

Adult Education at the Gardens on Spring Creek

January – March, 2012

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GARDENS
on Spring Creek



Take Root. Grow. Flourish.

Sketching 101: Forms and Textures of Nature

Wednesdays, Jan. 11–Feb. 15, 1–3 p.m.

\$85 members / \$90 non-members

Learn the basic techniques of shading, perspective, creating texture, and line drawings with graphite pencils while drawing the forms and textures of nature.

Instructor: Joanie Schneider

Designing Edible Landscapes

Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.–noon

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

Learn the basics of how to establish an edible landscape by integrating veggies, fruiting shrubs and trees, vines, and berries with the rest of your plantings. Plant selection, design aspects, and cultural requirements will be covered.

Instructor: Robyn Dolgin, Wild Iris Living

The Making of a Prairie Xeriscape Garden

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10–11:30 a.m.

\$12 members / \$15 non-members

Front Range gardeners will gain invaluable insights about how the instructor gardens successfully in her prairie garden. You'll learn about both native and old-time favorite plants that are adaptable and tough, as well as how to do battle with grasshoppers and rabbits.

Instructor: Celia Tannehill, co-author of Best Perennials for the Rocky Mountains and High Plains

Designing and Building Raised Beds

Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

\$10 members / \$12 non-members

You'll learn the advantages and disadvantages of growing plants in raised beds, how to size, design, and build raised beds from wood timbers and concrete blocks, and what plants grow best in raised beds.

Instructor: Dave Doyle, Summit Lawn and Landscape

Building Timber Retaining Walls and Steps

Saturday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m.–noon

\$10 members / \$12 non-members

Find out how to use landscape timbers to build walls and steps as an inexpensive option to stone or concrete. Timbers are easy to handle, customize, and build. Learn about the tools and skills required for basic installations.

Instructor: Dave Doyle, Summit Lawn and Landscape

Landscaping with Stone

Saturday, Feb. 4, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

\$10 members / \$12 non-members

Learn how to use both natural and manufactured stone to build retaining walls and patios. This class will cover design considerations, limitations, applications, the pros and cons of different material, and basic how-to-build guidelines.

Instructor: Dave Doyle, Summit Lawn and Landscape

Grow Your Own Veggies!

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2–4 p.m.

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

Learn how to create your own food-producing gardens at home. Get tips on garden size, container possibilities, selection of seeds and transplants, as well as the how and when of planting, tending, and harvesting in your own yard.

Instructor: Mary Miller, Garden of Eatin' Manager, The Gardens

Enhance your Landscape with Water-Wise Features

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10–11:30 a.m.

\$12 members / \$15 non-members

Landscape features such as dry creek beds, terrace walls, and rock gardens can serve dual purposes—providing beauty and conserving water by directing water to your plants. Learn how to create and place these water-wise features in your landscape and how to avoid common blunders.

Instructor: Loretta Mannix, The Horticulture Consultant

Explore Your Community Botanic Garden.

Call 416.2486 or stop in to register.

Tomatoes, Potatoes, Peppers and More

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1–3 p.m.

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

In this class you'll learn which varieties of tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, and other popular garden-grown veggies are reliable producers, which mature early, and finish the season strong. You'll also discover tasty heirloom varieties to try.

Instructor: Mary Miller, Garden of Eatin' Manager, The Gardens

Successfully Starting Seeds Indoors

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9–10:30 a.m.

\$12 members / \$15 non-members

Learn the secrets to successfully starting seeds indoors so you can enjoy the satisfaction of getting a head start on your spring garden. Bring along a seed packet and we'll supply a 4-pack, soil, and the horticulturists to help you plant your first seeds.

Instructor: Ted Schaaf, Horticulture Technician, The Gardens

Propagation Made Simple

Saturday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

\$12 members / \$15 non-members

Are you ready to move beyond simply growing plants from seed? In this class, students will learn basic propagation techniques such as division of plants and propagation of cuttings. Participants will get hands-on experience during this class.

Instructor: Ted Schaaf, Horticulture Technician, The Gardens

It's a Bird...It's a Bee...It's Bio-Diversity: Welcoming Wildlife to Your Garden

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.–noon

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

Learn how native plants and sustainable gardening practices play a unique role in providing food, nectar and habitat for wildlife. Participants will come away with design ideas and a list of plants to start creating bio-diversity in their own gardens. City of Fort Collins Natural Areas will provide a short presentation on their Natural Area Certification program.

Instructors: Anne Clark, Anne Clark Design, and Sally Guthart, Earthborn Landscape

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

In this workshop, you'll learn proper pruning techniques to promote overall tree health and to encourage good fruit yields. A portion of this class will be held outdoors so please dress for the weather.

Instructor: Tom Throgmorton, Throgmorton Plant Management

Vegetable Garden Planning Clinics: Maximize Your Garden's Bounty

Saturday, March 10, hourly appointments: 9, 10 and 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m.

\$35 members / \$40 non-members

Meet one-on-one with a vegetable garden expert and get advice on issues such as spacing, recommended varieties, and succession planting specifically for your site. Bring site dimensions, information on orientation, a list of priority crops, and number and size of containers if applicable.

Landscape Design for Colorado Gardens

Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

\$45 members / \$50 non-members

Learn about plants that thrive in Colorado and how to use them creatively in the landscape, discover plants for trouble spots and options for edging, hardscaping and mulching. The morning session will cover design essentials and in the afternoon students will create their own design. Please bring pictures, measurements, sun exposure/aspect and information on irrigation. Bring a lunch!

Instructor: Joanie Schneider, Sustainscapes Landscaping

Ornamental and Shade Tree Pruning Workshop

Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

\$15 members / \$18 non-members

Watch Fort Collins City Forester, Tim Buchanan, in action as he demonstrates proper pruning techniques for ornamental and shade trees. You'll also learn how pruning affects the health and growth of your trees. Class will be held entirely outside so please dress for the weather.

Instructor: Tim Buchanan, City of Fort Collins Forester