



*the*  
**GARDENS**  
*on Spring Creek*



**2009 Adult Education Classes:**

**July - December**

**June**

**Plein Air at The Gardens**

**Saturday, 6/27, 9 am – 4 pm**

**\$45 members / \$50 non-members**

Enjoy the experience of painting on location, (plein air) outdoors at The Gardens! This class will open your eyes to colors, shapes and values, while teaching you how to apply the paint in a fresh and vibrant way. Students need to be familiar with drawing and working with watercolors. Students will receive a materials list for painting outdoors. (Please note that for this class registration will be done through The Gardens but checks must be made out to Karen Ramsay. No credit cards can be accepted for this class.)

**July**

**Plant Select® at The Gardens**

**Tuesday, 7/7, 6 pm – 7:30 pm**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Bring some excitement to your garden with plants introduced and recommended through Plant Select®, a program developed by Denver Botanic Gardens, Colorado State University, and local growers. Learn how to identify, select, and design with this palette of resilient and exciting plants chosen specifically to grow and thrive in our unique climate. Pat Hayward, Executive Director of Plant Select®, will show off the best of these plants in a photo presentation and a tour of the Plant Select® plants planted at The Gardens.

The book *Durable Plants for the Garden – A Plant Select® Guide* is a great companion volume to the class. It is available in our gift shop.

## **Wild, Edible and Useful Plants Tour**

**Saturday, 7/11 and/or 8/15, 9 am – 1 pm**

**\$15 members / \$20 non-members for each class**

Join 'Cattail' Bob to explore the wild flora of the Rockies in an easy walk at 7,000' elevation. Wild, edible, medicinal, poisonous and useful plants will be seen. Students will learn about, ethically harvest, and sample over 50 species. Bring raingear, long pants, water and snack. Directions to the meeting site in Drake will be given upon registration

## **Designing the Landscape for Year Round Interest**

**Wednesday, 7/15, 6:30 pm – 8 pm**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Too often gardeners relinquish much of their landscape to turf and flowering plants, limiting the seasons of interest for their gardens. If you find yourself bored with your landscape in fall, winter and early spring then let Loretta Mannix of The Horticulture Consultant inspire you to make changes for year-round interest. Loretta will show students how to use hardscaping and plants to create structure and form that will add interest to the garden year round.

## **August**

### **Backyard Bird Havens**

**Saturday, 8/1, 10 am – 11:30 am**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Backyards can be an important stop in the life of migratory birds. Connie Kogler, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Wild Birds Unlimited, will cover the four elements of good backyard habitat such as food, water, cover and places to raise young. Connie will discuss native plant options for the backyard that will encourage a large variety of bird species to visit or make your yard their home. A few of the bird species Connie will cover are Orioles, Hummingbirds and Wrens.

### **Preserving the Summer Harvest**

**Saturday, 8/15, 10 am – noon**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Join us on a tour of the Garden of Eatin' to discover the goodness awaiting harvest and the best ways to preserve it. Larimer County Extension's Master

Food Safety Advisors will cover the three main methods of preserving food: freezing, dehydrating and canning. Learning how to safely preserve allows you to capture summertime flavor at its peak for year-round enjoyment.

## **Beginning Watercolor at The Gardens**

**Saturday, 8/22, 9 am – 4 pm**

**\$45 members / \$50 non-members**

In this one - day workshop, Karen Ramsay will start your watercolor journey. Students will learn the fundamentals of the watercolor medium and the excitement of applying paint in a fresh and vibrant way. The day will be spent learning different techniques, how to set up your palette of colors, and the importance of shapes and values. (Please note that for this class registration will be done through The Gardens but checks must be made out to Karen Ramsay. No credit cards can be accepted for this class.)

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## **September**

### **Growing and Preserving Herbs**

**Saturday, 9/5, 10 am – noon**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

This workshop offers tips on growing, harvesting, and preserving culinary herbs so you can enjoy the flavor and fragrance of herbs all year long. Larimer County Extension's Master Food Safety Advisors will cover the optimal time to harvest your herbs, techniques for preserving them for later use, and the basics of cooking with both fresh and dried herbs.

## **Autumn Wonder: The Best Fall Color Trees in Fort Collins**

**Saturday, 9/19, 10 am – noon**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

In this photo presentation, City Forester Tim Buchanan will show several of the best Fort Collins trees in their full fall glory. Participants will receive a list of where many of these trees are located so they can visit these outstanding specimens as they turn color in October. Tim will also discuss the cultural needs of each tree so students can decide which trees to plant in their yards to enjoy the fall color year after year.

## **Landscaping with Native Plants**

**Saturday, 9/26**

Gardeners are embracing native plant landscaping as they discover that native plants naturally “know” how to grow in our High Plains environment and that a native plant landscape will grace their yard with the unique beauty of the West.

## **Native Plants: What are they?**

### **Why plant them? How are they different?**

**10 am – noon**

Phil Phelan, Manager of Bath Garden Center and Colorado Native Plant Society member, will help gardeners understand the cultural needs of native plants and how those needs differ from those of traditional landscape plants. Phil will also discuss the best native perennials for ornamental landscapes.

## **Landscaping with Native Trees & Shrubs**

**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

Follow up Phil’s morning talk with Scott Skogerboe, Propagator at Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery. Scott will share photos of his favorite native trees and shrubs for Front Range landscapes while explaining the specific cultural needs of each species to help students decide which native trees and shrubs are best suited for their yards.

