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Aurora Water Conservation April Classes, 6-8pm. 4/5: Save Water-Grow Food (AMC Aurora Rm); **4/10: One-On-One Design Consult.**, 8am-5pm (Water Conserv. Off.); **4/13: Saving Water in & Around Your Home** (AMC- Aurora Rm); **4/15: Preparing for Your Design Consultation** (Tallyn's Reach Library); **4/22: Xeriscape: Basics and Converting on a Budget** (AMC-Aurora Rm); **4/28: Learn About Efficient Irrigation** (AMC-Aurora Rm). 15151 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora. 303.739.7195.
www.auroragov.org

City of Fort Collins Utilities Residential Environmental Program Series. Wed, Apr. 7: Xeriscape by Design; Wed, Apr 21: Get X Rated: Great Xeriscape Plants; Wed, May 19: Home Composting Seminar. All at 7-9 pm, Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd, Fort Collins. Info: 970 221-6877, utilities@fcgov.com

Colorado Native Plant Society field trips, speakers & workshops around the state, many free & open to the public. **4/7: Plant Biogeography of Colorado**, North chapt. meeting, 7pm, Gardens on Spring Creek, Ft Collins, info: Pam, 970-223-3452; **4/8: Project Budburst**, Boulder chapt. meeting, REI Comm. rm, 7pm. info: Elizabeth 303-440-8225. More events, www.conps.org.

Denver Botanic Gardens April Classes. 4/10: Gardening w/ Plant Select 6:30-8:30pm; **4/10: Top 10 Culinary Herbs: Growing, Harvesting & Preserving** w/ Deb Whittaker, 1-3pm. \$29 mbr, \$34 non-mbr; **4/10: Grape Vine Pruning for Home Grape Growers**, 11am-12:30pm. Offsite at Balistreri Vineyards, w/ Balistreri Vineyard Staff. \$18 mbr, \$21 non-mbr; **4/12, 19 & 26: Ecology for Gardeners**, 6-8pm. Instructor: Sheridan Samano. Classroom B \$78 mbr, \$88 non-mbr; **4/24: Totally Tomato**, 10am-12pm. Instructor: Patti O'Neal. Morrison Ctr. \$25 mbr, \$30 non-mbr. Info or to register: www.botanicgardens.org (more classes listed) or call 720-865-3580.

Echter's Garden Center April Classes. 4/10: Growing Wildflowers from Seed w/ Don Eversoll, Wildflower Specialist, 9:30-11am; **Organic Vegetable Gardening** w/ Carol O'Meara, CSU Coop. Ext, Boulder Cnty, 3-4:30pm. **4/11: Pond 101** w/ Rocky Mt. Waterscape, 12:30-2pm; **Hanging Baskets Workshop**, 3-4:30pm. **4/12: Ornamental Grasses**, w/ Ross Shrigley, DBG Horticulturist, 6-7:30pm. **4/14: Composting & Soil Improvement**, w/ Jeff Echter, 6-7:30pm. **4/17: The Berry Basket**, w/ Joel Reich, CSU Coop Ext, 9:30-11am; **Roses**, w/ Peggy Williams, 3-4:30pm. All free, no registration required. 5150 Garrison St, Arvada. 303-424-7979, www.echters.com

Fort Collins Nursery Monthly Bonsai Workshop, Northern CO Bonsai Society, 1-3pm, every 2nd Sat each month. FREE & open to the public. 2121 East Mulberry. 1-866-384-7516, www.fortcollinsnursery.com

Gardens on Spring Creek, April 'Read & Seed'. 4/6, 13, 20 & 27 for children ages 3-5 with parent or guardian. Cost: \$3 donation/child. Info: 970-416-2486. The Gardens on Spring Creek at 2145 Centre Ave, Ft Collins.

Growing Gardens' Beekeeping Series for New Beekeepers. Focus on natural Top Bar Hives. Cost: \$400/person, incl. materials & supplies. Experienced beekeepers drop-in any class for \$60.00. Classes begin Mar 6, 9am-12pm, monthly until Oct. 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. Course description & registration: www.growinggardens.org. More info: julie@growinggardens.org or 303 GARDENS.

