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President's message



My first summer after my Master Gardener class, I bought grow lights and seed starting supplies and grew tomatoes from seeds. I babied them every day for weeks, waiting for the soil to warm. There's only one small spot in my deer-free backyard that gets enough sun for tomatoes, so I only had enough room to grow four tomato plants. My husband helped me build a raised bed with a cloche following Gary Weber's Discovery Park design. My seedlings were successful, except for the stem I broke in half when transplanting. I had to buy an already-started tomato to replace it. Factoring in the cost of the raised bed, soil, and cloche, those were my eighty-dollar tomatoes. I checked the weather like a meteorologist, deploying my row cover with every forecast below 50 degrees. Liz Douville was right -- I can no longer eat store-bought tomatoes after growing my own. Like all of you, I am saddened by Liz Douville's passing. My magical thinking convinces me that people I know will live forever. Many of you knew her better than I, but I can hear her saying, "Enough of this. Go grow some tomatoes!" And that's what I shall do. What better way to honor her? Happy gardening everyone!

Janet Dart



Soil Thermometers:

The process for taking ST to classes and events is being revised. Updated process/information coming soon. At this time, they are only to be kept in the "refill" box in the Demo Garden Shed. The bin at the OSU front office is a different process and will not change at this time.

Get ready for the new planting season!

Your Central Oregon MG chapter has

soil thermometers (\$5)

row cover (\$10)

clamps (pkg of 10 for \$15)

for sale.

Contact Karen Simonet

emnurse1923@gmail.com for soil thermometers and Bonnie O'Hern

rnirishgirl@icloud.com for row cover. Happy planting!

COMGA Calendar

for contact persons go to gocomga.com

March

- 1 Discovery Park Community Garden lottery opens
- 1 Hollinshead Community Garden lottery opens
- 2 Growing Vegetables in C. O. (Bend) 10:00am
- 6 OSU Master Gardener training, 9:30am
- 7 COMGA Board meeting, 10:00am
- 9 Growing Vegetables in C. O. (Prineville)
- 16 Growing Vegetables in C. O. (Redmond)
- 20 OSU Master Gardener training, 9:30
- 21 Hollinshead C. G. volunteer meeting, 10:00am
- 21 Discovery Park C. G. volunteer workday, 6:00pm
- 23 Growing Vegetables in C. O. (Bend) 10:00am
- 26 Zoom Q&A Session: Growing Vegetables, 7:00pm
- 30 Zoom Q&A Session: Growing Vegetables, 9:00am
- 31 Hollinshead C. G. lottery closes 12:00pm

April

- 1 Discovery Park Community Garden registration
- 2 Redmond Demo Garden work day, 9:00am
- 4 COMGA board meeting, 10:00am
- 6 Spring Seminar classes, 10:00am and 1:00pm
- 10 Alpenglow Demo Garden workday, 10:00am
- 11 Discovery Park CG volunteer workday
- 13 Spring Seminar classes, 10:00am and 1:00pm
- 13 Discovery Park C G opens, 8:00am
- 14 Hollinshead Community Garden opens
- 16 Redmond Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 18 Hollinshead C G volunteer meeting, 10:00am
- 18 Discovery Park C G volunteer workday, 6:00pm
- 20 Spring Seminar classes, 10:00am and 1:00pm
- 24 Alpenglow Demo garden workday, 10:00am
- 27 Spring Seminar classes, 10:00am and 1:00pm

May

- 2 COMGA board meeting, 10:00am
- 7 Redmond Demo garden workday, 9:00am
- 8 Workday: Alpenglow Demo garden, 10:00am
- 16 Hollinshead C G volunteer meeting, 10:00am
- 16 Discovery Park C G volunteer meeting, 6:00pm
- 21 Redmond Demo garden workday, 9:00am
- 22 Workday: Alpenglow Demo garden, 10:00am

NEW PASSWORD!

