



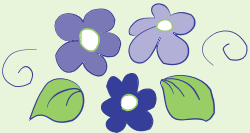
TIMBERLINE GARDENS

Gardening news, classes & more
Spring 2007

What a winter! I had a customer call in January wondering how to do her winter watering through all the snow! It was my fault because with the items she had planted in the fall I told her "Be sure to water through the winter at least once a month!" Who would have imagined that we would have this much snow! Most winters the snow comes and melts so fast that the ground stays dry. I imagine we'll have different problems related to the snow like broken shrubbery, over-saturated soils and molds on the lawn.

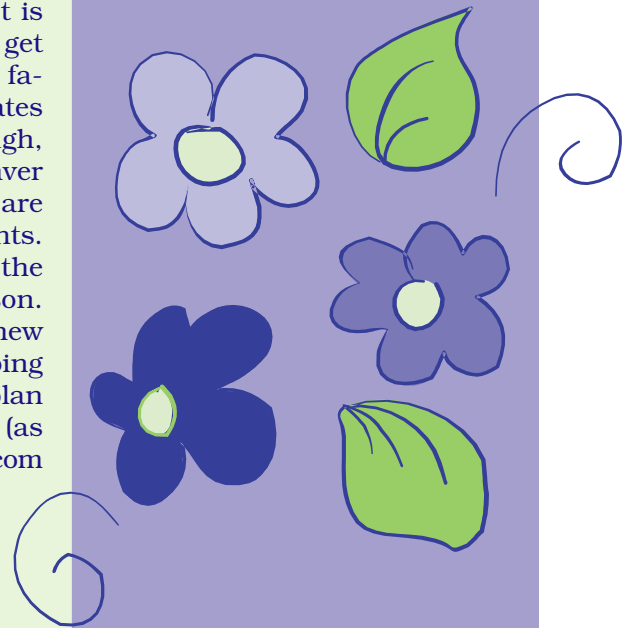
I spent Christmas through New Years seed collecting in the mountains of southern New Mexico, western Texas and southern Arizona. Most of our hardy Agaves and Yuccas are from these mountains. It is quite a challenge finding the plants and then property owners to get permission to collect. I traveled with Sean Hogan, who is a world famous plantsman from Portland, OR, and George Hull of Mountain States Nursery in Phoenix who specializes in desert natives. Oddly enough, most of the Agaves and Yuccas from this region thrive in the Denver area (zone 5). Unfortunately, Agaves only produce seed when they are 30-50 years old, so seed is rarely available from garden or nursery plants. Yuccas only produce seed in the wild where a moth symbiotic with the plants occurs. This moth doesn't like living in the city for some reason.

I'm sure you all are looking forward to spring as are we! Our new stock is trickling in to the nursery. Seed racks are in and we are going through the yearly ritual of making space for "spring." It's time to plan your vegetable garden. We have a fantastic sale on ceramic pottery (as our new line arrives in February). Check out www.timberlinegardens.com to see our plant lists and new products.



Happy Gardening!

Kelly Grummons



Classes Start Soon

(Maybe you'll learn something!)

If you want to know more about Colorado gardening, check inside for our new class schedule. We cover a wide variety of topics, from xeriscaping to container gardening. Learn from experts who are passionate about teaching.

Exciting New Varieties for 2007

If you love **Purple Smoke Tree** (*Cotinus coggygria*) with its rich purple foliage you'll LOVE the new golden leaf form '**Golden Spirit**'. Its leaves emerge in spring bright chartreuse and ripen in summer to bright gold. 'Golden Spirit' gets 6-12 feet high and wide and grows in full sun or part shade.

If you are a fruit grower, you'll really appreciate the hardy grape **Vitis 'Saint Theresa Seedless'**. Her tiny purple fruit are Concord-like and seedless. You can pop a whole cluster in your mouth for an amazing explosion of grapiness! Kids love it! This heirloom variety has been recently reintroduced. We will have over 10 varieties of hardy grapes suited for our area including some very hardy wine varieties. **See the class schedule for: "From Blueberries to Asian Pears."**

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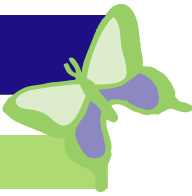
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Mon-Sat: 9-5, Sun: 11-4
Summer Hours Begin April 1

New For Spring!



