21

Rocky Mt Chapter of N. Amer. Rock Garden Society Plant Hunters Market Spring Plant Sale at
DBG.