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Please call 303-690-4722 Ext. 101 or register online at www.TagawaGardens.com 'Classes & Events' page. You will receive an e-mail notification only if the class for which you are registering is full. A reminder call is given the week of the class, your spot will be filled if we do not hear back within 48 hours. **Materials fees are payable to the instructor in the form of cash or check and collected at the beginning of the class. Please check TagawaGardens.com often for information and additional classes—our website is updated once or twice a week and we are always adding more for you!**

Throughout January: Tropical Paradise Plants & Ceramic Pots SALE! 33% OFF in-stock houseplants & ceramic pots, plus free transplanting with purchase of plant & pot! ☺

Sat. Jan. 8:
10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Introduction to Orchids, Dee. Learn how easy it is to grow these beautiful plants indoors in our climate. Light, water, transplanting and re-blooming are some of the many topics covered.

1:30-2:30 PM, Plan Now for Spring... Front Entries, Backyard Patios and Decks, and Edible Spaces in your Landscape, Carole Kastler. Come and learn to plan ahead for the spring landscape work to begin. Learn to plan for the highlight areas of your landscape; the front entry 'spruce-up,' the backyard entertainment area, and the space in your landscape for a vegetable and herb garden. Carole will show you how to plan now for fantastic changes to be implemented in your yard in March and April.

Sun. Jan. 9:
11:30 AM-12:30 PM, The Basics of Xeriscape, Craig Miller. Xeriscape is not just rocks and cactus but a colorful, lower maintenance alternative to the water hungry landscapes we are most used to. Learn the 7 principles of xeriscaping, and take away some great ideas for retrofitting your existing landscape, or installing a new one!

1:30-2:30 PM, Growing Fresh Air—via Plants!” Luan Akin. Discover the health and wellness benefits of growing your own fresh air with beautiful houseplants.

Sat. Jan. 15:
10:30 - 11:30 AM, Kid Friendly Houseplant Class, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. Did you know that houseplants clean the air around them? In this fun and informative class, kids will learn about the benefits of houseplants. Each child will plant and take home a houseplant of their own. **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

12:00 - 1:00 PM, How to Grow Your Own Micro Greens & Sprouts – Kris. In this demonstration class learn how easy it is to grow your own fresh greens in a small space with very little effort.

1:30-2:30 PM, How to Plan your Spring Wedding, Pam. Brown Floral Designer and Event Planner of Next Great Idea Designs will help you develop the magic, beauty and practicality you need for a picture-perfect wedding. From do-it-yourself decorations to once-in-a-lifetime transformations, Pam invites you to share her expertise designing hundreds of weddings and large events. She promises plenty of time for Q & A!

Sun. Jan. 16:
1:30 -3:30 PM, All Natural Skin Care, Christina Blume. See how easy and inexpensive it is to make your own facial steams with herbs, cleansing grains and creams, wonderful masques, including alphahydroxy, herbal toners and astringents, and a rich creamy moisturizer that contains far more nutrients and antioxidants for your skin than anything available commercially. After using this moisturizer, you and your skin will not be satisfied with anything else. Take home an extensive handout. **Limit: 35 Mat. Fee \$30, payable to instructor, please register for this class!**

Jan. 22 & 23: Fairy Garden Focus Weekend

Sat. Jan. 22:
10:30 - 11:30 AM, Kids Fairy Gardening, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. Kids get to discover the magical world of fairy gardens! Each child will put together their very own fairy garden to take home. **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$20, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

12:00 - 1:30 PM, Make and Take Fairy Gardens, Kris. This class is open to everyone! You will learn how to design and plant an indoor fairy garden. You can bring your own pot or purchase one at Tagawa's. We will have a large selection of plants, fairies and fairy garden accessories to embellish your garden. Build it and they will come! **Limit: 30 Mat. Fee depends on accessories chosen, please register for this class.**

Sun. Jan. 23:
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Principles of Xeriscape; Part I Design, Craig Miller. Xeriscaping offers a way to have beautiful, livable landscapes without excess water use, and all good Xeriscapes begin with a good design. Learn the basics of xeric yard and garden design in this instructive class.