The new password to the member section of the COMGA website is: **PlantN8ive\$**

Inventory:

2 gardens will have their inventory done in April, Alpenglow and Hollinshead. If any questions please let Karen Simonet know.
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Dealing with Deer in the Landscape

by Pat Kolling

This winter has been a tough one for all of us, including the deer that roam our yards. They have grazed on every bit of greenery that they can reach. As spring comes, soon I hope, they will be looking for even more goodies in the garden. How can you prevent these pests, mainly deer, from destroying your garden and landscapes?

First of all, it's important to understand deer behavior. Deer love certain plants, but will try almost anything once. No plant is 100% deer proof. But deer do prefer certain plants, so by avoiding those plants, you can minimize damage. Arborvitae and other evergreen shrubs are high on their list as goodies in winter. They also like small deciduous trees, rhododendron and herbaceous plants that hold their leaves all winter, such as heuchera. In spring and summer, they will seek out tulips, and newly emerging hosta and daylilies. They may also eat newly planted annuals. They also love all parts of fruit trees, so they will need to be protected year around. In late summer, male deer will use the trunks of small trees that are 2 inches wide or less to rub off their antler velvet. So, what strategies should be used to fend off these deer traits?

The first thing is to make smart plant choices. Deer tend to be put off by fuzzy, coarse, or fern-like foliage, or leaves or stems that have strong odor or spines. Lamb's ear, hellebores, ornamental grasses, ferns, catmint, Russian sage, and lavender are less attractive to deer. They love tulips, but not so much daffodils, allium or grape hyacinth. As for trees and shrubs, they often avoid pine and spruce, and even boxwood. Forsythia, weigelia and spirea also attract fewer deer. There is a full list of deer "resistant" plants on the OSU Deschutes County Extension website.

Use repellents to show deer what not to eat. There are a variety of commercial and homemade repellants that can be effective tools. They use 3 techniques to deter deer – bad taste, odor, and fear. Bad taste and scent repellants contain ingredients such as capsicum pepper, putrid egg solids and garlic. Fear repellants, on the other hand, contain scents that warn deer of predators, like coyote urine and animal remains. Motion sensing noise makers are another scare tactic that can let deer know that your garden is off limits. All repellants work to a degree, but deer acclimate to one, so rotating them is also helpful.

One sure fire way to stop deer browsing is to fence your whole yard. This may not be feasible and is expensive. Physical barriers such as netting, wraps and small fencing are more practical and can be effective. Consider attaching netting to stakes with staples or zip-ties to protect larger plants. Small plants can be protected with tomato cages – just be sure that the holes are small enough so noses can't get in between. You can also protect young trees from buck rubs by wrapping trees with plastic or paper tree wraps. Be sure to replace these wraps occasionally to avoid moisture or insect infestation. Wire

fence cages can also be used. Running fishing line through a perennial garden can create confusion for the deer. Remember these three tips – choose smart plants that deer do not like, apply smart repellants to deter deer, and create smart barriers to block deer.

OMGA report

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May 15 is the deadline for scholarships and awards. New in 2024 is the Growing and Belonging award. Qualifications and application forms can be found on the OMGA website.

Joy of Gardening Conference July 12 and 13 this year. Enrollment starts in April with an early enrollment discount. Funds are also available for those in need. Gail Langellotto, former State Program Manager will be speaking about the "Garden Ecology Lab". 2 field trips are planned to a local arboretum and nursery. Each year the conference holds a "silent auction". Please consider donating items for our chapter. Contact myself or Toni Stephan for details.

Thank you, Karen Simonet

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Spring Gardening Seminar

The list of classes for Spring Gardening Seminar are on the flyer on page 9. The classes are \$5 each and all of the classes count for Advanced Training credit. If you can't listen to the webinar on the day of the event, you will be sent a link after the session is over so you can view the webinar at your leisure. The link will be good for about a month after the scheduled date.

If you are on social media, please let everyone know about this event. The usual site on Facebook that we have been posting to for the past several years has denied us the opportunity to post our event.

