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#### SPRING GARDENING CLASSES

Herb Gardening

Miniature & Fairy Gardening					Fee: \$5.00
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	Thursday /	April 14	7:00 P.M.		
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Perennial Gardening					Fee: \$ 5.00

This class is good for the novice or experienced perennial gardener. We will cover all things perennial, including selection, design and care.

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Learn how to grow your own herbs, including planting, cure, harvesting and preserving. Thursday April 28 7:00 P.M. Saturday April 30 9:00 P.M.

Each class lasts 1-2 hours. If you don't get your registration in, please call. There is often space in the class. Please let us know if you are unable to attend the class so that someone else may come.

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Your houseplants are starting to wake up from their winter rest. Now is the time clean them up and repot. The type of soil you use is the most important thing. Don't use cheap potting soil. It tends to not be sterile, leading to insect and disease problems. Use a good, soil-less mix to repot your plants. If they are fairly small plants, don't move them up more than one or two pot sizes. Large plants can be potted into pots several inches larger. Make sure you loosen up the roots around the outside of the root ball. Water the soil thoroughly. Remove any dead or yellowed leaves and trim up leggy plants, especially hanging baskets. Wipe off or rinse the foliage and check for any insects. It is also time to start fertilizing your houseplants again. Water with a liquid fertilizer every couple weeks or apply Osmocote Slow-release fertilizer. Move your plants outdoors as soon as all chance of frost is past.

## **Bethlehem Sage or Lungwort**

Pulmonaria species Bethlehem sage is a great little shade plant. Only growing to 10-12 inches, it makes a nice plant for the front of the bed. They bloom in April and May so they are nice combined with fall bulbs and other early perennials. They can flower white, pink, deep blue or there are varieties that change from one color to another as the flowers age. Most varieties have deep green leaves spotted with silver. Some have almost all silver leaves. This gives them interest throughout the summer. They do well in part to almost full shade.

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There was just a wonderful article in the Tribune-Review about one facet of mulching. I'm sure you have all seen the mulch piled up around the bases of trees and shrubs, otherwise know as "Volcano Mulch". Do not do this. It will kill your plants! Never mulch right up to the trunk or crown of a plant. There should always be a space around the plant that is mulch free. This is true with all plants. Perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, trees and shrubs all can be damaged if the mulch is put right up next to them. This causes them to rot and will eventually kill them. If you or a landscaper has done this in your yard, go out and pull the mulch away from all your plants. I watches 3 beautiful, mature trees slowly die from this at my bank. Don't let this happen to you plants.

### **Gardening Tips**

Fee: \$ 5.00

Remove old foliage from bearded iris to control borers. The borers overwinter on the foliage.

Don't prune spring flowering shrubs until after they bloom or you will cut off the flowers.

White flowers make the other colors look brighter so plant them throughout your beds or pots.

Make a nursery bed in your yard. It gives you a place to plant extra perennials from your beds or new purchases until you find a permanent spot for them.

Ants become busier, cows huddle and birds become silent when a storm is approaching.

Pastel colors like white, pale yellow and pale pink show up well at night. So plant them near decks and patios where they can be seen at night.

Stake perennials early in the season before they start to get tall. Putting Grow-thru supports or a ring of stakes with twine crossed between them in early allows the plant foliage to hide the staking.

After the leaves are on the trees, take a couple days to observe where the sun hits in all your beds. Make note of how many hours of sun each area gets. This will enable you to make informed decisions when buying plants.

Clay pots wick water from the soil. So if you have trouble keeping your plants moist, try plastic or fiberglass pots.

Keep the dead flowers trimmed off your perennials. This does two things. It keeps them from reseeding which can become a problem. Second, some will rebloom is they are dead-headed.

Try new and unfamiliar plants, both perennials and annuals. It is one of the best things about gardening.