

## ... and we want you to be the first to hear about it!

As you are part of our "Bookcliff Family", Dan and I want to give you a heads up about some big news at Bookcliff Gardens. After almost 40 years of ownership and involvement with the company, we've sold the business to a local couple, Rick and Stephanie Griggs. Dan and I couldn't be more excited about these two taking over the reins! They're smart and dedicated to continuing to improve everything Bookcliff Gardens has provided gardeners in Western Colorado for more than 50 years.

We both feel that they are the perfect folks to take Bookcliff Gardens to a new level without sacrificing the quality, selection, and service we've always tried to offer. One thing we want to express before we go (and we're not going away for a while - we'll be here to assist Rick and Stephanie with a transition for the next several months) is how much we appreciate all of you as customers.

You've been a joy to work with! We've been blessed with a job that we've loved, because we got to interact with the best friends and customers ever! You're the reason for the success of Bookcliff Gardens and we want to thank each of you for your patronage, patience, and good humor. We want you to meet Rick and Stephanie! Come on out if you get a chance - we know they'll take good care of

you and Bookcliff Gardens.

Warm regards, Dennis Hill

(If you're interested, read below for the press release that's going out tomorrow.)



Dennis Hill (far left) with new owners, Rick and Stephanie Griggs, and Dan Komlo (far right).

## Bookcliff Gardens Sells Business; Under New Ownership

GRAND JUNCTION, October 28, 2019 - After more than 50 years in business, Bookcliff Gardens Nursery and Landscape has changed hands, but not heart. After their best year-to-date in sales, Bookcliff Gardens is pleased to announce the sale of the Garden Center and Landscape Services to local residents Rick and Stephanie Griggs.

The business officially changed hands on Friday, October 18, 2019. Dennis Hill, former owner/garden center manager, and Dan Komlo, former owner/landscape and maintenance manager, both agree, "The Griggs are the perfect people to lead Bookcliff Gardens into the future. They have great hearts and will serve this community well. They appreciate how hard we've worked to build caring relationships with our customers and they plan to continue to do the same."

The commitment to customers will stand strong as it will continue being locally owned and operated by the Griggs. Customers will still see the familiar faces of staff they've come to trust and rely upon and Dennis Hill and Dan Komlo will continue employment with Bookcliff Gardens in a transition period for the next several months. Old and new customers can expect the same exceptional service from knowledgeable staff and continued focus on high quality plant materials for their homes, landscapes, and gardens.

Bookcliff Gardens has served the Western Slope for more than 51 years as the premier garden center and landscape services business, the biggest operation of its kind between Denver and Salt Lake City, Utah. The company started as Mesa Mato, growing hot-house tomatoes and cut flowers for local restaurants and florists under the ownership of Ed and Betty Settle. Through the decades, Bookcliff Gardens expanded into growing lush bedding plants and vegetable starts, along with robust nursery trees and shrubs for Western Slope landscapes. An award winning landscape contracting service became the natural extension of the ever evolving company.

Rick Griggs, new owner of Bookcliff Gardens states, "We are really honored to carry on the legacy that Dan and Dennis have built. They grew the business from its humble beginnings to the household name it is today." Dennis Hill and Dan Komlo were partners at Bookcliff Gardens for 39 of the company's 51 years. Now, Rick and Stephanie Griggs take up Bookcliff's banner, "We help ... You Grow!"

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