1:30-3:00 PM, Kids Faerie Potions, Christina Blume. Kids will make their own faerie and elfin bath bombs, a faerie mist or gremlin-be-gone room spritzer, and a bag of magical waters bath salts. Fairies are giving us a bit of their sparkly scented dew to make a pot of smelling balm. Each child makes their own pot. Giggling is allowed in this class. **Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Limit: 24 faeries/elves in training, Mat. Fee \$25, please register for this class.**

Sat. Jan. 29:
10:30-11:30 AM, Grow your Own Pizza Herb Garden for Kids, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. How wonderful a pizza will taste topped with some fresh basil and oregano! (Not to mention they are a great source of vitamins!) In this fun and informative class, kids will learn about planting, growing, and using herbs. They will plant and take home a pot of herbs. **Limit 15: Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

1:30-3:30 PM, Introduction to Indoor Organic Gardening, Dee & Anne (from Bloomington Wholesale Growers Supply) and Special Guest, Leo Hayes of 'Sonny Light LED'. Dee and Anne will introduce you to the wonders and fascinating trends of indoor gardening. Come and learn about types of nutrients, the various environments you can create through lighting, temperature, and airflow, pest control, the many indoor plant growing medias, vegetable plant propagation, and more!

Sun. Jan. 30:
11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Principles of Xeriscape, Part 2 – Soil Preparation, Craig Miller. Next to design, soil preparation is the most important part of successful xeriscaping and gardening. We will dish out the "dirt" on amending soil for a water efficient and healthy landscape.

1:30-3:30 PM, Herbal Gifts for Valentines, Christina Blume. In this workshop you'll learn to make easy pampering gifts for your special valentine. Cologne and aftershaves, liquid candles, body sprays, soothing herbal footbaths, massage oils, therapeutic and edible, solid lotion body butters, and 'wild tigress' muscle balm, shaving soap, moisturizing cleansing body polish (salt scrub) and cooling foot scrub. Everyone takes home an extensive handout, an herbal footbath, muscle balm and a body polish. **Limit: 35: Mat. Fee \$25, please register for this class.**

1:30-3:30 PM, Cold Process Soap Making, Christina Blume. This is a demonstration class where you'll learn how easy it is to make cold process soap in your own kitchen! Homemade soap contains moisturizing glycerin and is free of the harsh preservatives and other chemicals found in commercial soaps that can be so drying and irritating to skin. Warning: soap making is addictive, but you'll never lack for a birthday, hostess, or shower gift for families and friends. Take home an extensive handout full of recipes, web sites, and resources plus a bar of the handmade soap and a bottle of fragrance oil for your first batch. **Limit: 24 Mat. Fee \$25, please register for this class.**

Sat. Feb. 5:
10:30 AM-11:30 AM, Kids Backyard Birding Class, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. In this fun and informative class, kids will learn about the wonderful world of birding! **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, please register for this class.**

12:30-2:00 PM, Introduction to Bird Feeding, Leslie. Learn how easy and fun it can be to feed and provide shelter, water and other needs for our feathered friends!

2:30– 3:30 PM, How to Design Your Own Landscape, Carole Kastler. Carole presents the things to consider when planning and designing your landscape! She will introduce the basics of landscape design and offer great tips for your success at designing your own.

Sun. Feb. 6:
11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Principles of Xeriscape, Parts 3 & 4 Appropriate Use of Turf & Plant Selection Craig Miller. The most controversial and misunderstood of the Xeriscape principles is the concept of appropriate turf. Turf grasses have a place in the landscape, even in a Xeriscape. We will provide you with guidance on this aspect of landscaping, as well as cover plant selection and proper grouping of plant materials in this informative class.

1:30 -3:30 PM, Aromatherapy Basics & Beyond, Christina Blume. In this class you'll learn aromatherapy

basics & much more. We'll learn about and play with lavender, rosemary, clary sage, orange, lime, peppermint, tea tree, thyme, eucalyptus, and chamomile. You will take home an extensive 26 page notebook full of recipes and information for first aid, body and beauty products, cleaning products and even recipes for cooking with essential oils. Everyone makes their own personal aroma-therapeutic personal inhaler (and an extra wick) and massage oil. You also take home an aroma-therapeutic spritzer. **Limit: 35 Mat. Fee \$25, please register for this class.**

Sat. Feb. 12:
Honey, I Love You Day 10:30 -11:30 AM, Bee-ing Good to the Bees, Luan Akin. Honey bees are critical to a healthy environment, and the bees are in trouble! Come and learn what you as a gardener can do to help 'the girls' (all honey bees are girls) out!

12:30-1:30 PM, Honey and Other Healthy Sweeteners You Can Trust From Your Own Backyard, Deb Whittaker. Confused about genetically engineered, over-processed, chemically laced and high-fructose sweeteners? Come learn the latest research on these and the latest hype on fructose and stevia while you get some tips on honey and some great ideas on how to use it.

