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**Garden Talk**

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### SPRING HOURS: 10am - 4pm, Daily

#### THE BUZZ by Mona Dyer

Have you been into your garden this week? I'm tellin' ya, you need to get out there! I've been watchin' not so patiently, waiting for little garlic plants to poke outta the soil. Sure enough ... there they are! Time to drag a hose and give them a deep soaking of water. My ritual is time tested and true ... a bit of fertilizer and good water in February and March ... then regular water and once a month feeding from April on through to



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harvest. This time last year is was so blasted cold the early watering was quite an ordeal, but not this year!

I dragged the hose and set my trusty frog eye sprinkler to let precious moisture seep into the ground. Our garlic patch is sizeable ... so it takes a couple hours to get everything good and wet. Midway through, I

wandered out to move the sprinkler a bit and give myself time to happily soak up some afternoon sunshine. The instant I stepped into the patch, though, that old familiar sensation took hold. KUH-SPLOOSH! Hot-diggity! My first mud bath of the season! Whoo-hoo!! It was glorious and gooey ... cold and hilarious.

It was a face-plant for the ages! Now, you know me ... neither graceful nor quiet! I rolled around, flailed and belly-laughed ... trying to crawl backwards outta the patch without ruining the furrows or hurting any garlic babies! By the time I crabbed my way out & stood up, I was a mucky, gleeful mess, but no garlic was harmed by the incredible swan-dive. Muddy clothes mean a rollicking garden season is underway! Hot-diggity!



Spring is coming! Hi, I'm Robyn and i have worked at Bookcliff Gardens three years and starting my fourth season. Growing up on a farm, the love of plants and critters runs deep. I am very passionate about plants. I have more than a couple of houseplants and can't seem to stop adding new life in the landscaping. I have birds, frogs, fish, cats and a dog at home, so I absolutely love working and caring for Baby, the Macaw. He is so fun to spend time with, and teach new words!

I am currently in the Master Gardener program through the CSU Extension. At the same time I am taking a houseplant class so that I have more extensive knowledge to help and assist all of you enjoy and care for your own landscaping.

Plants are my addiction and therapy! I love helping others get addicted too! Come by, say hi and let's talk plants!

- Robyn

### March 2020 Gardening Calendar

Plant potted shade & ornamental trees or flowering shrubs as soon as the soil thaws & dries enough to dig. The plants are still sleepy but wake up when the soil warms. Beautiful! Cut back fern tops of asparagus & add 2" of soil on top of the row. Lightly fertilize & water it in. Remove dead stems & diseased leaves from perennial beds. Filter Soil Pep between plants in perennial beds to enrich the soil.	7	Let's Prune Roses! 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens
Plant cool season veggie seeds outdoors now. These include peas, spinach, radishes, carrots, beets and lettuce seeds! Plant your cool season veggie patch, water gently & watch for sprouts!	14	Prune With Passion! 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens
Put cool season veggie plants in the garden now. Broccoli, cauliflower & cabbage seedlings are ready at Bookcliff Gardens! Plant potatoes, onions & asparagus in your garden right now. We have awesome planting guides! In late March, start seeds for warm season veggies like tomatoes, eggplant & peppers to sprout indoors. They'll be just the right size to transplant come May! Shop at Bookcliff Gardens for cool weather pansies ... and see amazing displays of new garden furniture, trellises & garden art!	21	Your Bountiful Veggie Patch 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens
Trim back summer-flowering shrubs like butterfly bush, Russian sage, Potentillas & Blue Mist Spirea. They'll look amazing later this year! Prepare garden beds by amending the soil with Soil Pep. Work an inch or two into the soil. Rake up & dispose of leaves from plants affected last year by powdery mildew. It'll reduce repeat infection and keep your yard worry free later this summer! Use dormant oil spray on deciduous trees & shrubs to help control aphids, scale, mites & powdery mildew. It's a great organic answer for ridding your yard of pests.	28	Down & Dirty Greenhouse Tour 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens
Begin applying pre-emergent when the Forsythia blooms to control annual weeds. Have it on hand so you don't miss the important window! Make sure you have Permethrin 38% on hand to treat against Ips beetles in Pinyon trees & borers in ornamental trees. We have hose end sprayers that'll make spraying easy! Plant cold loving annual bedding plants like snapdragons & pansies. Dennis is already pruning roses at his house. What are yours doing?	29	Perennials: True Garden Treasures! 11am Today Bookcliff Gardens
Apply the first treatment of Hi-Yield Permethrin 38% to Pinons to kill Ips beetles on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . Remove tree wrap from young trees if you haven't already done so. Clean up your perennial beds & find spots for some new varieties. If you're growing garlic, make sure to water and fertilize it now!	3	

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#### Spring Gardening Classes Are In Full Swing Through April!

Are you fired up ... ready to get back into your garden? Heck, yeah! Bookcliff Gardens invites you to our place every Saturday through April ... to learn more about planting, tending and growing things you love! There's something for 'pert near e'erybody! Take a look at the full schedule here, then stop by or call 242-7766 to sign up. Our classroom is small, so please pre-register. We'll save a seat for you!

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