Harding Nursery Spring Seminars. Sat, Apr. 10: 9am - Fruit Trees, 10am - Gardening with Berry Bushes, 11 am - Xeriscape Gardening. Sat, Apr. 17: 9am - Perennial & Vegetable Gardening, 10am - Ornamental Grasses, 11am - Nursery Plant Walk. 721 N. Powers Blvd., CO Springs. 719 596-5712, www.hardingnursery.com.

Harlequin's Gardens April Classes. 4/3: Seed-Starting 101, 1:30pm, w/ Sandra Swegel; **4/4: Planting by the Moon**, 1:30pm, w/ Tim Lyons; **Organic Vegetable Gardening 101**, 1:30 pm, w/ Niki Hayden; **4/11: Organic Lawn Care**, 1:30pm, w/ Mikl Brawner; **4/17: Growing Vegetables & Herbs in Containers**, 1:30 pm, w/ Ellen Dart; **4/18: Planning Your Permaculture Garden: Part 1**, 10am, w/ Natalie Shrewsbury; **Intro to Raising Chickens**, 1:30pm, w/ Barbara Mueser & Lauren McNitt; **4/24: Planning Your Permaculture Garden: Part 2**, 10am, w/Natalie Shrewsbury. **Growing Vegetables & Herbs in Containers**, 1:30pm, w/Ellen Dart; **4/25: Foraging for Edible & Medicinal Weeds**, 1:30 pm, w/ Ann Drucker. All \$10. Harlequin's Gardens Sustainable Nursery, 4795 N. 26th St., Boulder. Info: 303-939-9403 or www.harlequingardens.com

Jared's Nursery & Garden Center April Classes. 4/10: **Paverstone Paver and Walls**, 9-11am, **Fountain Construction**, 10am, **Raisin' Roses**, 1pm & **Pruning Without Fear**, 2pm; 4/17 & 24: **Curb Appeal with Containers**, 11am, fee \$35; 4/17: **Basic Principles of Good Garden Design** w/ Sharon Breay, 2-3pm, **Romancing the West** w/ Sharon Breay, 3-4pm; 4/24: **Kid's Container Gardens for Mom**, 2pm, fee \$15, **Perking up the Perennial Garden**, 2pm; 4/25: **Window Sill Herb Garden**, 2pm. 10500 W. Bowles Ave. Littleton. 303-979-6022, www.jaredsgarden.com

Larimer County Extension Office 2010 Food Preservation Workshop series. April, 4/6: **Canning Basics for Safe Preserving**, 6-8pm, cost \$20; 4/20: **Canning Jams, Jellies & More**, 6-8pm, cost \$25. 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Ft. Collins. Pre-regist req: 970-498-6000, www.larimer.org/ext

Paulino Gardens April Classes. 4/10: **Herbs in Colorado**, w/ Donna Shelly, Herb Society of Amer, 10 am; 4/17: **Make Your Own Fairy Garden**, 1 pm; 4/18: **Container Gardening**, emphasizing design w/ Patti O'Neal, 1pm; 4/24: **Growing Roses** w/ Dave Ingram, 10am. 6300 Broadway, Denver. Register: 303 429-8062. Space limited. www.paulinogardens.com

Penn & Cord Parmenter's April Mt. Gardening Classes, Westcliffe. 4/10: **Mt. Food Growing 101**, 1-5 pm in town; 4/11: **Compost & Mulch**, 1-2:30 pm at Penn & Cord's Gardens; 4/17: **Sustainable Greenhouse Design**, 1-5 pm in town; 4/18: **Raised Beds**, 1-2:30 pm, Penn & Cord's Gardens; 4/25: **Covers**, 1-2:30 pm, Penn & Cord's Gardens. **May 1: SPRING OPEN HOUSE/FREE DAY**, Penn & Cord's Gardens, 10-3. Register: 719 783-2917. Complete schedule: www.teachstreet.com/teacher/penn-and-cord-parmenter

Rocky Mt. Bonsai Society, April meeting - Developing the CO Blue Spruce as Bonsai, w/ Harold Sasaki. Garden Clubhouse, Free & open to the public. 1556 Emerson, Denver. (303)-944-8355. www.rockymtnbonsai.org