## **Watercolor at The Gardens**

**Mondays 9/21 – 11/2, 1 pm – 3:30 pm or Tuesdays 9/22 – 11/3, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (one week off in October)**

**Mondays: \$95 members / \$100 non-members and Tuesdays: \$80 members / \$85 non-members**

In this six-session class, Karen Ramsay, a graduate of the Colorado Institute of Art and a nationally-featured artist, will open students' eyes to colors, shapes and values while teaching students how to apply the paint in a fresh and vibrant way. Students will continue to build upon the fundamentals of painting, as students will work from life and photographs. Students need to be familiar with drawing and working with watercolors. (Please note that for this class registration will be done through The Gardens but checks must be made out to Karen Ramsay. No credit cards can be accepted for this class.)

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# October

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## Elegant Centerpieces for Your Holiday Table

**Saturday, 10/10, 10 am – 2 pm**

**\$20 members / \$25 non-members**

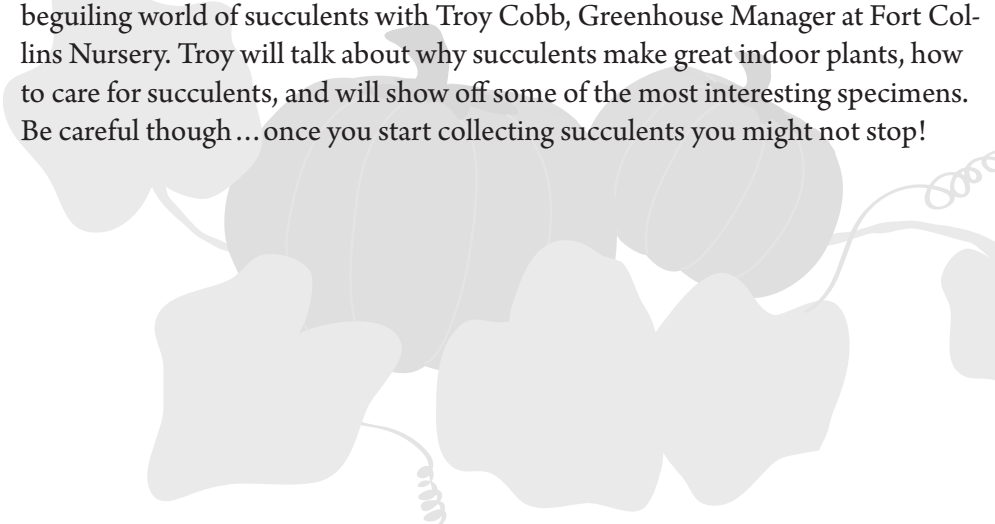
Create an elegant, custom centerpiece that can be redesigned seasonally for your home. Learn how to size and proportion your design to compliment your décor. Bring a clear glass hurricane chimney, candle and a sturdy ceramic/glass platter for the base of your arrangement. Students can discuss proportion and utility before with the instructor, Lucy Plaisance, of the Gardens on Spring Creek. Beautiful live greens and other natural plant material will be furnished.

## Indoor Succulent Gardens

**Saturday, 10/17, 10 am – 11:30 am**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Their a bit odd looking but isn't that what makes them fascinating? Step into the beguiling world of succulents with Troy Cobb, Greenhouse Manager at Fort Collins Nursery. Troy will talk about why succulents make great indoor plants, how to care for succulents, and will show off some of the most interesting specimens. Be careful though ... once you start collecting succulents you might not stop!



## **An Introduction to Gourd Crafting**

**Saturday, 10/24, 10 am – 2 pm**

**\$45 members / \$50 non-members**

Students will learn how to prepare a dried gourd for crafting, and decorating techniques such as wood burning, inscribing, and finishing. The end result may be a bird house or bird feeder for your garden, or a fine art piece for the mantle. Bring your ideas! Gourds, paints, stains, and all tools are supplied, along with examples to guide you. Please bring along Dremmel tools or wood burners if you have them. Please bring a snack or lunch.

## **Bike Tour of Local Champion Trees**

**Saturday, 10/24, 9 am – noon**

**\$10 members / \$15 non-members**

Follow City Forester, Tim Buchanan, on an easy six mile (one-way) bike tour featuring a dozen notable trees of Fort Collins. Participants will also receive information on over 30 notable trees that are rare, unusual or unique that they can visit on their own. Tour begins at City Park Pool (City Park Drive & Byran Street) and ends at the downtown Library Park. Dress for weather, bring water and a snack.

## **November**

### **Elegant Holiday Wreaths**

**Saturday, 11/14, 10 am – 2 pm**

**\$20 members / \$25 non-members**

Have you looked at holiday wreaths and thought “I wish I could do that.” Well, you can!! With a little guidance from Lucy Plaisance of the Gardens on Spring Creek, you can create a custom holiday wreath from furnished live greenery and other natural plant materials and ribbon. There’s a secret to making fabulous bows for wreaths and/or presents and Lucy will share it with you. At the end of class you will have a professional looking wreath that will amaze your friends and family.

## **Registration**

To register: stop by The Gardens at 2145 Centre Ave., or call us at 416-2486

The Gardens on Spring Creek thanks all of our instructors for sharing their time and expertise.

A special thank you to those instructors who donated their services:  
Pat Hayward, Plant Select®  
Loretta Mannix, The Horticulture Consultant

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