Registration is now open on our website:

gocomga.com/2024-springseminar

If you have any questions about the webinars, please contact Rocky at rockyb820@gmail.com

Community Education report

In February we ran five in-person classes throughout the tri-county area in Madras, Sisters, Prineville, Bend and Redmond. We held three Growing Vegetables in Central Oregon Classes and two Seed Sowing & Transplanting classes. We registered a total of 305 students with 166 actually attending the sessions. Winter weather really impacts attendance. The overall average ratings ranged 4.7 to 4.96 on the 1.0-5.0 scale. Thanks to our teachers, teaching assistants, and audio-video tech for a job well done!

We continue to beta test, with Webmaster Nancy Glick, two new WIX web reports for Classroom Evaluation Data and Class Attendance & Sales of soil thermometers and row cover supplies. Web reports are shortening the data input time for Teaching Assistants and also providing access to summary data for either one class or a summary of any/all classes in a selected timeframe. Fine tuning is in progress for character space allotments and layout of the final reports.

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Cheryl Hinerman

Newsletter Notes: Deadline for submission of material to the HoeDown is 1st Friday after the board meeting.

All articles, notices and other journalistic efforts are welcome and appreciated. All information provided by the "HoeDown" is believed to be accurate but readers must assume all responsibility for their own actions based on this information.

Occasionally a product or company may be named in an article but this does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of said product.

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Biscuitroot

by Judy Schearer

Each year, I am always anxious to find the first wildflowers in bloom in Oregon. This year it was February 25th in the Painted Hills Unit of the John Day Fossil Bed National Monument. We found Herderson's biscuitroot, *Lomatium hendersonii*, a member of the carrot or parsley family, Apiaceae. The diminutive perennial plant ranges from 4 to 11 inches tall and arises from an elongated tuber that is less than an inch long. There is no stem. The leaves are compound with short petioles that subtend blades up to 4 inches long and 1-2 pinnate (see photos below). The leaflets are linear to oblong measuring about 0.1 inches. The inflorescence is a compound umbel with small yellow flowers. The biscuitroot or desert parsley is found scattered throughout eastern Oregon on gravelly or rocky soil mainly in sagebrush flats. It blooms from late Feb into June. The main pollinators are butterflies and moths. Of interest is that there are at least 50 species of biscuitroot in Oregon and all are edible. The indigenous peoples made a biscuit called konse from the roots. The black outer skin was removed, then the roots dried and ground into a flour. To prepare, water was added and the dough was shaped into a tortilla-like biscuit. It has been reported that when Lewis and Clark reached the Lemhi Valley in Idaho they were presented with a konse measuring 1' by 2' from the Shoshone for the primary purpose of receiving goods in turn from them.



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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

March 7, 2024

Meeting held at the OSU Annex Classroom and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Dart, President; Tim Schindele, VP MG Education; Cheryl Hinerman, VP Community Education, Marilyn Clark, Treasurer; Rocky Bessette, Communications Liaison; Deb Goodall, Membership Coordinator; Toni Stephan, OMGA Alt Rep, Berta Keller, Historian, Karen Simonet, OMGA Rep, Nancy Glick, Past President, Tammara Waterman, Secretary, Vickie Minor, Bonnie O’Hern, Laurie Eiman, Ruth Mulligan, Sally Hubel, Lizzy Anderson, Kathy Stangl, Judy Shearer, Debra Wenzel, Lea Dahlen, Amy Jo Detweiler, Lisa Cowan

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Janet Dart.

The minutes of the meeting held February 1, 2024, were approved upon motion by Marilyn C. and a second by Berta K.

OSU Report: Amy Jo reported that the Master Gardener training is wrapping up with two classes left.

The Firewise book printing has been submitted, with a run of 20,000.

The Firewise extension program is working on scheduling classes for the spring.

A service will be held for Liz Douville on April 6 with more information to follow. Amy Jo is making a photo board and Nancy G. will pull some quotes from Liz’s blog to put on the board.

BOARD REPORTS:

President’s Report: Janet D. reported that the passwords for the COMGA membership site will be updated on Saturday, March 9. Please have your dues paid by then to maintain access to the member portion of the site.

Discovery Park is being run by committee. If there is anyone interested in the Discovery Park Coordinator position, please contact Janet D.