Hot New Plants From High Country Gardens

Our partnership with **HIGH COUNTRY GARDENS** in Santa Fe, NM has made our plant collection even more exciting. Hopefully, you got to see HCG's owner **Dave Salman** speak in January at Denver Botanic Gardens. He is always inspiring. Most of their exciting low-water plants can be found at Timberline Gardens. Dave has added our **hardy snapdragon 'Dulcinea's Heart'** to his catalog this year (on page 3). I feel like a proud papa! We will have their 2007 PLANT OF THE YEAR **Oenothera fremontii 'Shimmer'**. This 10-inch high

cushion-forming desert perennial has narrow silvery leaves covered with huge, lemon yellow flowers for months and months in the summer and fall.

We'll also have HCG's new **hummingbird mint Agastache x rupestris 'Orange Flare'**. Its deep papaya red flowers are outstanding from July through October. Plant it with HCG's **Silver Spike Grass** (*Achnatherum calamagrostis*) whose silvery-buff plumes adorn the garden from summer through fall. See the class schedule for: "What's New for 2007?"

Flowering Plants to Brighten Indoor Spaces

If you need a "green" fix stop by our greenhouses this month and see all of our tropical plants. Some of them have beautiful flowers which could really brighten your home. We have many varieties of **Hibiscus**, **Malviscus**, and **Abutilon** that flower all year. My favorite Abutilon (Flowering Maple) is **A. megapotamicum** which looks like a little Japanese maple with pretty, pendulous orange and gold flowers. Keep it in a sunny window in winter then on the patio in summer. Very few plants will reward you with as many blossoms.

If you have big sunny windows or a sunroom, our **Bougainvillea** varieties will delight you with their cascades of pink or fuchsia flowers. Keep them on the patio in full sun all summer. Bring them indoors in September and allow them to dry out enough to encourage foliage drop. Once the stems are bare of leaves water minimally and keep in full sun. When new growth appears gradually water more each week, always leaving the edges of the root ball DRY. This will keep you from over watering. Huge bouquets of flowers will begin after Thanksgiv-

ing and last all winter. When it goes back outside in June, repeat the dormancy process so that it can grow new leaves that will be acclimated to the outdoors!

For your sunny windowsills we have several wonderful small flowering plants. We have an amazing collection of **Oxalis** (Shamrocks) that do great on the windowsill. A new variety called **'Garnet'** has rounded, deep purple foliage and huge, 1-inch wide, hot pink flowers! Amazing. Try our heirloom geranium called **'Dark Star'**. It's an old-fashioned miniature geranium (*Pelargonium hortorum*) with small, round, maroon leaves and clusters of coral-pink flowers. This geranium only gets 6-8 inches high! For your north or east windows we have **Cape violets** (*Streptocarpus* and *Streptocarpella*) which bloom almost constantly. These African violet relatives are resilient and easy to grow. Also, **miniature cyclamen** are ideal against the icy cold glass of the north window. The cheerful little flowers come in shades of red, pink, and white and bloom all winter. They must be near the glass to be cool enough to thrive.

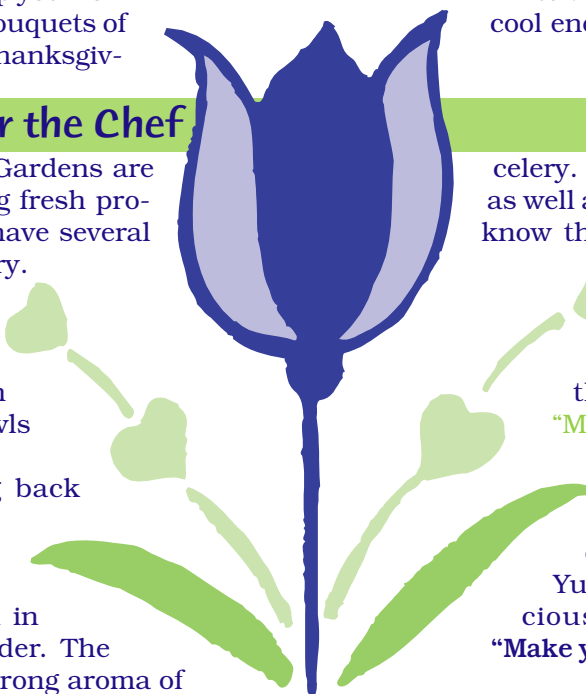


Exciting New Herbs for the Chef

Most of us here at Timberline Gardens are fond of cooking and enjoy using fresh produce and herbs. This year we have several exciting new herbs for you to try.

