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Garden Talk



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NEW WINTER HOURS:

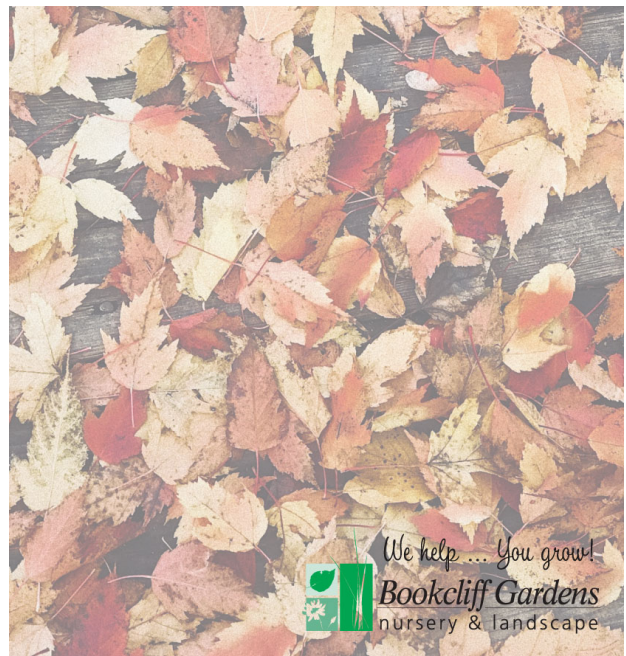
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THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Whoosh! Just like that ... autumn glory is gone! My garden is littered with a million fading leaves ... and for now, it's too dang quiet! Guess I'd forgotten how noisy plants can be!

Our giant Patmore ash tree was cloaked in golden splendor just a couple days ago ... leaves swirling gently to the ground a few at a time for the past week. The beautiful contrast of neon yellow against picture perfect blue sky was breathtaking, especially at sunup. Rustling leaves scuttling back and forth across the yard is such a comforting sound ... like hearing your kids chattering happily at play. In our house, though, there was this truth: "When those kids are quiet, SOMETHIN'S UP!" So ... it's four o'clock in the morning and I'm jolted awake by deafening silence. Too quiet! A quick peek out the window and a chilly, barefoot pajama run onto the patio confirms my suspicion. Every golden leaf has fallen from our majestic ash tree ... each leaf hushed into silence by this season's first snow.



Good news is, this party isn't over! Autumn leaves still have a chance to roll around, tumble and play. Once things dry out a bit, I'll bundle up in my ratty coat and join them! Who doesn't like frolicking across the yard ... joyful in reckless abandon?! I'll listen for the fallen leaves to call me into the garden. Sure ... it'll take some doing to round 'em up and tuck them into the flowerbeds to protect perennials from the winter to come. That's ok! The chatter of those leaves is sweet music ... soft and

low. Who knew whispering leaves could be so delightfully loud?



Introducing New Owner, Stephanie Griggs

The holidays are upon us! Rick and I are very excited to join the Bookcliff family at such an exciting time of year. We have already had our first snowfall. It was only a skiff, but raised our awareness that soon all the winter activities will be in full swing! Just as the seasons change, there has also been change at Bookcliff Gardens. Ownership has changed, but not the vision or the heart.

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself to the Bookcliff customers! My name is Stephanie Griggs (but I'm known mostly as Steph!) and have lived here almost three years. I was born and raised on a Kansas wheat farm. My first degree is fashion merchandising, and I worked in the retail business for a few years. While raising a family I earned my elementary education degree. I was a special education teacher for many years until moving to the Grand Valley. Bookcliff Gardens truly feels like stepping into an educational classroom. I am amazed everyday about all the teaching/learning opportunities shared by all who enter. My hobbies include gardening (of course), running the trails, hiking, mountain biking, skiing...mostly being outside in nature. I also teach chair yoga at WCCC and B Yoga studio.

Now it's your turn to wander into the store and introduce yourselves. We have heard so many times from the employees, "Just wait until you meet the customers!" I will look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming holiday open house. If you ever need a bit of warmth and beauty this winter, come visit our plant room where Baby (the Macaw) will greet you with a warm, "Hello"! Stay tuned for next month when my husband Rick, co-owner, introduces himself!

I will leave you with my favorite quote. "I am going to make everything around me beautiful-that will be my life." -Elsie de Wolfe

Sincerely wishing everyone a very happy November!

Steph Griggs

Holiday Open House

10am - 4pm

Sunday, November 24th



**Smiling Faces,
Hot Cider, Coffee,
Cookies &
Giveaways!**



**Fresh Evergreen Boughs & Wreaths
Christmas Cactus & Poinsettias & Unique Gifts
Amaryllis Bulbs & Paperwhites
Bookcliff Gardens Gift Certificates**

Cold weather has come... time to snuggle in and begin the Season of Celebrations! There'll be one amazing party after another from Thanksgiving through the New Year! Life doesn't have to be hectic. Come chillax with us! We'd love to welcome you on Sunday, November 24th for our annual Holiday Open House. Make your home cozy & fresh with the lushest, healthiest houseplants in town ... along with fresh evergreen boughs & wreaths, Christmas Cactus and Poinsettias for holiday decorating. Amaryllis Bulbs make beautiful gifts ... and Paperwhites will chase away wintertime blues! As always, Bookcliff Gardens Gift Certificates are always the right size and color for a perfect stocking stuffer!! Stop by Sunday, November 24th for Bookcliff Gardens' Annual Holiday Open House ... 10am to 4pm. Sip hot cider and gourmet coffee (Kiln)... nibble delightful baked treats (Sweet Kiwi)... and share some laughter with friends & neighbors who are sure to be here, too! Bookcliff Gardens, 755 26 Road in Grand Junction. Drop by and chillax ... we'd love to see you!



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November Gardening Calendar

<p>Remove leaf debris from pond surfaces. To catch leaves, stretch net over the pond surface. Finish planting spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils & hyacinths. They'll brighten spring! Make sure your garlic is planted now! You'll need it for next summer's recipes! Prepare irrigation systems for winter. Blow water out of lines and drain & cover your pump.</p>						
<p>Monitor moisture around trees & shrubs. Water as needed. Drought damage can occur this time of year. Clean, sharpen & oil your garden tools to put them away for winter. Winterize your concrete fountain before water freezes in it. Drain thoroughly, put dry towels in basin & cover with plastic.</p>						
<p>Start a backyard compost pile with shredded leaf & garden debris. Fertilize houseplants monthly. Shorter days and slower growth means houseplants need less water. Buy Poinsettias and start forcing Paperwhites & Amaryllis bulbs!</p>						
<p>Visit Bookcliff Gardens for beautiful houseplants to decorate your home & office spaces! Use Soil Pep to mulch around plants in your perennial beds. They'll love you for it! Mulch & water pansies for long lasting fall color. Check moisture on trees & shrubs then water as needed. Drought damage occurs this time of year.</p>						
<p>Holiday Open House! 10am to 4pm!</p>		<p>Wrap trunks of young trees to prevent winter sun-scald injury. Till veggie & annual flower beds to expose & kill insect eggs & improve soil tilth.</p>			<p>Happy Thanksgiving! Closed Today</p>	
<p>Check stored spring bulbs occasionally. Remove rotting bulbs. If Dahlia bulbs are dry & shriveling, spray lightly with water.</p>						

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