Sun. Feb. 13:
11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Principles of Xeriscape, Parts 5 & 6 Irrigation & Mulch, Craig Miller. Irrigation is necessary in a xeric landscape, at least during the first few years while the plants' root systems are developing. Critical to making efficient use of that water is the appropriate use of mulch. Find out what you need to know about these two xeric principles in this class.

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Sat. Feb. 19:
10:30-11:30 AM, Kids' Veggie Garden In a Container Class, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. Did you know that kids are more apt to eat veggies if they grow them? In this fun and informative class, kids will learn about planting vegetable seeds. Each child will plant and take home a container of assorted vegetables. **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

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12:30-1:30 PM, “Secrets from my Grandma's Garden” Seminar & Book Signing, Don Eversoll. Growing vegetables is healthy, cost effective and rewarding. The best 'tried and true' techniques Don's Granny used and passed down to our generation & generations to come. Now available in Don's new book!

2:00-4:00 PM, Introduction to Indoor Organic Gardening, Dee & Anne from Bloomington Wholesale Growers' Supply with Special Guest, Leo Hayes of 'Sonny Light LED'. Dee and Anne will be exposing you to the wonders and fascinating trends of indoor gardening. Come and learn about types of nutrients, the various environments you can create through lighting, temperature, and airflow, pest control, the many indoor plant growing medias, vegetable plant propagation, and more!

Sun. Feb. 20:
11:30-12:30 PM, Principles of Xeriscape, Part 7 – Maintenance Craig Miller. Maintaining the landscape cannot be forgotten, even in a xeriscape. Activities such as pruning, occasional weeding and pest management, checking that the irrigation system is functioning properly & adjusting automatic irrigation systems as the seasons change, is still required. Come learn what you need to know to maintain your xeriscape properly!

1:30-3:30 PM, Making Liquid Soaps, Shampoo & Bubble Bath, Christina Blume. In this class you will learn everything to make your own natural liquid soaps and shampoo. Everyone takes home an extensive handout, and a liquid soap making kit. The kit contains enough potassium hydroxide flake (lye), borax, coconut oil, castor oil and soap starter for 1 gallon of liquid soap. The only ingredient you need to purchase is distilled water (\$1.00) from the store. This is a demonstration class and everyone will get their turn in stirring. **Limit: 28 Mat. Fee \$25, please register for this class.**

Feb. 26 & 27: Bird & Nature Festival! Classes, educational & fun family activities.

Sat. Feb. 26:
11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Exhibits Include: Hawk Quest, Steve Weiner from Plains Conservation Center, Mary Ann Bonnell, Senior Natural Resources Specialist City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space, The Butterfly Pavilion, Heidebrecht Nature Photos, Cub Scout Troop #369 with a Native Americans presentation, The Gabriel Foundation, Front Range Wild Ones, Bat Naturalist Jeanne McElderry, Luan Atkins' Wildlife Puppets. Lunch is available for purchase with Doggonit catering.

10:30 - 11:30 AM, The Cheyenne ‘Go Green, Steve Weiner. Steve teaches us how the Cheyenne Indians lived in harmony with and off the natural resources of the Earth.

12:00 - 1:00 PM Hawk Quest “Birds of Prey” Come see a live hawk, owl & an eagle in this incredible program by this Parker-based non-profit wildlife education group. The flying demonstration is spectacular! After the program, wildlife and raptor books, educational products and Hawk Quest shirts will be available. All of the proceeds will benefit Hawk Quest.

1:00-2:00 PM, Family Hour Presentations, Demonstrations & Activities, Garden treats with Mary Ann and 'Pond Life' Puppets with Luan Akin. Special guest Thomas Rael - Grey Elk, story teller and chosen 'Dream Catcher Maker, will be presenting a lecture/story session where he explains the significance and uses of the many bird feathers used in Native American culture.

2:00-3:00 PM, Snakes in The Garden, Mary Bonnell. Learn how to identify common local snakes as we explore basic snake behavior, benefits, awareness, and safety.

Sun. Feb. 27:
Bird & Nature Festival 12:00-3:00 PM, Exhibits Include: Hawk Quest, Steve Weiner from Plains Conservation Center, Mary Ann Bonnell, Senior Natural Resources Specialist City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space, The Butterfly Pavilion, Heidebrecht Nature Photos, Cub Scout Troop #369 with a Native Americans presentation, The Gabriel Foundation, Front Range Wild Ones, Bat Naturalist Jeanne McElderry, Luan Atkins' Wildlife Puppets. Lunch is available for purchase with Doggonit catering.

