

# Master Gardener Master Calendar 2024

(All Workshops will be held at 1595 S. 9th Street unless otherwise noted)

## January:

- **20<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm - Basic Garden Design**  
Join us for a basic lesson on how to design your own perennial garden bed. Learn how to draw a design on paper. What plant should go where? How do you layer a garden design? How many repeats should you have? How to make your garden flow? Find answers to these and many more questions!
- **27<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm – Converting Bluegrass Lawn to Buffalo Grass or a Low Water Option**  
Tired of the high water bills? And they are only going to get higher! Consider switching that water thirsty bluegrass to a low water, low maintenance native and other less thirsty ground covers. You didn't want to mow all the time anyway, right?

## February:

- **10<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm – Seed Starting**  
The weather outside is frightful but inside we are starting seeds for an epic garden! Learn several methods for starting seeds early in preparation for a yard full of flowers and a garden bursting with produce!
- **23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-12 – Planning Your Garden**  
In conjunction with guest speaker Linda McMulkin, come learn more about how to plan your garden for the year! Pictures of gardens in bloom will be shown, discussions about plants, and diverse soil types in this county will all be a topic of discussion. Make sure to join us!

## March:

- **16<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm – Blooming from Spring to Fall with Native Plants**  
Selecting the most charming and successful native plants for your landscape. Native plants are perfectly tuned to our environment. They like our soil, our heat, our cold - they are the perfect plants! They made it when nobody else could.
- **18<sup>th</sup> Senior Mini College: Grafting Workshop**  
One of the most popular Master Gardener workshops in our county. Now being offered as part of the Senior Mini College. Learn how to graft fruit trees and start your own fruit orchard. Participants will take home two grafted trees.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-11am – Companion Planting.**  
Your vegetables need friends too! Learn how different plants support each other to help elevate your gardening. Do tomatoes love basil? Do beans hate onions? Come and find out how to make you and your plants happy!

## April:

- **6<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm – Spring Kick off for Your Lawn Workshop (Lunch Included)**  
Special tips and tricks to having the greenest lawn in your neighborhood with a special bonus on saving money on your water bill too!
- **13<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm – Gardening in Raised Beds and Containers.**  
Have you ever tried planting in the local Colorado soil? If so, then you know

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there must be a better way! Learn about how to set up a successful raised bed garden including soil type, planting spacing, vertical gardening, and watering. Don't have space for a raised bed garden? We have you covered in this workshop as well - learn all you need to know to be successful growing in containers!

## May:

- **11<sup>th</sup> Water Bath Canning Pickles, Fruit, Jams and Jellies from your garden**  
Learn how to preserve food from your garden using the water bath method. If you are curious about learning how to preserve food, now is a good time to learn. Co-Taught with Fremont County Extension Director, Julianne Dinkle.

## June:

- **7<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm Rain Barrel Workshop**  
Join Fremont County Extension Specialist, Shanan Davey, and Pueblo Ag and Natural Resources Coordinator, Beth DeLair as they discuss how to make a rain barrel and laws and regulations associated with this. All supplies are provided! Limited to 15 participants.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> 9am-11am - Grasshopper Workshop**  
Get prepared to battle the grasshopper invasion and save all your hard work! Science backed solutions for dealing with the green plague.

## July:

- **27<sup>th</sup> Fremont County Fair and Rodeo Starts**  
Enter your flowers, herbs and vegetables in the open fair divisions.

Show off your growing skills and win some money at the same time!

## August:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Family Day at Fremont County Fair -**  
Come see the Master Gardener booth!
- **17<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am - Harvesting and Cold Storing Vegetables**  
Time to prepare for the winter! Learn how to harvest and cold store all those vegetables that you have worked so hard to grow for the upcoming winter months.

## September:

- **Pressure Canning – Low acid food for Home Preservation, Vegetables, Soups, Meat, and Meals in a Jar (DATE TBD)**  
You mastered the water bath method in the spring, now come learn how to up your game and preserve all those veggies you spent the summer growing along with soups and meat for quick easy healthy meals all winter long. Co-taught with Fremont County Extension Director, Julianne Dinkle.
- **Seed Saving (DATE TBD)**  
Every year seeds go up in price. Come learn how to harvest your own seeds and store them for next year's blooms! Presented by guest speaker Linda McMullkin, Master Native Plant Expert.

## November

- **9<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 1 pm Winterizing Irrigation Workshop – PATHFINDER PARK & EVENTS CENTER (Lunch Included)**  
Hands on training winterizing your complete irrigation system as well as educational information from our certified irrigation technician. Learn

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how to NOT explode your sprinkler system!