One of my favorites is **Vietnamese coriander**. This herb is like a combination of basil, mint and cilantro. Use the leaves in Asian style salads, noodle bowls and with duck. Delicious!

This year we are bringing back **lovage** (the Germans know it as **Maggikraut**). This giant, perennial form of celery grows to seven feet tall and is beautiful in the back of the perennial border. The stems and leaves have a very strong aroma of



celery. I love to use it in soups and stews as well as in my bloody Mary mix! Did you know that when you buy celery seed for

cooking, that you are actually buying lovage seed? They do this because lovage seed tastes more like celery than real celery! Check out our "Make Your Own Container Herb Garden" class on April 21.

Another favorite flavor of Europe is **French sorrel**. Use the greens of sorrel in sorrel soup or salad. Yumm! It's very nutritious and delicious. See the class schedule for: "Make your Own Container Herb Garden."

Class Schedule - Spring 2007

Space is limited. Call (303) 420-4060 or stop by to register.
See a full list of classes at timberlinegardens.com.

NEW TO GARDENING? OR DO YOU JUST NEED A NEW PERSPECTIVE?

Kelly will discuss where to start if you have a new garden. Whether it's the blank slate of a new construction or you're redoing a tired old yard, it's important to understand how to deal with the type of soil that you have. We'll discuss soil amendments for different types of gardens and turf, soil inoculants (mycorrhizal fungi), plant nutrition and watering techniques. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am-noon

STARTING SEEDS UNDER LIGHTS. Propagation specialist Scott Preusser will show you how to start your vegetable and other seeds under lights. He'll demonstrate how to find clues in seed catalogs that guarantee success! Come early to buy seeds here (or bring some from home) and we will plant them in class! You will receive a seed starting tray and greenhouse cover, and a COUPON FOR 10% OFF seeds and seed starting supplies. You will also go home with one of our favorite tomato plants! Kids welcome! COST: \$10. INSTRUCTOR: Scott Preusser
Saturday, March 10, 1:00-3:00 pm

ORGANIC GARDENING AND MULCHING: DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

Kelly will discuss the benefits of using organic fertilizers and mulches in the vegetable garden, landscape and in containers. It's all about FEEDING THE WORMS baby! Gain an appreciation of feeding your garden in the big picture. This means feeding the microbes, worms, plants and YOU! This is one big thing you can do to make the world a better place. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, March 24, 10:00-11:30 am

WALLS AND WALKWAYS. Our hardscape specialist Jess Richardson will take you through the planning process of building retaining walls, walkways and patios from native and exotic stone. He will demonstrate how to level the area and fit the stone. Class will be outdoors so come prepared with a jacket, hat and gloves! If you're planning to build a patio, wall or walkway this year, this class is for you. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Jess Richardson
Saturday, March 24, 1:00-3:00 pm

MAKE YOUR OWN LACE-ROCK SUCCULENT GARDEN.

In this class you will pick out a beautiful lace rock (from Utah) or concrete-lite bowl and plant it with a variety of hardy cacti and/or succulents. Your living sculpture will look gorgeous on your patio, deck or front porch. These cold-hardy little gardens can stay outdoors even in the winter! COST: \$35. INSTRUCTOR: Karen Haataja
Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am-noon

FROM BLUEBERRIES TO ASIAN PEARS. Explore the exciting variety of delightful fruit trees, bushes and vines that can be grown in our area. Learn about culture, pests and diseases, pollination issues and tips for success. COST: \$5.00 INSTRUCTOR: Michael Barbour
Saturday, April 14, 9:00-11:00 am

BLUE GRASS BLUES? There are beautiful turf alternatives to Kentucky blue grass. From tall fescue to dwarf trefoil, Kelly can help you figure out which one is best for you. Whether you have sun, shade or partial shade, there are many wonderful alternatives. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, April 14, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

TROPICAL DELIGHTS IN OUTDOOR CONTAINER GARDENS. You can integrate tropical foliage plants into your outdoor annual pots to really jazz up your containers. If you're tired of petunias and marigolds, this class is for you. Karen will show you examples of many different plants and combinations that you can easily do at home.