The board approval of the \$100 donation to Amy Jo’s 25 -year anniversary lunch was not needed and will remain in the opportunity fund.

Treasurer’s Report: Marilyn Clark reported on COMGA finances.

February Narrative

Income: \$1922	
Member dues	\$449
Soil thermometers	365
Row cover	709
Clamps	144
Spring Seminar Sponsor	200
Donation (Kroger)	46
Interest	9

Expenses: \$1241

Community Ed Advertising	\$ 68
Row cover	817
Clamps	332
Square fee	14
PayPal fees	9

Net Income: \$681

NWCC Credit Union CD for \$10,000 matured and principal moved to First Interstate Bank placed into a new 13 mo. CD @ 4.25%. Left interest earned at NWCC share account.

Marilyn also requested to be notified of any major expenses we may need to consider before we tie up the money in our checking with a CD.

MG Advanced Training: Tim S. shared the report on continuing education opportunities. A list of continuing education opportunities will be provided in the HoeDown and is listed on the COMGA website.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD Continued

Historian: No current updates.

OMGA Rep.: Karen Simonet provided a report on OMGA activities.

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OMGA has asked us to send the Gardener's Pen to our trainees, and continue to involve and educate them on the workings of our state organization.

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Joy of Gardening is July 12 and 13 this year. Enrollment starts in April; funds are available for those in need. Silent auction items are needed. Contact Karen S. for details.

A committee is developing updates and alternatives to the conference for 2025.

A survey is being developed for needs assessment to support each chapter, coming soon.

Communications Liaison: Rocky requested that any emails that you would like sent to COMGA membership have the title in the subject line when you send that to her. That makes it easier for her to forward the email directly to members.

T-shirts and sweatshirts should arrive by March 15th.

Membership: Deb G. led a discussion to help clarify the role of an Associate COMGA member.

Non-certifying members (Associate) are not covered by OSU insurance. This is the key reason we need to restrict the role of an Associate member.

We will consider changing the name to 'Friend' or 'Supporter.'

When the designation was introduced, the intent was to enable non-certifying members to stay connected socially.

There is significant concern that since Associates are not pursuing continuing education, they are not staying current on the latest science.

We will create a separate membership renewal form that will clarify the limited role an Associate member can play. The form would highlight the value of the Associated members to the organization and the social connection.

Consider asking Associates to give up their badges and maybe have a different badge for them.

The extension office staff can't monitor how Associates are participating in projects.

We need to make sure that project coordinators know who the Associate members are and fully understand why they have certain restrictions.

In addition, Deb reported that there are currently 83 COMGA members, with 24 of the 26 students from the 2023 class becoming members.

Funds left over from the Project Fair will be used to buy plastic sign holders.

Past President: Nancy G. reported on Policies and Procedures updates. She is currently working on updating job descriptions for VP of Education and Membership, as well as a Product Sales Manual.

The Historian job description was presented and after a motion by Nancy G. and a second by Rocky the new job was passed.

A By-laws and Policy & Procedure Review committee was formed. Tim S., Nancy G., Cher H., and Berta K. volunteered to work on the committee.

Secretary: There are OMGA membership cards available for anyone that is interested. The cards will get you a discount at some garden/landscaping shops in Portland. If you are interested in a card, they are in the Plant Clinic office on the shelf labeled Secretary.

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

Plant Sale: Tim S. reported that he is currently doing sign-ups for greenhouse work. He will send out an email requesting volunteers for the actual plant sale on June 1, shortly.

Garden Tour: Lizzy A. reported that there will be 6 Powell Butte Garden stops this year. The community center will be open as a rest stop and will provide a lunch for purchase. The Demo Garden in Redmond will not be a stop on the garden tour this year because of conflict with the Fairwell Bend Music Festival.

Inventory: Karen S. reported that Alpenglöw and Hollinshead will do their inventory in April. If you have any questions, please let her know.

Soil Thermometers:

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Row cover: Bonnie O. clarified that row cover should be returned to her or Patty D. after classes or other events. Please call one of them to make arrangements.