12:00 – 1:00 PM Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials for Attracting Birds and Other Wildlife. Craig Miller. Create a wildlife sanctuary in your backyard! In this class, He will briefly cover the basic components needed for attracting birds & wildlife and then go over several dozen trees, shrubs, and perennials that will do the job for you.

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2:00-3:00 PM, “Hawks of Colorado Program” Hawk Quest, just as much as the heat and the dry, the wildflowers and the long, lazy days, the hawks of summer are a part of the Colorado landscape. After the program, wildlife and raptor books, educational products and Hawk Quest shirts will be available. All of the proceeds will benefit Hawk Quest.

Sat. Mar. 5:
11:00-12:00 PM, Water-Saving Ideas for the Landscape, Carole Kastler, specializes in earth-friendly landscapes. In this class you'll learn fundamental ideas on how to save time, money, and water in your landscape.

11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Preparing Your Pond for Spring, Dee. Your pond has been dormant & you will need to do some preliminary pond cleaning to start. Remember, the actions and maintenance programs you start in the spring can pay big dividends once the warm weather arrives.

Sun. Mar. 6:
1:30–3:30 PM, Herbs for Cold & Flu, Christina Blume. Learn how to prepare yourself for the cold/flu season by building your immune system. Some herbs such as lomatium root and osha are very broad-spectrum anti-viral. Everyone takes home a 2 oz. tincture of the powerful anti-viral blend and a 2 oz. tincture of Flu Blend, extensive handout with recipes and resources. **Limit: 35 Mat. fee \$ 25, please register for this class.**

Mar. 12 & 13:
Rocky Mountain African Violet Council Show & Sale

Sat. 10 AM-4 PM, Sun. 11 AM-4PM, Come see hundreds of these beautiful plants! Learn about growing African violets from the Society Members, plus purchase African Violets and supplies, with all proceeds from the sale going to the African Violet Society as a fundraiser.

Sat. Mar. 12:
10:30 - 11:30 AM, African Violets Are Easy-How to Have Blooms Year Round, Geneva Holmes presents easy methods of growing healthy plants.

Noon-2:00 PM, Growing African Violets, Dee, makes raising these great blooming plants a cinch for anyone! The key is finding out exactly what the plants need: light, water, temperature, and fertilizer.

2:30-3:30 PM, Renew and Rejuvenate Your African Violet, Peggy Barber. Everything you need to know about re-potting your African Violet including multiple plants and handling the violet "palm tree".

Sun. Mar. 13:
1-2 PM, It's Dead!-What Did I Do? - How to Successfully Grow African Violets, Claire Zimmerman. This is a comprehensive presentation on the basics of African violet culture including the importance of pot size.

2:30-3:30 PM, Renew and Rejuvenate Your African Violet, Fran Ratte. Everything you need to know about re-potting your African Violet including multiple plants and handling the violet "palm tree".

Mar. 19 & 20: Growing Your Own Groceries Weekend I

Sat. Mar. 19:
10:30-11:30 AM, Tomatoes 101 For Kids, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. In this fun and informative class, kids will not only learn how to plant and take care of a tomato, but they will also learn fun and interesting facts about them! Each child will plant and take home a tomato. **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

12:30-1:30 PM, Planning Your Vegetable Garden, Kris. This class will show you important concepts design and planning your vegetable garden. Information will be provided on; how much to plant/yield, timing and when to plant what, how to plant by the moon cycles, and how to plan for successive plantings.

2:00 – 4:00 PM, Grow Your Own Tropical Fruits Indoors, Dee. Oranges, pineapples avocados & figs can be quite happy growing inside! Discover the right balance of light, water and fertilizer for your own successful harvest!

Sun. Mar. 20:
1:00 – 2:00 PM, Fabulous Fruits for Front Range Gardeners, Craig Miller. There is nothing like growing and harvesting your own fruit here in Colorado! From grapes to apples, raspberries to cherries, currents, gooseberries, peaches, strawberries, pears and plums –we've got the information you need to "feed" your fruit fixation, right in your own back yard!

2:00—3:00 PM, Planning & Design: Edible Gardens in Your Landscape, Carole Kastler specializes in

earth-friendly landscapes. In this class you'll learn how easy it is to incorporate "green" concepts into your own backyard.

Mar. 26 & 27: Growing your Own Groceries Weekend 2

Sat. Mar. 26:
10:30-11:30 AM, Kids Bare Root Strawberry Class, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. Just another one of Mother Nature's miracles! But still amazing how that ugly, brown and wizened-up crown transforms into pure, sweet deliciousness! Each child will take home their very own potted strawberries! **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

12:30-1:30 PM, Perennial Veggies: Rhubarbs, Asparagus, Horseradish, Potatoes & Strawberries from Bare Root, Kris & Marge. These tasty and hardy plants are fun and will allow your garden greater sustainability.