COST \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Karen Haataja
Sunday, April 15, 1:00- 2:30 pm

MAKE YOUR OWN CONTAINER HERB GARDEN. Culinary, medicinal or fragrance herbs are some of the many types that you can grow in containers. We'll discuss different varieties that grow well together and help you choose which ones you want to plant and take home! With your \$30.00 material fee, you can choose a container and up to six plants or if you bring a container, you can choose up to eight plants! What a bargain! COST: \$30. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, April 21, 9:00-11:00 am

PAVESTONE INSTALLATION CLASS. Tom Schnetzler from the Pavestone Company will demonstrate methods of installing Pavestone brand retaining walls and paving stone systems in your landscape. Pavestone is well known in this region for their high quality landscape products. There is nothing worse than a poorly built retaining wall! Come in and learn the simple steps to do it yourself. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Tom Schnetzler
Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 pm

WHO IN THE WORLD ARE LUCY, GRACE & ETHEL?

(Back by popular demand) Did you know that we are located on nearly 20 acres and grow over 3000 varieties of plants? This class is a "behind the scenes" tour of our facility. You'll visit our compost-making and firewood operations, the soil and gravel yard, and the plant growing operation from propagation area to the growing greenhouses. Wear sunscreen, a hat and outdoor shoes. A great opportunity for new customers and those starting big projects who want to become familiar with our products. COST: Free INSTRUCTOR: Chad Griffin
Sunday, April 22, 10:00-11:30 am

RIGHT-BRAINED GARDENING FOR THE LEFT-BRAINED GARDENER.

Tap into your creative side to add panache to your garden. We will focus on what you can do to make your garden a living work of art. Instead of a garden being pretty by accident, learn to make it pretty on purpose! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Karen Haataja
Saturday, April 28, 10:00-11:30 am

SUCCESS WITH PATIO GARDENING. Learn the secrets of gardening on the patio or balcony with gardening expert Kelly Grummons. If you live in a town home or condo, this class is for you! Even if you've tried and failed, even if you think it's too hot and windy, there are techniques for success. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, April 28, 1:00-3:00 pm

A TREE IS A TREE IS A TREE....NOT. Learn which trees and shrubs are the hardiest, most pest-free and sustainable in the life of your landscape. Let's build better landscapes that require less maintenance and water. Landscaping is an investment in your time and money, why not make the best of it? COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Jean Navant
Sunday, April 29, 1:00-3:00 pm

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ANNUALS FOR BAKING HOT AREAS. We are well known for our collection of regionally adapted plants, including annuals. We have varieties you haven't seen before and many species that thrive in hot, difficult situations. Discover varieties like *Salvia coccinea*, *Cuphea ignea* and *Nierembergia hippomanniana*. That's Lady in Red Sage, Cigar Plant and Cup Flower to you non-Latin speakers! We'll discuss the best strategies for soil preparation and inoculation with mycorrhizae (a beneficial fungus). These annuals also make a great addition to the desert shrub and perennial border. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Shalene Hiller Navant
Saturday, May 5, 9:00-11:00 am

MY SHADE GARDEN IS SO BORING! Learn what you can do to liven up your shady areas with colorful shrubs, grasses, perennials and unique annuals! Even if you have dry shade or a boggy area, we can help. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Regan Fuqua
Saturday, May 5, 1:00-3:00 pm

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007? HOT NEW PLANTS FROM HIGH COUNTRY GARDENS, THE PLANT SELECT PROGRAM AND TIMBERLINE GARDENS. Scott will tantalize you with an amazing array of new plants for your garden. Our relationships with the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Plant Select Program have made Timberline Gardens a favorite nursery of hardcore gardeners. Plus, we are the exclusive source for High Country Gardens' plants in the Denver area! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Scott Preusser
Sunday, May 6, 1:00-2:30 pm