Spring Seminar: Rocky reported that Spring Seminar registration is live and ready to go. She is still waiting to hear which classes will qualify for advanced training. Thank you to Janet D. and Vickie Minor. for their assistance.

LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD Continued

Discovery Garden: Janet D. reported that the garden is still looking for a garden coordinator and is currently being run by committee. Nancy shared there are a lot of people signing up for the garden lottery.

OPEN FORUM:

Bonnie O'Hern asked if there was a box with supplies for the Mobile Plant Clinic. There is a box and you need to contact Lisa or Rachel to make arrangements to pick it up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammara Waterman

Hollinshead Community Garden

by: JoAnne Abbott

Things are gearing up for our 2024 growing season at Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG).

Gardeners in good standing are letting us know if they will be returning to their plots, or if they want try their luck at changing to another plot that has been vacated. There is a lottery for these seasoned gardeners, and there is another lottery for those people who are looking to enter the community garden for the first time. At the time of this writing, there are 22 new people looking to join, although, so far, it appears that there are only 4 plots being vacated. We are not done surveying our current gardeners, so these numbers will surely change before the deadline near the end of March.

We had many wonderful trainees show interest in joining our volunteer team at HHCG during the Project Fair! Tammara and I look forward to meeting you all. As a reminder, an orientation meeting is planned for March 25, 2024, from 10:00-12:00 at the Extension office-classroom annex, building 3 (Redmond). Whether you have volunteered with us in the past or are planning a new volunteer experience, (trainees and certified alike), please join us. If you can't make the meeting, don't worry. We will catch up to you and give you the full details!

Tammara and I are looking forward to meeting you!

Patio Planting

by Kathy Geary

If you live in an apartment or have a small patio, you can discover that containers filled with vibrant colors can create a dramatic effect in a small space. Reds, Yellows, Pinks and Blues! And textures too! Tall upright plants to trailing vines and variegated greens. A dull patio area can explode in color with baskets of cascading tomatoes and vivid colors of summer- planted in containers.

Start by finding a container large enough to support fully-grown plants- the pot needs space for the roots to spread. You can grow vegetables and flowers in almost anything that will hold enough soil and provide good drainage: barrels, milk jugs, baskets, an old watering can, colorful ceramics. Peruse thrift stores and yard sales for good buys. One season I collected 25 pots for under \$8. Wash previously used containers to prevent contamination by pathogens that could give you less than pleasing plant results. Scrub the containers clean with a solution of 1 part household bleach to nine parts water. Wash your containers outside where it is well ventilated from harmful fumes. Do wear plastic gloves and avoid spilling on your skin.

Fill your pots and containers with a good quality potting soil about an inch from the top. Outside garden soil is not a good option because it will lack the proper drainage and could bring weed seeds and disease to your potted beauties. Filling large containers with potting soil can get costly. Reduce the expense and the weight of the container by filling the bottom 1/3 with items like crushed soda cans, plastic milk jugs, or non-biodegradable packing materials. Lay a piece of landscape fabric over the top of the filler material to keep the soil from filtering out while allowing the water to pass through.

The plants you choose have different requirements for sun and shade, water and temperature. The amount of sunlight that your patio receives will determine which crops and flowers you can grow. Vegetables generally need a daily minimum of six hours of sunlight.

Look closely at your patio. Focus on one location at a time. Container planting like all gardening projects can become overwhelming. Choose the area of the patio, and then match plants to it. Be adventurous. Experiment with different combinations. It is possible to mix annuals, perennials, vegetables, houseplants, herbs and grasses.

For maximum effect, container gardens can include three items: a thriller, a filler and a spiller. The thriller, or focal point, might be an unusual or bright upright plant or flower- As the main attraction, the thriller's character should dominate the container. Select a thriller and then build around it. A filler could be a lower growing, less vibrantly colored plant. Placing fillers around the thriller fills empty space with texture. The main purpose of the spiller, as you might have guessed, is to spill exciting color and texture over the side of your container, drawing the eye up, down, and in and around. Planting trailing vines or flowering plants close to the edge of the container will spill over the sides softening the look of your patio plantings. These elements can be all in one pot or individual plantings in pots that can be moved and repositioned as the growing season progresses. Creating beauty is not limited to flowers. The magic of thrillers, fillers, and spillers is open to your vegetables as well. Let your imagination soar and behold your patio's transformation!