Tagawa Garden Center April Classes. 4/16: **Night of Wine & Roses**, 20% off everything, 4-7pm, 9News Rob Proctor on **Using Rose Bushes in Patio Containers**, 4:30-6:30; 4/17: **Spring Lawn Care 101**, 9-10:30am, **Restoring Old & Tired Landscapes**, 3-4pm; 4/18: **Herbal Gifts for Mother's Day**, 10:30am-12:30pm, **The Natural Pond**, 1-2pm, **Pruning 101**, 2:30-3:30; 4/24: **New & Under Used Perennials**, 9-10am, **CO Gardening for Beginners**, 12am-1pm; 4/25: **9NEWS Rob Proctor Presents: Container Garden Demos**, 11am-12pm, **Choosing Right Tree for Right Location**, 1-2pm. More classes listed at www.tagawagardens.com. 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial. 303-690-4722.

Timberline Gardens April Classes. 4/10: **Composting for the Health of the Earth**, 10-11:30am, \$10; 4/17: **Small Space Gardening**, 9-11am & **Go Wild w/ Natives**, 1-3pm, both \$10; 4/24: **Plant a Succulent Container**, 9-11am, \$59; 4/25: **The Fairy Garden**, 1-3pm, \$59. 11700 W. 58th St, Arvada. 303-420-4060 www.timberlinegardens

Thur, April 8

Soil & Water Needs for Roses w/ Patti O'Neal, 7-8 pm at Denver Rose Society meeting, CO Fed. of Garden Clubs Headquarters, 1556 Emerson, Denver 80218. Free & open to the public. Info: Peggy, 303 691-2790 or www.denverrosesociety.org

Get Wet-Water Gardening Fun in 2010, 6:30-9:30pm. Presentations on aquaponics & lotuses by the CO Water Garden Soc. Denver Botanic Gardens, 1005 York St, Denver. www.colowatergardensociety.org, 303-843-9619

Fri, Sat & Sun, Apr 9, 10 & 11

Rocky Mt. Society of Botanical Artists Spring Exhibit & Sale. RMSBA is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating public awareness of and appreciation for botanical art. Original art, prints, cards & calendars, all created by members. www.tagawagardens.com or BotanicalArtists.org. Tagawa Garden Center, 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial. 303-690-4722.

Sat, Apr 10

Denver Urban Homesteading Classes, local market and reskilling center promoting agricultural activities in Denver. **Worm composting, Intro to raw food preparation & Grow using hydroponics.** 2:30 pm Contact: James & Irina Bertini, www.denverurbanhomesteading.com. 303 572-3122

Gardens on Spring Creek Winter/Spring Workshop Series. Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, 1-3pm. \$15 for members / \$20 for non-members. **Maintenance Matters (final workshop) Shrub Pruning**, 1-

3pm. Individual classes: \$15 mbr/\$20 non-mbr. Pre-regist. required. Info: Laura Atwood, latwood@fcgov.com, 970-416-2486. 2145 Centre Ave, Ft Collins

Wed, Apr 14

Designing with Spring Bulbs presentation w/ Kim Gravestock at East Library, 5550 E. Union Blvd, CO Springs. Free & open to all.

Thur, Apr 15

RainXchange FREE Seminar with Ed Beaulieu of Aquascape, Inc. 8-10 am: **Rainwater Harvesting 101**; 10 am-12:15 pm: **Industry Professionals Only**; 12:15-1:15 pm: Lunch (\$10); 1:15-5 pm: **Construction of RainXchange System**. Come for any part or all. Must RSVP by April 9. 303 744-3505, 800 999-9021, support@truepump.com, www.truepump.com

Sat, Apr 17

Charity Garden Party-Planting for Success!, Tagawa Garden Center, 11am-2pm. Plant a beautiful, wrought iron, moss-filled hanging basket in a, moss-filled basket! Basket will be grown in our Production Greenhouses, ready for pick-up six weeks later. \$5 class-cost donation to "Sky High Hope", a CO camp for children battling cancer. Cost: \$89/adult. Regist.: 303-690-4722. www.tagawagardens.com. 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial.