THIS OL' POT. Bring in your favorite container (old or new) and together we will plant it to create your own work of art. Color artist Karen Haataja will help you see how different plants complement each other to make a beautiful planter. COST: \$10. plus the cost of plants. INSTRUCTOR: Karen Haataja
Saturday, May 12, 9:00-10:30 am

CONTAINER VEGETABLE GARDENING. With limited space and water resources, many folks are choosing to grow vegetables in containers! It can be done quite successfully with a little advice from veggie expert Kelly Grummons. Kelly has decades of experience growing all types of vegetables and in no time you'll be an expert too. As a bonus, you'll take home a tomato plant ideal for a container. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, May 12, 1:00-3:00 pm

LET'S GO NATIVE: PERENNIALS & GRASSES FOR YOUR GARDEN. Many native flowers and grasses are gorgeous in the landscape, and once established they will require little irrigation. Gardening guru Marcia Tatroe (Denver Post columnist, author and lecturer) will inspire you with her use of native plants. Many native butterflies and other insects are in danger of extinction due to loss of habitat. Marcia will discuss how, by planting host plants for native insects, we can maintain a rich and lovely element of our environment. Marcia's new book "*Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West*" will be out this spring, hopefully in time for our class! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Marcia Tatroe
Saturday, May 19, 9:00-11:00 am

A ROSE IS (NOT) A ROSE. Learn which roses are best in our harsh Rocky Mountain climate. From shrub types and climbers to groundcover roses, there are hundreds of hardy varieties that can become the backbone of your garden. Take home a miniature shrub or groundcover rose at the end of the class. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Marilyn Raff
Saturday, May 19, 1:00-3:00 pm

XERIC NOT ZERO. The xeric garden doesn't have to be a zero garden! Instead of rock to replace your dying turf grass, plant low water shrubs, perennials and grasses. This type of garden will save water and provide year-round interest. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Nevins
Sunday, May 20, 1:00-2:30 pm

SHADE CONTAINERS AND BASKETS. It's possible to have beautiful and colorful containers even in shade! Karen will demonstrate how to create shade containers with plants that are compatible and make for great combinations. Emphasis will be placed on those plants which can later have a new life indoors as houseplants! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Karen Haataja
Saturday, May 26, 10:00-11:30 am

BEST NEW PERENNIALS FOR YOUR GARDEN. Kelly Grummons' yearly tour of the hottest perennials. There are dozens of new species and varieties and Kelly wants to tell you all about them. Learn about Prairie Catchfly (*Silene* 'Prairie Fire'), *Echinacea* 'Twilight', *Penstemon tubeaeflorus*, *Oenothera* 'Shimmer' and lots more for both sunny and shady gardens. COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Sunday, June 3, 9:00 am-noon

SEE THE DESERT BLOOM. Every year in early June, the cactus arboretum at Timberline Gardens explodes into blossom. Dozens of cacti species put all their energy into this grand display. Join us for the Desert Bloom Tour! COST: Free. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Saturday, June 9, 11:00 am-noon

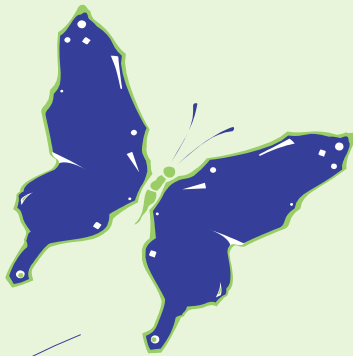
GARDENING WITH DESERT CACTI, AGAVES & YUCCA RELATIVES. Many beautiful cacti, century plants (*Agave* spp.), yuccas, and their relatives thrive in our harsh climate. These plants look as good in the winter garden as they do in the summer. Timberline is well known for its work with these hardy plants and is expert at using them in the garden. We'll discuss companion plants, soil preparation and garden construction. Go home with a hardy century plant pup that you won't even have to housebreak! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Grummons
Sunday, June 10, 10:00 am-noon

PLANTS YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: GARDENING WITH AN ALTITUDE. Panayoti Kelaidis, long-time curator of the rock alpine garden at Denver Botanic Gardens, plant explorer, garden lecturer and author of "Gardening With An Altitude" will inspire you with a discussion about hot, new plants in the gardening world. Find out what is truly possible in your garden from one of America's greatest gardeners! COST: \$5. INSTRUCTOR: Panayoti Kelaidis
Saturday, June 16, 10:00 am-noon

Spring is nature's way of saying,

"Let's party!"

