

COMMUNITY GARDENS NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Spring Highlights

Growing Gardens has two very exciting events coming up. The details are listed below!

We Are Moving!

When: April 25th

Where: Hawthorn Farm (1630 Hawthorn Ave., Boulder)

What: Our offices are moving! On April 25th we will be moving to the Hawthorn Farm. Over the past few months we have been constructing a new office and classroom space that will also include new bathrooms. We are delighted to have a central location for all of our staff, where we can grow as an organization.

We are excited to move into our new space, but please know that we may not be very responsive for the few days before and after the move until we're settled in. Keep an eye out in our general newsletter for any Open House dates later this Spring. We are looking forward to sharing our new space with the community!

Plant Sales

When: The first three Saturdays and Sundays in May from 8am-4pm (May 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th)

Where: Growing Gardens Greenhouses (1630 Hawthorn Ave., Boulder)

What: Our annual plant sales feature a wide array of perennial flowers, annual flowers, vegetable starts, fruit bushes, rhubarb, strawberries, and herbs. Click [here](#) for a complete list of the plants we plan to sell (mother nature willing).

The proceeds from the plant sale help fund our [program initiatives](#) throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you! Growing Gardens' staff will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions and to help you pick the very best plants for your garden.



Important Deadlines and Dates

As you begin gardening, please keep the following dates in mind:

Plot Refund Deadline: April 15th

Plots that are voluntarily turned into Growing Gardens before April 15th will be refunded half of the plot fee and the full water fee. No refunds are given after April 15th



Early Season Watering: May 15

Each year, the individual Community Garden land owners decide when to turn the water on for the season. The last frost free date each Spring is typically May 15th. It is important not to use drip irrigation prior to May 15th. Please turn off the 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. If you see others



Plot Abandonment Deadline: May 1

Plots must be obviously worked and weeded by May 1, weather permitting. Any abandoned or unworked plots will be reassigned and no refund given. If you are unable to keep or maintain your plot, please contact the Growing Gardens office or your Garden Leader as soon as possible.



Spring Gardening Classes

We are now accepting registrations for spring and summer gardening classes! Some of our upcoming classes include Summer Garden Management which will take place April 21st 9-11:30 am, and Pests & Diseases in Your Garden which will take place June 16th 9-11:30 am.

Click [here](#) to sign up for these upcoming classes!

We are still accepting volunteers for our upcoming Plant Sale! The Plant Sale takes place during the first three Saturdays and Sundays in May (May 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and the 20th). If you are interested in volunteering for any of these times visit our [volunteer page](#) to register.

Complete and Log Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Opportunities

What: Spring Seeding in the Greenhouse!

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-12pm

Where: Hawthorn Farm

What: Longmont Farm Open Hours (site maintenance; weeding, seeding, transplanting, fertilizing, etc.).

When: Friday April 27th, 9am-12pm

Where: Longmont Farm

950 Lashley Street,
Longmont, CO



All gardeners must **complete and log four volunteer hours per plot by November 15th**. Be sure to get credit for the time that you volunteer with Growing Gardens. You are responsible for logging your own hours on the website. **Signing in at an event or during a volunteer project is not the same thing as logging your hours.**

[Click Here to Log Hours](#)

Happy Gardening!