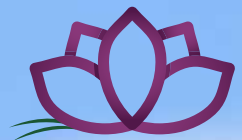


SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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FRIENDS OF
THE GARDENS
ON SPRING CREEK

FROM THE DIRECTOR **MICHELLE PROVAZNIK**



What an exciting summer! So many things are happening at The Gardens —some days it is hard to keep up! It's hard to believe, but garden construction is nearing completion. Soil prep and planting comes next, which will be done by staff and volunteers. We expect planting to begin late summer into fall and continuing into spring and fall of 2019.

Stay tuned for information about community planting days.

While we are excited to wrap up construction of one project, we are in full-on design process for the expanded Visitor's Center. A contract with local companies, Elder Construction and Architecture West, has just been signed. Many charrettes with staff, facilities and energy experts have been held. Staff from the Butterfly Pavilion has been fully engaged in the process as well.

Schedules are still being developed, but it is looking like we will be breaking ground on the Visitor's Center expansion in January 2019 —just after Garden of Lights. When we have final designs, we will be sure to share.

In the meantime, fundraising efforts continue so we can have a complete Visitor's Center. Community support has been critical to all phases of our Master Plan completion, and we are extremely grateful.

Thank you for your support of the Gardens on Spring Creek!

FROM THE PRESIDENT **NATHANIEL BUDD**



Thanks to you The Gardens is growing! Every summer, as we see the bounty of the labor of staff and volunteers spread across The Gardens, we should all take a moment to be inspired by the great community that makes this splendor possible.

This season, the blossoms are backdropped by bulldozers. New paths have been paved to corners of The Gardens that few have rarely experienced, and we are entering the final stretch of our fundraising efforts to support the three-phase expansion and enhancement of The Gardens.

Thanks to your support, we have raised over \$5.2 million and are in our final push to raise \$700,000 that will be used to improve critical infrastructure to create an enhanced visitor experience and ensure the long-term sustainability of The Gardens.

For those who have yet to give to the Garden's campaign; now is the time. A gift to The Gardens can be made in many ways—as a bequest, as a memorial or tribute to another person, as a spontaneous online donation, over the phone, or as a contribution to the Gardens' Endowment.



WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE

The easiest way to support The Gardens expansion and its programming is by making an online gift at fcgov.com/gardens.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Donating non-cash gifts is one of the simplest and quickest ways to support The Gardens.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts allow future generations to be enriched and educated at The Gardens.

THE GARDENS ENDOWMENT FUND

Giving to The Gardens Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado supports the work of the Gardens today—and tomorrow.

HONOR & MEMORIAL GIFTS

These gifts offer a meaningful way to recognize those who have valued the Gardens. Currently, we have butterflies available through the Butterfly Project. Additional memorial opportunities are being developed. Naming opportunities are still available in the new gardens and Visitor's Center.

If you would like to set up a time to discuss giving to The Gardens please contact myself or Michelle Provanik, Gardens Director.



MEMBERS ONLY

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?



Take advantage of your membership benefits! As a member of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admission Program (RAP), the Gardens on Spring Creek belongs to a network of more than 300

North American botanic gardens and arboreta that offer free or discounted admission to current members of participating gardens. For the most up to date information on participating gardens and admission policy, please visit ahsgardening.org/RAPgardens.

MEMBER MORNINGS

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
AUGUST 10 AND SEPTEMBER 14

This is a great way to explore The Gardens in the cool mornings of the summer before we open to the public. Enjoy breakfast snacks and coffee, compliments of the Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek, while looking for wildlife and checking out what's blooming. Or bring your camera and take advantage of the morning light. Summer dates include: August 10 and September 14.

INTERNATIONAL ROCK GARDEN SPEAKER: ZDENĚK ZVOLÁNEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1-3 P.M.



The Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek is proud to host an afternoon presentation with Zdeněk Zvolánek, retired architect, crevice gardener, designer and builder. Zdeněk is an internationally recognized lecturer from the Czech Republic and one of the originators of the crevice

gardening technique. He has designed and built crevice beds in varying sizes from small troughs to a 3-acre crevice garden for Montreal Botanic Garden.

After more than a dozen small expeditions to Turkey, Zdeněk will highlight the many species of plants endemic to the Anatolian region and their suitability in our Colorado climate.

This is a free event for members. Seating is limited so register early. Individual and Student Members may reserve one ticket and Family Members and higher may reserve two tickets. To reserve your tickets, go to fcgov.com/gardens/become-a-member.