Thurs, Apr 22

Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens, 9am-5pm, 1005 York St. 720-865-3544

Sat, Apr, 24

Gardening w/ Kids, 9-11:30am. Learn garden design, seed selection, starting & transplanting. Take home a pet bean & build a tool kit of fun kids gardening activities. Instruct: Annie Sweeney. Cost: \$35 for 1 adult & 1 child, extra child \$10. Growing Gardens Greenhouse, 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. Info: 303-GARDENS or www.growinggardens.org

April 24 & 25

Fort Collins Nursery Spring Open House. Celebrate Earth Day & Arbor Day Here! 2121 East Mulberry St., FortCollinsNursery.com. 970 482-1984

Mon, Apr 26

Denver Botanic Gardens Guest Lecture: "Best Long-Blooming Perennials" w/ Lauren Springer, 6:30-8:30pm. Peak performers that give months of tireless bloom. \$26 mbr, \$31 non-mbr. Info or to register: www.botanicgardens.org or call 720-865-3580.

MAY

Aurora Water Conservation May Classes. 5/11: Preparing for your Design Consult., 6-8pm (AMC Aurora Rm); **5/15: Xeriscapre: Start to Finish**, 9-11am (AMC Demo. Garden); **5/22: Xeriscape Maintenance**, 9-11am (AMC Demo Garden). 15151 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora. 303.739.7195. www.auroragov.org

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Sat, May 1

Pikes Peak Herb Association presents the **8th Annual Herb Fest**, 9am-4 pm, rain or shine. Hourly presentations, silent auction, 36+ vendor booths, chai tea on tap, and other free samples. Admission FREE w/ bag of canned goods donated to Silver Key senior pantry. 3685 Jeannine Dr., Center for Spiritual Living, CO Springs. Info: Sharon at 719-533-0707 or herbfest@pcisys.net

May 1-3 & 5-7

Harlequin's Gardens May Day Celebration & Plant Sale. Live music May 1st, magician & music May 2nd (World Laughter Day). 4795 N. 26th St., Boulder. 303-939-9403, www.harlequinsgardens.com

Wed, May 5

Perennial Favorites Nursery Open House in Rye, CO, www.perennial-favorites.com. 719-489-3843

Sun, May 9

Boulder Home & Garden & Family Fun Fair, 10am-5pm. Home improvement, sustainable living, landscape & garden experts, 80+ vendors. 29th St Retail District. 303-443-0600 www.homeandgardenmag.com/fair2009/

Sat & Sun, May 15/16

Gardens on Spring Creek Winter/Spring Workshop Series. Create Your Own Hypertufa. 9am–11am. Make your own hypertufa troughs, learn best miniature alpine plants, nursery tour. \$55 members / \$60 non-members. Pre-regist. required. Info: Laura Atwood, latwood@fcgov.com, 970-416-2486 or at Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Ave, Fort Collins.

JULY-AUGUST.....

July 26–August 7

Westcliffe Permaculture Design Certification Course. 2-week residential course covers core topics leading to a certification in Permaculture Design. Course will be held in the grounds of an off-the-grid home in Westcliffe on the eastern base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Sponsored by Pikes Peak Permaculture, Sustainable Ways, & Blue Planet Earthscapes. Cost: \$1100 reg. by April 15; \$1200 reg. by June 30; \$1250 reg. after July 1. Contact: Ayesha McDaneld, 783-0188 ayeshamcd@gmail.com

PLANT SALES

Sat, Apr 3

Colorado Dahlia Society Annual Spring Tuber Sale, 9am-until sold out (usually before noon). Tubers cost \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Several hundred varieties available. Society members on hand. www.dahlias.net. Paulino Gardens, 6300 N. Broadway, Denver 303-841-8024

Sat, Apr 17

Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale 8-11 am, Chilson Senior Center, 700 E. 4th St, Loveland. \$5 (\$3 child 12 & under) at the door, \$4 in advance. Info: 970 962-2783

Sat, Apr 24

NARGS, Rocky Mt Chap., N. Amer. Rock Garden Soc. Annual Plant Sale, 9am-3pm. Specialized growers bring hardy perennials. Chapter members available for advice. Mitchell Hall, Denver Bot. Gardens, 1005 York St, Denver. www.botanicgardens.org

Apr. 24-May 30, Weekends Only

Desert Canyon Farm Spring Plant Sale, 9am-4pm. Org. heirloom & ethnic vegetables, herbs, strawberries, edible flowers & more! 1270 Field Ave, Canon City. (From Hwy 50 turn north on Reynolds, rt. on Field Ave & go approx. 1 mile.) Cash or checks only, no pets.

