

HARLEQUIN'S GARDENS

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CLASSES AND TOURS FOR 2009

We are offering classes with excellent teachers in the hopes that they will help your gardening to be more successful. We are charging \$10 for most classes to support our speakers and Harlequin's educational direction. We urge you to **pre-register** for these classes, both **in case they fill up** (limit to 15-20 people per class) and **in case too few people register and we have to cancel the class**. You can register and pay by mail, in person (Tuesday – Sunday, 9-5), or call us and follow up by mailing a check.

CLASSES:

April 4, Saturday, Seed Starting 101 with Sandy Swegel. Learn simple tricks for starting seeds on a budget under various conditions, indoors and out. Sandy says seeds WANT to grow; just give them the right opportunities. Sandy has a lot of experience. **1pm \$10**

April 18, Saturday, Herbal Medicine Gardens with Claire Zimmerman. Learn how to grow the most successful medicinal herbs for our area, how to harvest and store them, and basic medicine-making techniques. She has 10 years training and certification in herbalism/ethnobotany. **1pm \$10**

April 25, Saturday, Growing Veggies and Herbs in Containers: Last year **Ellen Dart** grew \$900 worth of food and herbs in containers along her driveway. She will show the simple methods for success she has learned for growing baby greens, squash, peppers, tomatoes, and more. **1pm \$10**

May 9, Saturday, Edible and Medicinal Weeds with Claire Zimmerman. Learn to recognize and use our most common edible and medicinal weeds. This will be a foraging, tasting class in the field (weather permitting). Her background is ethnobotany and herbalism. **10am \$10**

May 9 Saturday, Alison Peck: Edible Landscaping Learn how to grow fruits, nuts, vegetables, edible vines and herbs in your yard, beautifully. Learn which plants are the most successful and how to integrate them into your landscape. Alison has been studying and designing edible landscapes for 25 years; she owns Matrix Gardens landscaping **1pm \$10**

May 16, Saturday, Practical Permaculture Design: Apartment to Backyard with Natalie Shrewsbury. Learn the principles and practices of this ecological and holistic system as they apply to soil building and plants for any size space. Bring photos of your space so we can help you design. **1pm \$10**

May 31, Sunday, Secrets of Veggie Gardening in the Mountains with Roland Evans. Learn how to amend soils, choose the right varieties, simple plant protection and season-extending strategies. Roland grows over 50 varieties of veggies at 7500' through most of the year! Owner of Organic Bountea **1:00 to 3:30 \$10**

June 14, Sunday, Home-Grown Fruits with **Mikl Brawner**. Apples, cherries, plums, currants, grapes, strawberries, gooseberries, raspberries, serviceberries (and more) produce good fruit in Colorado. Learn which varieties are disease resistant, good flavored and best adapted to Colorado conditions. **1:00 to 2:30pm \$15**

June 21, Sunday, Basics of Garden Maintenance with **Claire Zimmerman** Learn the techniques and timings for caring for your garden: weeding, dead-heading, mulching, pruning and moving. Claire owns Pixie Plots Gardening Company. **1:00 pm \$10**

June 27, Saturday: Mountain Gardening with **Diane Badertscher, 1pm \$10** Gardening above 6000' has its own challenges. There are certain plants and certain strategies that can improve your successes. Diane lives and gardens at 8000' and can help you in choosing the right plants and the right approaches. You will find her knowledge and experience valuable.

July 12, Sunday: Opportunities and Tricks of Xeriscape with **Mikl Brawner** There are advantages to gardening with less water, and tricks that will improve your success. Mikl's xeriscape experience of over 20 years has taught him tricks that will cost you a lot less than it cost him. **1-2:30 pm \$15**

July 19, Sunday, Identifying and Attracting Beneficial Insects Don't kill your allies; feed them. Learn the good bugs and what will bring them to your garden. **Carol O'Meara** Master Gardener Coordinator, CSU Co-op Extension. Carol is wise and fun. **1pm \$10**

July 25, Saturday, Extending the Gardening Season for Fall & Winter Harvests with **Eric Johnson**. Learn how to grow veggies thru the winter w/o extra heat & with low-tech solutions. Eric has studied horticulture and has 20 years experience, gardening & experimenting **1pm \$10**

Aug. 9 or Aug 16 Sundays (sign up for either day) **Mikl Brawner** will give a talk and demonstration "**Pruning for Strength, Health and Beauty**". Learn to train young trees, to restructure shrubs and trees broken by storms, to prune roses. Mikl has 30 years experience in pruning. **\$10 1pm**

Aug. 29, Saturday: Low-Tech Greenhouse Design and Operation with **Mikl Brawner**. Mikl has been researching, building and using simple greenhouses for 17 years. This class will focus on 5 designs on site at the nursery. **1:00 to 2:30pm, \$15**

FREE TOURS: START AT 1PM for 45 minutes

April 18, Saturday Harlequin Garden Tour: Rock Garden; Mikl Brawner 1pm Free

May 17, Sunday Harlequin Garden Tour: Plant Select Garden, Eve Brawner 1pm Free

June 14, Sunday Harlequin Garden Tour: The Rose Garden with Eve Brawner 1pm Free

June 20, Saturday Harlequin Garden Tour: Penstemon Garden, Mikl Brawner 1pm Free

Aug. 23, Sunday Harlequin Garden Tour: Native Shrubs with Mikl Brawner 1pm Free

Sept. 6, Sunday Garden Tour: Ornamental Grasses Garden; Eve Brawner 1pm Free