2:00-3:30 PM, Rocky Mountain Tomato and Pepper Training Class, Kris. This part of the country is a challenge for growing tomatoes and peppers. The obstacles are many, but we have some great solutions to help you overcome and succeed with a bountiful harvest. We will cover growing heirloom varieties and organic practices as well as proper planting, fertilizing and pest problems.

Sun. Mar. 27:
10:30 - 11:30 AM, Kids Growing Potatoes in a Container, Miss Becca & Grandma Mimi. Did you know that you could grow a potato in a container? Kid's will learn how to plant and care for a potato plant in this fun class. Each child will take a potted potato to home with them. **Limit: 15 Mat. Fee \$10, three kids per adult, please register for this class.**

1:30-3:30 PM, Herbal Teas for Good Health, Jackie Robb. Help is just a cup away! Learn how to make a variety of organic herbal teas to help boost your immune system or cool you off on a hot summer day. Most herbs can be grown in your own backyard garden! Learn to make your own personalized blends instead of generic teas found in stores. Participants will take home recipes and tea samples for many cups of yummy tea. **Limit: 35 Mat. fee \$10, Please register for this class.**

Instructors:
Craig Miller, Arborist and Water Conservation Specialist for the Parker Water & Sanitation District
Don Eversoll, Wildflower Seed Expert and Author.
Dee, Tropical Plant Horticulturist, Tagawa's Indoor Plant & Water Gardening Dept. Supervisor and 20 year Tagawa Gardens team member
Luan Akin, Tagawa's Garden Ambassador since 2008 and former TV reporter
Mary Ann Bonnell, Senior Natural Resources Specialist -Aurora Open Space and Natural Resources Division
Rob Proctor, 9News Garden Expert and author; artist, garden designer extraordinaire
Grandma Mimi, Tagawa's Children's

Garden Ambassador and 3 year Tagawa Gardens team member
Leslie, 10 year Tagawa's Garden Expert, Naturalist and National Wildlife Federation Habitat Steward
Becca, Co-Supervisor of Tagawa's Garden Supplies Dept. and 10 year Tagawa Team member
Deb Whitakker, Herb Gourmet, author and culinary herb expert
Christina Blume, Certified Herbalist and instructor at Tagawa Gardens for over 15 years
Marge, Garden Expert and 16 year Tagawa Gardens team member
Pam, Floral Designer and Event Planner for Next Great Idea Designs, and 3 year Tagawa Gardens team member.
Kris, Certified Herbalist, Tagawa's Annuals/Production Dept. Co-Manager and 11 year Tagawa Gardens team member
Jackie Robb, Certified Herbalist
Carole Kastler, Landscape Designer and Owner of CamelotDesign.net

Coming in April, May, June 2011
April 8, 9 & 10, Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists Exhibition & Sale
April 15, Night of Wine & Roses
May 7 & 8, 29th Mother's Day Annual Spring Open House Weekend!
June 25 & 26, Herb Festival

Children's Birthday Parties! Make a Fairy/Gnome Garden, Plant a Pizza Garden or others! Fees apply, call Outreach at 303-690-4722 ext. 107 or Michelle@TagawaGardens.com!
"Gardening with Ginger & Friends" This is FREE, half-hour consultation with Ginger, our Perennial Dept. Asst. Supervisor, or another Perennial Team Member. They can help you with perennials, annuals, garden prep or just take you on a personal shopping trip around our greenhouses to find the plants you need. This service is by appointment only. Please call 303-690-4722 ext 100 or 101 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

"Garden Designs with Carole" A \$400 value for \$300! Meet for one-hour, here at Tagawa Gardens, with Landscape Designer, Carole Kastler, of Camelot Design. Bring the required materials and you'll receive a **sketch for an area of your backyard or front yard,** complete with a **plant list,** plus a **\$150.00 Tagawa Gift Certificate** to help you realize your landscape dream. This service is by appointment only, 303-690-4722 ext 100 or 101. **Available appointments for early spring 2011: ..Sat., Feb. 5; Sat., Mar. 5; & Sun., Mar. 20** If you need landscape design service for a larger area, a more formal plan, or would like Carole to come to your home, please call her at 303-734-1126, email carole@ecentral.com or visit www.CamelotDesign.net.

9NEWS Rob Proctor Look for Rob's upcoming classes in April & May! Besides being an author, garden designer extraordinaire and artist, Rob is an engaging, funny informative teacher and makes gardening fun and easy!