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# WINTER HOURS: Wednesday thru Saturday – Noon to 3pm

## THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Anyone else done with dreary, grey days? Yup. Me too! I need some sunshine! It won't matter if it's zero outside ... a few hours of dazzling Colorado sunlight would be simply amazing! Fear not, sweet friends: there's hope. I heard our wish for rescue go out while I scrubbed the kitchen floor!

Day Five: there's muddy dog tracks on EVERYTHING, everywhere in the house. Even a kid raised in sheepcamp has standards. Dang it. Second mop bucket in, I heard him. A rabble rouser in the backyard! A peek out the kitchen window showed me who was raising the fuss. A handsome, portly robin I'd estimate to be the size of a bowling ball ... ok, maybe closer to softball size ... was stomping around the yard. Mr. Portly Robin was chirping and flipping over bits of melting snow, in an all-out robin rampage! He worked himself into quite a lather, then flitted into the Royal Raindrops crabapple tree, where he raised a ruckus for another hour. Bless his rowdy little robin heart! The clouds thinned a little that morning, but never did clear, despite his urging.

Funny thing is, Portly has been back every morning, chirping loud and clear on our behalf. I hear him ask for sunshine while I putter about inside. He's really loud and I'm grateful for his persistence and grit! I know this. Once he finally coaxes sunshine from behind those clouds, we'll all be happy! Portly the Robin can stop hollerin' on our behalf and raise a family in our backyard and we'll all have more exciting things to do than mop a kitchen floor. Thanks, Portly!





Hello! I've been here for two+ years and love the company that I work for, what it stands for, and especially the beautiful community that it serves (for over 50 years now!).

It's 2020! And, it's already February. I have a feeling that the next decade will be "roaring" in one way or another! In the past, only the rich and powerful had the means and the time to think about landscaping, i.e. Versailles. Now, landscape design is constantly changing; politically, economically, technologically, and literally! Over the past hundred years, our landscapes have changed drastically! Outdoor spaces have evolved from Frederick Law Olmstead (the first official Landscape Architect) and his design of Central Park to now: outdoor public arenas has become a main focus for the upcoming and future development. They are no longer just the welcome mat to the main attraction. Whether it be for a company, non-profit, organization, home, or courtyard - creating that "image" in the 21st century, what it's all about. And, that's where I come into play. No matter the scenario, creativity is key, and I'll work to match your ideal visions of functionality, color, year-round texture, colorful, hardy plants and more. Landscape design is not just about the aesthetic, but it can be the guardian of any building... using the elements to blend plant material, hardscape, drainage and irrigation into the perfect micro-ecosystem - seamlessly! I'm here to create a harmonious feel and make sure you're happy with your landscape design!

It is exciting to see where we go from here and how the future of the Grand Valley will look, even in 2021! Growth in our city, like the Las Colonias Business Park, is one that I'm looking forward to experiencing!

Are you ready to start thinking about landscape design for your next project? Come hang out and visit with me in our greenhouse (it's especially nice in this cold weather!) and for now, stay warm!

- Nathan Sellers





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A multi-year BEACON Best winner and fan favorite, Bookcliff Gardens is an essential destination for green-thumbed locals. Bookcliff Gardens is best known for their exceptional staff, with Colorado Certified Nursery Professionals who can answer any and all of your gardening questions.

"It is our goal to listen to [the customer's] wants and needs and provide the help they need. So many of our senior customers, have been loyal customers for years, and we so appreciate their



business," said Stephanie and Rick Griggs, who are also the gardens' new owners.

On top of carrying a complete line of trees, shrubs, and countless other plants, this nursery also offers landscaping and maintenance services and house calls for struggling trees and plants. Talk about the complete package!

"It is such an honor for our business to be chosen. Our customers are the reason we are in business," added the Griggses.

We're pleased to announce we have been voted "Best Garden Nursery" for the 2020 Beacon Senior News Beacon Best Awards! Read more <u>here</u> (page 31). Thank you!!



## Saturday, Feb. 29 & Sunday, March 1 @ Bookcliff Gardens

Join us for the 2020 Plant Expo! Bookcliff Gardens hosts two days of fun with growing gurus of Orchids and African Violets. They'll be here at the garden center all weekend, sharing their knowledge & expertise! You'll see some amazing plants and even learn to grow beautiful specimen plants yourself. This event is free to attend!



#### SPRING 2020 GARDENING CLASSES ARE SET!

Lots of you have been asking about our Spring Gardening Classes ... so here is the schedule. It's a good idea to pre-register since space is limited and we want to save a seat for you. Can't wait to see you in class!

#### Click here for a printable class schedule!



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Thinking about new landscaping in your yard this year? Awesome! A good plan will save you time and money in the long run, and we can help! Call Bookcliff Gardens' Landscape Design Department for professional input that'll turn your yard into an amazing outdoor living space. Our designers have an eye for detail and know how to match dazzling plants and hardscape design elements with your personal way of life. Beat the spring rush!

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