Sat, May 1

City of Lakewood Annual Perennial Plant Sale at The City Greenhouse, 9556 W. Yale Ave. Unusual perennials, shrubs, ornamental grasses for water-wise landscapes, lush western gardens & rock gardens. Info: 720 963-5240

Pueblo Zoo Spring Plant Sale, 8 am - 2 pm, w/ CO Master Gardeners. Unique species, xeriscape, "water-wise", drought-tolerant, annuals & perennials 719-561-9664. www.pueblozoo.org.

Fri & Sat, May 7 & 8

Denver Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale, 12 different divisions to choose from. This year focuses on fruits, berries, veggies, herbs & more. Fri: 8:30-10am (members only), 10am-6pm open to public; Sat: 8:30-10am (members only), 10am-4pm open to public. **Plant Sale Preview Party, Thurs 5/6**, 4-7pm. \$35 per person. Tickets avail online late March. 1005 York St, Denver. www.botanicgardens.org

Sat, May 1, 8 & 15

The Growing Gardens 10th Annual Community Plant Sales. Organic veggie starts, annuals, perennials, & heirloom tomatoes, natives & water-wise plants in May. Lectures on plant care & gardening, expert gardeners on hand. 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder. Info: 303-GARDENS or www.growinggardens.org

Sat, May 8

Loveland Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser. Bedding plants/flowers, vegetable plants, perennials divisions, roses, refreshments, antique market, arts/crafts, silent auction, door prizes, Master Gardeners will be on sight to answer all your questions, 8am-noon. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3448 N. Taft Ave., Loveland.

Greeley Morning Garden Club Annual Plant & Bake Sale. Flower, vegetable, herb plants & delicious home-baked goods. Mother's Day Baskets, Frost Protek plant covers & gloves. 8am-1pm at Centennial Park, Greeley.

Happy Transplants Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, 9am-3pm, Vectra Bank Parking Lot, 330 West 72nd Avenue, Westminster

Sat, May 9

Spring Plant Sale at Gardens on Spring Creek 9 am-4 pm. Wide selection of heirloom vegetables, herbs, unique bedding & perennial plants. Info & list of plants for sale at www.fcgov.com/gardens. 2145 Centre Ave, Ft Collins.

Fri-Sun, May 14-16

Gigantic Annual Spring Plant Sale at Horticultural Art Society of CO Springs Demonstration Garden. 9-5 on Fri. & Sat, 10-4 on Sun. Everyone welcome. 100's of varieties of perennials, annuals, drought-hardy plants, plus many heirloom vegetable varieties. hasgardens.org

Sat., May 15

CSU Ext. Master Gardener Plant A Palooza Plant Sale fundraiser 8 am-3 pm. 888 E. Iliff Ave., Denver. 720 913-5270.

Boulder Culinary Gardeners Vegetable Starts, Other Edible Plants + Annuals & Perennials Sale, 8am-3pm. Bring cartons to carry plants & donate used pots recycling. Rain or shine- no early birds. Bickell Sheep Farm, 988 N. 75th St, Boulder. Park at Douglass School lot.

Front Range Organic Gardeners & Herb Society of Amer. Rocky Mt. Unit Organic Veggie & Herb Plants Sale, 9 am-1 pm. Over 40 varieties of tomatoes, mostly heirlooms; 45+ herbs; other veggies, annuals, perennials, ground covers. Cash only. Denver Presbytery Center, 1710 S. Grant St., Denver 80210.. Info: 303-744-7871, www.GardenFROG.org

Sat-Mon, May 29-31

Cheyenne Mt. Zoo Annual Plant Sale, featuring 212 varieties of resource-wise perennials, grasses, woody plants & herbs that perform well in the Pikes Peak region. 9 am-5 pm daily in the African Rift Valley courtyard at the Zoo. Online pre-ordering is available at www.cmzoo.org/animalsPlants/plants/horticultureHappenings.asp. Info 719 633-9925 X142.

Sun, Jun 6

Colorado Water Garden Society "Annual Plant Sale, large variety of water plants- lilies, marginals, & floaters, fish, pots, supplies. Denver Botanic Gardens, Rooftop Parking Structure, 10am-3pm, CWGS members 9:00. Free. www.colowatergardensociety.org, 303-423-9216