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BEHIND THE THEMES

While the Great Lawn and stage are quite obviously the scene stealer as you approach the new expansion area, five themed garden gems are getting ready to be planted. We invited four of our favorite designers to help us – you will recognize their names as they have taught classes, served on our Friends Board, and have been long-time members. Even our Director, Michelle Provaznik, couldn't resist the fun! We hope you enjoy going 'behind the themes' with these local ladies to find out what inspires them and how their designs will be showcased at The Gardens.



THE PLANT SELECT GARDEN
LORETTA MANNIX
The Horticulture Consultant

I moved to Fort Collins from Denver in 1984, where I lived until 2012. I have been designing landscapes since 1997. Everything in the landscape world from natural settings to built outdoor spaces inspires me. As much as I love plants, I am drawn to the hardscape elements surrounding them.

The Plant Select garden I designed showcases many of the plant species carefully selected by Plant Select with input from green industry. I have watched Plant Select develop over the years and have discovered many of my favorite design plants among their ranks. I love the way the garden is shaped with the path flanked on both sides by bed spaces and a seating wall backdrop on the inside. I am a firm believer that a landscape is not only plant driven, but hardscape and layout matter too.

I have watched The Gardens develop over 20+ years. I remember well when the idea of a local botanic garden was just a gleam in Jim Clark's eye. I am so pleased to see this idea come to fruition. I want to especially thank all of the volunteers past, present and future for their work.



THE FRAGRANCE GARDEN
TONYA DUNN

I have lived in Northern Colorado since 1986. I came to Fort Collins to study landscape design at CSU, and I have been designing gardens ever since. Colorado foothills and plains have inspired my designs along with the seasonal changes of flowers and textures.

Fragrance is defined as a pleasant, sweet smell, yet while what is pleasant and sweet to one person may be repulsive to another. Not all flowers are fragrant and no two flowers have an identical scent. Scent is made up of low weight molecular compounds emitted into the air. The scent from a plant is at max levels only when the flowers are ready for pollination and when its pollinators are active.

The plants that I have selected for the garden may have fragrant flowers or foliage, and their scent may be stronger in the morning, during the heat of the day, or in the evening. Some of the plants may require you to get very close to detect the scent, while others may be picked up as you enter. Remember, that we each experience scent differently. I invite you to experience this garden at different times of the day, at different times of the year. Your senses will thank you for the journey!



THE MOON GARDEN
ANNE CLARK
Anne Clark Design

I have lived in Loveland for 27 years and designing gardens professionally for 16. Prior to having my business, I was a stay at home mom, finding escape and a creative outlet in my personal garden, and helping family and friends make wise choices for their gardens.

I love the beauty found in nature and am passionate about creating gardens that harmonize with our natural environment. I believe our landscapes should be a place we connect with the land, nature and each other. The theme garden I designed is 'The Moon Garden', a garden to be experienced at night. The intent was to highlight plants that look luminous in the moonlight, featuring plants with white or light petals, and fragrant species that attract nocturnal pollinators.

I am often found wandering my garden in the evening as a time to let go of the day's busyness. A different set of pollinators shows up at night, being drawn to the heavenly scents and bright blooms. These same plants entice our senses and create a different 'Moonlit' experience.



THE HUMMINGBIRD & BUTTERFLY GARDEN
SALLY GUTHART
Earthborn Landscape Design

I've lived in Fort Collins for 30 years and designed landscapes for the past 13. As a hiker, Native Plant Master, and nature photographer, I find inspiration in the beauty of the mountains and the prairies. I photograph plant communities, native plants and striking plant combinations, and I note which pollinators are found on what plants at different times of the year.

This garden is designed to attract, feed, and shelter hummingbirds and butterflies and to be a place where people can connect with nature. An informal pathway cuts through the garden dividing it into separate island beds. These beds can be viewed from all sides giving visitors an immersive experience. My goal was to create a beautiful, sustainable, four season garden bursting with color and life.

Over the past 12 years, The Gardens has been a great source of friendship, learning and enjoyment for me. I've taught and taken classes, volunteered, served on the Board, and designed several other gardens. Always, I've had the privilege of working with knowledgeable staff members and volunteers. I'm very excited about the completion of The Gardens, and I look forward to the opening of the permanent Butterfly House!



THE ROSE GARDEN
MICHELLE PROVAZNIK
Gardens on Spring Creek

I've lived in Fort Collins for 17 years and have been Director at The Gardens for the last decade. My design inspiration comes from loving color and the changing nature of gardens. I enjoy combining native plants with the classics I grew up with. To design the Rose Garden, I reflected on my history with roses – from watching my grandfather care for his hybrid teas as a child in the Midwest, to attending rosarian meetings in Virginia, to selling 100 varieties in California, roses have woven their way at all stages of my life.