- Robin Williams



I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden.

- Ruth Stout

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

- Margaret Atwood

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

- Doug Larson

Ask About Our Five Year Warranty!

Did you know that at Timberline Gardens you can get a **FIVE YEAR WARRANTY** on trees and shrubs? If you buy and use our "Myke" root inoculant for trees and shrubs we will give you five years of peace of mind.

"Myke" is a dry spore culture of beneficial fungi that aid virtually all plants in the uptake of water and nutrients and in helping the plant to ward off disease. How many plants have you lost over the years and wished that they were under warranty? Too many! Ask us about the details and terms of the warranty.

The Seeds are Here!

Our seed racks have arrived just in time for you to stock up and get a head start on spring. We feature quality seeds from **Lake Valley Seed**, **Botanical Interests**, and **Beauty Beyond Belief**. We have hundreds of varieties available, but shop soon for the best selection.

Sow tomato and pepper seeds indoors in early March. Sow sweet peas, peas, potato and onion sets, onion seedlings, spinach and other cool season crops in mid-March directly in the garden. Be sure to use **seed inoculants** for best results. Use Legume inoculant for beans and peas and "Myke" inoculant for all other vegetable species. This alone will have a profound affect on your yields! See the class schedule for: "Starting Seeds Under Lights."

Firewood for Heating and Cooking

Timberline Gardens is your supplier of high quality firewood and hardwood for smoking. Many area chefs buy our **hickory**, **mesquite**, **apple** and **cherry**, which are available in bulk or in bundles.

If you are a backyard barbeque connoisseur, you'll love the value of buying hardwood from us. Our great selection of firewood and hardwood is available year-round.

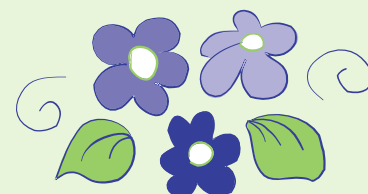
Fountains, Fountains, Fountains

We have a great selection of water fountains at Timberline Gardens. Choose from many different styles from manufacturers like **TREVI**, **AL'S GARDEN ART**, and **CAMPANIA**. Whether you like rustic styles or modern, we have the fountain for you.

Pottery Blowout

For the next few weeks you'll find a huge selection of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Malaysian ceramic pottery at **50% OFF**. We have hundreds to choose from.

Our new shipments will arrive soon. Besides standard ceramic pots we have one of the best selections of bonsai and terracotta pots. We also carry stoneware crafted by local potters.



Special Events and Savings...

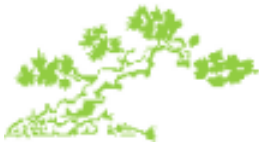
Book Signing. Local gardening expert and author Marilyn Raff will host a book signing for “**SHRUB ROSES: PARADISE IN BLOOM**” March 8, 2007 at the Tattered Covered Bookstore in Lodo. Marilyn will have a lecture slide presentation before the signing. Marilyn’s new book is the finest source of information about growing shrub roses in this region.

Cactus and Succulent Sale. Every year the Denver Botanic Gardens hosts the biggest sale of cacti and succulents in the region. Numerous vendors from

across the U. S. bring thousands of species of succulents from around the world. Timberline Gardens is proud to offer our hardy cacti and succulents. Kelly grows dozens of outdoor species to offer at the sale (see www.coldhardycactus.com for descriptions). Scott grows numerous indoor and windowsill species, specializing in African Haworthias (Star Window Plants). See them described at www.haworthia.com. This year’s sale is Saturday, March 31, and Sunday April 1. Arrive early for the best selection.

Call or stop by today to register to receive our newsletter by e-mail!

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