



Bookcliff Gardens
nursery & landscape

Garden Talk



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THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Can you feel it? It's that tiny flutter of gladness ... flying in on rays of sunshine that last just a few minutes longer each day! Some afternoons, there's even the faint scent of thawing soil. Heavenly! I think we're on the threshold of Colorado's elusive fifth season this year ... Mud Season!

My morning stroll through the garden today didn't last long. A bit brisk, shall we say! The beauty of it, though, was finding soil that's frozen solid ... hard as a rock ... laced together by lots of ice crystals. My heart swelled



with joy! Those tiny crystals ... glinting in the cold, bright sunshine ... tells me there's moisture in the soil! It's locked up as ice right now ... but with a little more time & a bit more warmth, they'll melt. Roots will get a sip of water as sleepy plants begin to stir. Patches of snow remain in shady places around my yard ... and there are exposed spots that've already turned dry & dusty. In the flower garden, though, all is well.

My perennial garden & I need a play date. The tangled jumble of dead leaves & brown stems is waiting for me, my pruners & a wheelbarrow ... & we need to celebrate! My perennials appreciate the attention ... and I appreciate my garden! From peonies, coneflowers & catmint to iris, dianthus & miniature roses ... I love them all! My only dilemma is whether to visit the garden while it's still cold ... or wait for warmer weather and wear hip waders so the wet garden soil won't swallow my shoes! Little by little ... the season will turn. It won't be long now ...
LET THERE BE MUD!

Spring Gardening Classes

We're so excited! Getting out into the garden is thrilling for some ... intimidating & mysterious for others. Bookcliff Gardens wants you to succeed ... so we're hosting Spring Gardening Classes just for you!

The 2019 Class schedule is finished! You can learn about everything from growing veggies & pruning, to basic garden principals & designing beautiful flowering containers & baskets. Drop by Bookcliff Gardens or call us at 242-7766 for more information. We'll host classes through to the end of April. Space is limited, so we suggest Whether you're brand new or a seasoned gardener, we'll help you grow!

[Click here for Feb. & March Class Schedule!](#)



[Click here for printable calendar!](#)

February Gardening Calendar

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| <p>Garden plants that may have been heaved out of the ground by winter frost should be pressed back into place firmly. Re-setting them works best when the soil is still a bit moist before roots dry out.</p> <p>Be sure to check in with Bookcliff Gardens! Our Spring Gardening Class Schedule is up, so pre-register today!</p> | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| <p>Stroll through the yard to scout for winter damage among trees & shrubs. Prune out broken branches as needed. Check soil moisture and water your trees & shrubs as needed.</p> <p>Lightly fertilize your garlic & asparagus with high nitrogen fertilizer. Just a light application will do the trick. Water it in.</p> <p>Check bulb beds for moisture. If the soil is dry, give them a deep soak to help insure blooming in a few weeks!</p> | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| <p>Apply Dormant Oil to fruit trees & lilacs in mid to late February to help kill overwintering bugs and powdery mildew spores. Dormant oil must be applied before bud-break.</p> <p>Get your mower & other power garden tools in shape ... ready to fire up when spring arrives! Clean up and sharpen your hand-tools, too!</p> | | | | | | <p>Gardening 10 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens</p> |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| <p>Pick up 2019 vegetable seeds and seedling mix at Bookcliff Gardens now if you plan to start your own veggie seedlings. We have helpful information to help your garden grow!</p> <p>Fertilize houseplants about once a month at half strength -or as directed on the fertilizer label - until growth is robust.</p> | | | | | | <p>Cold Season Veggies 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens</p> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| <p>Plant colorful pansies in early March if the weather stays nice! Harden them off for a few days before planting so they can adjust & grow. Bookcliff Gardens has a lovely selection!</p> <p>Thinking of doing a landscape project in the yard this year? Start with a great plan! Call Bookcliff's Landscape Design Department before the spring rush! Sign up for Spring Gardening Classes at Bookcliff Gardens!</p> | | | | | | <p>Plants West Spring Show Sat. & Sun. Bookcliff Gardens</p> |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 |

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BEAUTIFUL YARDS START WITH GREAT DESIGNS!

Thinking about new landscaping in your yard this year? Awesome! A good plan will save you time & 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. Bookcliff's 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! Call Bookcliff's Landscape Design Department now at 242-7769 to schedule an appointment.

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