

HARLEQUIN'S GARDENS
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2010 CLASSES

We are offering classes with excellent teachers in the hopes that they will help your gardening to be more successful. We are charging \$10-15 for classes to support our speakers and Harlequin's educational direction. It is best to **pre-register** for these classes both **in case they fill up** (limit to 20 people per class) and **in case too few people register and we have to cancel the class.**

CLASSES:

April 3, Saturday, Seed Starting 101 with **Sandy Swegel.** Learn simple tricks for starting seeds on a budget under various conditions. Sandy says seeds WANT to grow; just give them the right opportunities. Sandy has a lot of experience.

1:30pm \$10

April 4, Sunday, Planting by the Moon with **Tim Lyons.** The moon and planets influence life on earth. Tim, a master astrologer, will explain how to time planting, transplanting & harvesting to be in sync with the cosmic rhythms. Biodynamic Calendars available.

1:30pm \$10

April 10, Saturday, Just for Kids: Salad Garden in a Pot with **Deb Svoboda, Elaine Walker, HG Staff.** Plant and decorate a pot of organic lettuce for months of healthy 'cut and come again' salads. Ages 5-9. Space Limited.

10am \$7.50 includes materials

April 10, Saturday, Veggie Gardening 101 with **Niki Hayden.** She will present a simple and effective introduction to growing food without chemicals. This is Nicki's passion and specialty. This class will give you the information and confidence to succeed.

1:30pm \$10

April 11, Sunday, Organic Lawn Care with **Mikl Brawner.** Focus will be on how to support healthy soil and soil life using compost, organic fertilizers, aeration, proper watering and mowing, and how to avoid and deal with weeds. Plus, Freedom Lawn & Meadows.

1:30pm \$10

April 17, Saturday, Growing Veggies and Herbs in Containers: In her first year **Ellen Dart** grew \$900 worth of food and herbs in containers. She will show the simple methods for success she has learned: baby greens, squash, peppers, tomatoes, etc.

1:30pm \$10

April 18, Sunday, Ecological Garden Design, with **Natalie Shrewsbury, session I: The Land:** Identify your visions and needs, observe land forms, and analyze your site, sector and zone : a Permaculture Class. Begin your garden season with a plan.

10am-12 \$10

April 18, Sunday, Raising Backyard Chickens, with **Lauren McNitt, Tracey Parrish & Barb Mueser (8 years combined experience) Learn how to select, purchase and care for a flock of chickens, find out what they need and the benefits they provide.**

1:30pm \$10

April 24, Saturday, Ecological Garden Design, with **Natalie Shrewsbury, session II: Placement: where to create land forms, where to put plants, structures, hardscape etc. Design for permaculture principles. Bring a drawing or photo of site.
10am-12 \$10**

**April 24, Saturday, Growing Veggies and Herbs in Containers, (see April 17)
1:30pm \$10**

April 25, Sunday, Wild Edibles and Medicinal Weeds with **Ann Drucker. A hands-on herb class in the field: forage, taste, learn, and make wild pesto & healing vinegar. Ann has over 20 years experience teaching herbal healing in her joyful, experiential way!
1:30pm \$10**

May 8, Saturday, How to Grow the BEST Tomatoes, with **Carol O'Meara Not only is Carol an Extension Agent for Boulder Co. Co-op Extension, she knows how to grow the best tomatoes because she is passionate about her "Love Apples". Learn how to choose, site, feed, support and manage pests for those "home-grown" tomatoes.
1:30pm \$10**

May 15, Saturday, High Altitude Gardening with **Diane Badertscher. 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.
10am \$10**

**May 15 Saturday, Alison Peck: Edible Landscaping Learn how to grow fruits, nuts, vegetables, 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 designing edible landscapes for 25 years; she owns Matrix Gardens landscaping.
1:30pm \$10**

May 16, Sunday, Home-grown Fruits with **Mikl Brawner. Apples, cherries, plums, currants, grapes, strawberries, gooseberries, raspberries, service berries (and more) produce good fruit in Colorado. Learn which varieties are disease resistant, good flavored and best adapted to CO conditions.
1:30pm \$15**

May 22, Saturday, Spring Pruning with **Mikl Brawner Prune Spring-blooming shrubs soon after they have bloomed. Mikl will show how to make proper cuts, how to shape, thin and renew shrubs. (tree pruning see Aug classes) Mikl has 35 years experience.
1:30pm \$10**

May 23, Sunday, Secrets of Veggie Gardening in the Mountains with **Roland Evans. Learn how to amend soils, choose the right varieties, simple plant protection strategies. Roland grows over 50 varieties of veggies at 7500'. CEO of Organic Bountea.
1:30pm \$10**

June 5, Saturday, Growing Vegetables without Chemicals with **Niki Hayden. Niki will cover soil amendments for fertility, pest barriers and nontoxic methods for insect and weed control. Niki has many years of experience with healthy gardening.
10am \$10**

June 12, Saturday: 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.
1:30pm \$15

June 13, Sunday, Backyard Beekeeping with **Julie Finley.** Learn honeybee culture and the plants that support them. Visit our Top Bar hives to learn a great system for natural and small scale beekeeping. Julie buzzes with 14 years experience. She's a honey.
10am \$10

June 13, Sunday, Top 40 Fragrant Roses with **Eve Brawner: A Nose-on Class.** The enchanting fragrances of roses have been lost in many modern varieties. Eve will share her long experience searching out the truly fragrant varieties, heirloom & modern.
1:30pm \$10

June 19, Saturday, Herbal Preparations 101 with **Leslie Lewis.** Learn how to turn garden plants and weeds into effective herbal teas, infused oils, salves and tinctures. Hands-on learning; leave with samples. Leslie is a certified clinical herbalist.
10am \$15 with supplies

July 10, Saturday, Landscaping without Chemicals with **Mikl Brawner.** Plants do not need petroleum fertilizers and pesticides. They do just fine with organic products and methods. Learn how. Mikl has been researching and testing this for 35 years.
1:30pm \$15

July 11, Sunday, Extending the Gardening Season 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.
1:30pm \$10

July 24, Saturday, Saving Your Seed with **Janis Kieft.** Learn how to save flower and veggie seeds from your garden. Topics include: isolation, selection, harvesting, seed storage, testing & more. Janis is a professional with 30 yrs experience.
1:30pm \$10

Aug 14, Saturday, **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 35 years experience in pruning.
1:30pm \$15

Aug 21, Saturday, Composting with **Eric Johnson.** Learn the basics of easy, successful composting. Learn how to troubleshoot problems and what to do about them. Eric has been composting for over 20 years.
10am \$10

Aug 22, Sunday, Pruning for Strength, Health and Beauty (see Aug 14)
1:30pm \$15

Sept. 13, 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.
1-2:30pm \$15