A rose garden can conjure images of formal spaces with masses of color of similar roses. While I have separated the roses by hybrid teas, grandifloras and floribundas, miniatures and climbers as is typical, this rose garden is a little bit different from the traditional. With three beds making up the space, I have chosen to combine roses with perennials, grasses and vines. I'm hoping to inspire you to add roses into your existing garden beds in a new beautiful way.

I am excited about bringing what is on paper to life – literally. Watching how the Rose Garden fits into our new space and learning from it over time is what is most rewarding to me.

REFRESHING NEWS



Korrie Johnston
Fundraising & Marketing Coordinator

A BRAND NEW TRANSFORMATION

An organization's brand is the unspoken language defining every part of its culture. Our former brand was created in 2003, and The Gardens officially opened its doors in 2004. Today, The Gardens has grown to welcome over 70,000 visitors a year, offers dozens of classes and events, and is very close to completing its master plan. We are proud to be one of northern Colorado's top cultural destinations. Our collective desire was to have our brand identity match our bright future.

This May, we unveiled our new brand. This event was nearly a year in the making. The creative process began in June 2017 with brainstorming with our staff, volunteers, and members. Our resounding goal was to have the brand reflect botanic beauty, community, and be a bold mark representing the future. Working collaboratively the City of Fort Collins, a new look was born.

The new logo represents a Pasque flower, a vibrant symbol of early spring rebirth. It is one of the first pollinator sources in the spring, bringing life back to the garden after winter. It represents hope and resiliency. You can see a small hair stem flowing off the flower, which represents the flower's connection to the greater web of life in the garden.



Although we did not change our name, "The Gardens" takes prominence in this refreshed form. This design feature was intentionally created to showcase our vision to be a garden first that is community-oriented, educational, experiential and sustainable.

This newsletter went through an update with a refreshed name (DiG iN) and future content is thoughtfully planned to reflect the path of the new brand. We will continue to use our new brand standards to guide our communication and strategies, signage, apparel, new website (fcgov.com/gardens), and more.

SAME ADDRESS, TOTAL REMODEL

FCGOV.COM/GARDENS

We have a new website! With design provided by the City of Fort Collins, our new website launched in May and provides a robust and mobile-friendly window into the Gardens on Spring Creek. The website links to our social media platforms, the plant database—IrisBG, and allows seamless calendaring of events, programs, and alert communications. Please note our web address hasn't changed, and the web remodel is best viewed using Google Chrome.

APGA AWARDS DOROTHY HANSELL MARKETING AWARD TO NOCO BLOOM

It was my honor to accept this year's Dorothy Hansell Marketing Award from American Public Garden Association (APGA) in Anaheim, California at the annual conference in June. The award honored NoCo Bloom, a hyper-local, 12-page printed publication distributed widely across Fort Collins, Loveland, & Windsor. This guide covers all aspects of gardening in northern Colorado and was launched by The Gardens.

Special thanks to our community partners who support NoCo Bloom including CSU Extension-Larimer County, CSU Horticulture Department, Fort Collins Utilities, Fort Collins Nursery, and the art direction of Becca Henry, part of the City of Fort Collins' design team.





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EVENTS

TO LOVE

GARDEN A'FARE

Garden a'Fare is a series of two culinary pairing events highlighting delicious tapas by chefs featuring produce grown in the Garden of Eatin' paired with wine or beer. Guests are treated to local music, silent auction, and a complimentary event tasting glass - all the while having the opportunity to explore our beautiful botanic gardens.

WINE TOUR

Saturday, August 4, 5-8 p.m., \$75

BEER TOUR WITH ODELL

Friday, August 24, 5-8 p.m., \$65

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HALLOWEEN ENCHANTED GARDEN

SAT. OCT. 27, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This event is one of the only candy-free Halloween celebrations in Fort Collins. \$5 per child.

Take part in a day of magical amusement and old-fashioned fun celebrating the Halloween season, especially planned for children 8 years and under. Reading retrievers, mysterious magic shows, Mad Scientist Zone, face painter, pirate and pumpkin bowling, and our talking pumpkin will be back.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Pre-registration is required. Members receive a discount on classes fcgov.com/gardens.

AUGUST

- AUG 11 - Family Yoga
- AUG 16 - Pizza, Pesto, & Pistou Cooking Class
- AUG 18 - Yoga in the Gardens
- AUG 30 - Celebrating Tomatoes Cooking Class

SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 3 - LABOR DAY! Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- SEPT 6 - Wraps, Rolls, & Dumplings Cooking Class
- SEPT 20 - Mild to Wild Chiles Cooking Class
- SEPT 27 - Garden Fresh Homemade Pastas Cooking Class

ADMISSION

is a suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child, aged two and over. As always, members enjoy free admission.

HOW TO FIND US

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970-416-2486
fcgov.com/gardens



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