



APRIL 2022 COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWSLETTER

Dear Gardeners,

Welcome to the 2022 gardening season! We are so happy to have you all back this year and welcome a few new gardeners this season as well. It is our goal to be a supportive and inclusive community! We will be hosting the season's first garden gathering, a Seed and Garden Gear Exchange in conjunction with a Garden Workday on Saturday, April 23rd from 10-1 PM in the garden. You don't need to bring anything to donate in order to attend, everyone is welcome! Extra gardening items, seeds and starts to share with fellow gardeners are all welcome.

We have ordered several hundred bareroot strawberries for a community strawberry patch that will be arriving the week of April 25th. If you are interested in helping plant or maintain the community strawberry patch this summer, let me know, many hands make light work! We will be having a second workday the week of April 25th to get these in the ground. Communal sitting areas will be added in several areas within the garden for you to enjoy: in the berry cage & in the NE corner. We've gotten some furniture donations for these areas that need some TLC. If there are any gardeners who are skilled in refinishing wood furniture & would like to get community service hours, get in touch. Happy Gardening!

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Food Bank Donations

Mark, in plot 21/24, will be managing donations from community gardeners this year. Thank you Mark! We are looking for a medium to large sized cooler for the food bank donations. Lightly used is okay!



WINTER WATERING

The frost free spigot, in plot 16 with the barrel around it, can be used for winter watering. Please leave the hose the way you found it. (Off and coiled) If that is not the way you found it, please do so. Each year, the fairground's staff decides when to turn the water on for the season. The last frost free date each spring is typically May 15th.

If the water is turned on earlier than 5/15 due to warmer than usual weather, it is important to NOT use drip irrigation prior to that day. Please turn off the plot's main spigot and disconnect hoses when not in use. After the hose is disconnected, leave splitters OPEN to avoid water being trapped inside the splitter and freezing.

Seed & Garden Gear Exchange

Saturday, April 23 at the Community Garden
10 AM-1 PM: Seed & Garden Gear Exchange
11 AM-1 PM: Garden Workday

- Friends & Family welcome! Come to one or both events.
- Bring garden gear (like hoses, fencing, tools) & seeds you have extras of to share.
- No need to bring donations, in order to participate.
- Light refreshments provided, additional snacks welcome!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We ask that each gardener donate two hours of community service per plot in addition to the maintenance of your plot and pathways. We will have community work days, the first one on April 23rd from 11 AM- 1PM, for those of you who would like to work as a group. You can work on tasks independently once your task has been pre-approved. This does not need to be a physically demanding chore, rather the priority is to ensure that your time benefits the garden as a whole. Please confirm what your project with the garden coordinator before getting started. Projects need to be completed by November 15th. Let the Garden Coordinator know if you are interested in any of the following projects or have ideas for a project.

Planting Communal Area

We will be planting strawberries the week of April 25th and later in the season a pollinator garden in our new communal seating area. Join us in sprucing up these areas!

Weeding Trial Plots or Common Areas

Keep one or more of these areas tidy and weed free for the season; hops, grapes, berries, parking lot, compost dumpster area, communal sitting areas and tool shed.

Sheet Mulching Perennial Areas

Putting down cardboard and wood chips in perennial beds to prevent weeds & build soil.

Refurbishing communal furniture

Help us refresh the lightly used furniture that has been donated to the garden. This task will require tools & skill.

Wheelbarrow repair

We have two wheelbarrows that need tires replaced. This task would require tools.



TILLER RENTAL

We have two tillers available for rent at the garden. Before you use the tiller, make sure to come into the Boulder County Extension office during business hours to sign the waiver and pay the \$5 rental fee. Only premium grade gas should be used & please do not mix oil with the gas! We try to keep the gas cans in the shed filled with premium for your use. If you find them empty or run into issues with the tiller, let the garden coordinator know.

PESTICIDES IN THE GARDEN

Our Community Garden is not an organic garden; however we encourage you to minimize the use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides. Whenever possible we encourage you to manage pests organically. Remember that responsible use of garden products means that your use will in no way affect other gardeners or their crops or soil. DO NOT use chemicals on windy days: chemicals can drift and harm neighboring crops! Use of herbicides that affect the crops or soil of another gardener may be grounds for termination of your lease or non-renewal for future years.

COMMUNAL PATHWAYS

Please remember to keep communal pathways including spaces in between garden plots clear so that people can get through with wheelbarrows and other gear.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

CO Native Plant Society Online Plant Sale

April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022

<https://conps.org/conps-spring-sale-2022/#!form/2022SpringPlantSale>

Crevice Garden Design with Kenton Seth

Online Webinar with Wild Ones

Monday, April 11, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Register:

<https://frontrange.wildones.org/events/crevice-garden-design-with-kenton-seth/>

BeeChicas: Start Seeds for Pollinators

Wednesday, Apr 13th, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Boulder Creek Room, Main Library: 1001 Arapahoe Avenue

Boulder, Colorado 80302

April Cool-Weather Plant Sale

Tue, Apr 12-15th, 9 AM – 6 PM

Growing Gardens: 1630 Hawthorn Ave, Boulder, CO

<https://growinggardens.org/event/april-cool-weather-plant-sale/>

Growing Dahlias Workshop: Artemis Flower Farm

Sat, Apr 30, 10 AM – 1 PM

Treehouse Farm Collective 8104 North 63rd Street, Longmont, CO, 80503

<https://www.artemisflowerfarm.com/workshops/growing-dahlias-short-course>

UPCOMING GARDEN WORKDAYS

General Garden Workday: Saturday, April 23rd
11 AM- 1 PM

Strawberry Planting Workday: Friday, April 29th in evening and Saturday, April 30th in the morning

More info & volunteer sign up on the strawberry planting dates to come

For workdays: please bring a gloves, a weeding tool, a shovel and rake, if you have them available.

CSU Extension Front Range Garden Series 2022

March 18	Convert Your Turf!
March 25	Pruning Shrubs: Stop the Senseless Shearing
April 1	A Fool's Guide to Zero-Water Gardens
April 8	Vegetable Varieties
April 15	Celebrate Trees for Arbor Day!
April 22	Beneficial Garden Insects
April 29	Introduction to Landscape Design
May 6	Soil Health and Amendments
May 13	Bulbs for Summer Blooms
May 20	Growing Backyard Berries
May 27	Plant Besties - Companion Plants
June 3	Beauty and the Bees

All classes will be virtual, 60 minutes long and will be recorded. To register visit our CO-Horts Blog website at <http://csuhort.blogspot.com/>



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SEED LIBRARY AT LONGMONT LIBRARY

The Public Library has opened a Seed Library in their lobby. You can get up to 6 packets for free!