Master Gardener Advanced Training Opportunities and Upcoming COMGA Activities – March 2024

Listed below are upcoming training options to consider to meet the requirement for continuing education hours to remain certified. Also listed are other classes not approved as advanced training but which may be of interest to members, and upcoming COMGA activities tentatively scheduled. Dates are subject to change. This will be updated monthly.

1. OSU Extension Level Up online classes are now posted for 2024: Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series for 2024 | OSU Extension Service (oregonstate.edu). We missed the first one, which was on February 13 entitled Growing Hot and Cold: Successful Vegetable Gardening in Any Season (Part 1: Cool Season). You can go to the class now and watch the recording of it. The next class is on March 12, entitled Growing Hot and Cold: Successful Vegetable Gardening in Any Season (Part 2: Warm Season). The 2021, 2022 and 2023 Level Up Series presentations are all available to view at your convenience: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2023>. When you open this page for 2023, look to the left side of the page and find the link for 2022. Right under that one is Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series. Click that one for 2021. All of these are approved for advanced training and most are about an hour in length. You cannot claim the hours twice if you already recorded them in your timekeeping in a previous year.

2. 10-Minute University online webinars offered by Clackamas County MG Association started in January. Five or six per month at noon mostly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The January classes were approved for continuing education hours and are available to view now. None of the others are approved since they are largely about gardening on the west side. There may be topics you are interested in, nonetheless.

Go to: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

3. If you missed some of the COMGA Spring Seminar Webinars, or want to watch any of them again, our 2022 and 2023 Spring Seminar Webinars are now posted on COMGA's YouTube channel. The Webinars are approved for continuing education credit but you cannot claim the hours twice if you already recorded them in your timekeeping previously. How to watch, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/gocomga>

Spring Seminar 2024 will be discussed elsewhere and is not included here.

4. Next quarterly general membership meeting is at 10:00 am, April 4, in conjunction with the April COMGA Board Meeting in the Classroom in Building 3 at the Extension Office or on Zoom. More details to follow.

5. Field Trip - Early Notification: A field trip to the Sisters Ranger District to collect native plants is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 24. It will likely occur that day, unless there is major snowfall then. The amount of snow in the area will determine where the ranger takes us to dig. Meet at the Sisters Ranger District office at 8:30. Ranger Jeremy Fields or one of his assistants will lead us. You need to have a free permit which you should get beforehand at Bend, Redmond or Sisters USFS offices. You don't need a vehicle NW Forest Pass for this outing. We're limited to 20 persons total, so notify me if you want to go. I'll put you on a list and will also create a wait list. This may be popular so I would ask that you only sign up yourself. If it turns out that there is room for family members or friends, I'll let you know. Try to arrange carpooling. I live in Redmond and would meet carpoolers at the Redmond Extension Office at 7:15am and leave from there about 7:30 am. I would drive my pickup with a canopy over the bed so we could put our plants there. I can take 3 others with me comfortably. You'll need to bring gloves, a shovel, water and containers to hold your plants. More details to follow. Read the brochure: stelpfdb5281944.pdf (usda.gov)



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2024 SPRING GARDENING SEMINAR VIRTUAL CLASSES

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APRIL 2024

Central Oregon Master Gardener Association

SPRING CLASSES

Plant Select: Plants That Wanna Be Here

April 6, 2024 at 10:00am

Epic Tomatoes From Your Gardens

April 6, 2024 at 1:00pm

Ins & Outs of Lawn-To-Xeriscape Conversion

April 13, 2024 at 10:00am

Magnificent Monarch And Other Butterflies

April 13, 2024 at 1:00pm

The Bees' Needs

April 20, 2024 at 10:00am

Firewise Landscaping

April 27, 2024 at 10:00am

Rodents

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