



January 2020

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

(Beginning on January 9th, when we reopen!)

THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Happy New Year! 2020 is going to be AMAZING! New vision ... fresh insight ... saddle up, folks! Here we go! Holiday stress is behind us ... let's get down to the good stuff!

What's the good stuff? Happy you asked! At my place, the hose, frog-eye sprinkler & I will become one this week ... if we get above freezing! Don't fret if you see a white haired lady in a raggedy coat & mud boots wallowing around in my yard. Just me! My garlic patch & pinions need some lovin'! If it stays warm long enough, that hose will get dragged all over the place! Christmas afterglow lasted one day at our house. A couple rowdy dogs and a 20-pound cat kinda bugged up our Christmas tree ... but what the heck?! It's their house too! As long as everyone is warm, loved and fed ... what else really matters?

2020 is gonna be amazing! Fresh ideas & new concepts from Bookcliff Gardens ... let's get to the good stuff!



Happy New Year and decade! With the new year rolling in I have enjoyed looking back on 2019 and all the excitement it entailed. By far the most exciting thing for Rick and I is becoming the new owners at Bookcliff Gardens! Leading up to our new jobs starting mid-October, I did as many outdoor adventures as I could possibly work in. These included lots of snow days skiing and snowshoeing, trail running, a rafting trip in Utah, a hiking trip with Kansas friends to Zion, and summiting Pikes Peak with my daughter. Anytime you are at the store I would love to chat with you about any of these adventures. I plan on continuing as many outdoor treks as possible for 2020, but my main focus will be the spring/summer season at Bookcliff Gardens! I cannot wait to get some dirt under my fingernails!

This time of year it is so fun to start dreaming of planting our gardens in the spring as the seed catalogs start to arrive. Dennis is finalizing the list of trees, shrubs, and plants that will start to arrive in March. Lisa, our grower, is already starting seeds. She has been planning and organizing nonstop the last couple of months. Trucks are starting to arrive carrying fertilizer, pots, and lots of supplies. Tyler and Bill are finishing the painting in the big room in the retail center. Teresa (along with the retail team) are on a little vacation after lots of painting, reorganizing, and working the holidays. Did you know Bookcliff does commercial snow removal in the winter? Our team has already gotten in some early mornings due to mother nature...even Christmas and New Year's mornings!

Pardon me if I get a bit wordy. I am excited to have an audience to share my thoughts on all things nature! Speaking of nature, I just listened to a podcast this morning on AWE. In the podcast they state that studies have proven that if we can find awe in nature our overall well being improves. Moving here from the flatlands of Kansas there is not a day goes by that I am in awe of the beauty of the mountains that surround us here in the Grand Valley. As I sit and think about those trucks full of plants rolling into Bookcliff this spring, the lettuce I envision popping up early, planting a few new shrubs in my front garden bed, my lavender springing to life...I am in awe this wintery January day. I will end with one of my favorite quotes:
"I have seen almost more beauty than I can bear." -Everett Ruess

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in 2020! Come dream with us, warm

your wintery bones in the plant room, and have a conversation with Baby (the Macaw). We really appreciate each and every one of you! May your new year be healthy, happy, and surrounded by nature!

Steph Griggs
Co-Owner of Bookcliff Gardens

January 2020 Gardening Calendar

Happy New Year!						
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Closed for Winter Break ... Re-opening on January 9th, 2020!						
Snow can break limbs on evergreens. Remove heavy snow as needed to prevent damage. Build a snowman whenever you find enough to make it work!						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Keep your chin up... we'll be planting flowers in the yard soon! Drop by Bookcliff Gardens for a walk through the houseplant room. Mmmm... the scent of warm soil is wonderful! We re-open Thursday, back from Winter Break!						
Thumb through those seed catalogs again. There are bound to be amazing things in there! Monitor houseplants for insect problems. Bookcliff can help identify the issues and keep your plants bug free!						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bookcliff Gardens' Spring Classes are coming up in February! Stop by for a sneak preview & to pre-register!						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Check moisture on trees and shrubs in your yard. Water monthly if the soil is dry. If snow cover is tacking, check to make sure frost heaving hasn't shoved newly planted perennials out of the soil. Gently tuck them back into the earth on a warm(ish) day.						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

[Click here for printable calendar.](#)

Spring Gardening Classes



Isn't it exciting? Day by day, we're inching toward a brand new year in the yard! Getting back into the garden is thrilling for some ... intimidating & mysterious for others. Bookcliff Gardens wants you to succeed ... so we're hosting Spring Gardening Classes to help you brush up on your skills! The 2020 Class schedule is still being finalized, with sessions starting in February. You can learn about everything from growing veggies & pruning, to basic garden principals & designing beautiful flowering containers & baskets! The Spring Gardening Class schedule will come out in next month's edition of Garden Talk. If you want a sneak peek, drop by Bookcliff Gardens or call us at 242-7766 in the next week or two for details (we reopen on January 9th). Whether you're brand new or a seasoned gardener, we can help you grow!

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