



Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00
March 12th - April 30th
Montrose Library Meeting Room

Gardening Seminar Series

2019



Covering many important aspects of gardening in the Uncompahgre Valley:



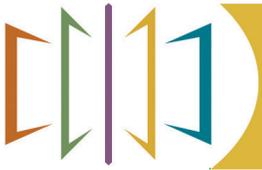
- **Seed Starting**
- **Hands-on Outdoor Planting**
- **Early Season Activities**
- **Growing Season Activities**
- **Late Season & Harvesting**
- **Improving Soil Health**
- **Trees**

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Gardening Seminar Topics & Schedule

Summary – This eight session series covers many important aspects of gardening in the Uncompahgre Valley. Each session will concentrate on a different topic. Topics will include: seed starting inside, seed starting outside, hands-on outdoor planning, early season activities & challenges, growing season activities & challenges, late season activities & fall harvesting, improving soil health & investing in your future, and trees. Time will be available for specific questions and discussion of your situation. Participants may attend the entire series or only those sessions that are of special interest for their gardening situation.

Presenters – Sessions in the gardening series will be taught by experienced gardeners including Larry Wobeter, Dave Dearstyne and Reed Irwin. These gardeners have combined gardening experience of over 100 years. Much of this was in Colorado, but also includes locations reaching from Maine to Idaho and Florida. Other gardeners will share their experiences and knowledge throughout the series.

Week 1 – Seed Starting Inside – Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

This session will cover the when, how, and where to starting your outdoor transplant sets from seed. Plants will include lettuce, onions, Brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, etc.), nightshades (tomatoes, peppers, etc.). Included will be starting mixes, potting mixes, containers, seeding depths, seed germination, temperature/moisture control and more.

Week 2 – Seed Starting Outside – Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

Discussion will include early, mid, and late species plantings as well as transplant sets. Learn the when, how, and where of planting everything from fine seeds such as carrots to large tubers such as potatoes and everything in between. Garden planting will be discussed. More discussion will include how to plant a variety of common garden species including seeding depths, spacing, rows, beds, and containers. Also included will be sun/shade requirements, companion planting, frost dates, watering techniques, scheduling, and much more.

Week 3 – Hands-on Outdoor Planting – Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, this will largely be an outdoor demonstration with hands-on applications of planting various garden species. Demonstration will include rows, seed spacing, and bed spacing.

Week 4 – Early Season Activities & Challenges – Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

This session will discuss the what and when to do list for the months of March, April, and May. Included will be watering, weeding, pests, weather, germination and establishment, fertilizing, and replanting.

Week 5 – Growing Season Activities & Challenges – Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

This session will discuss the what and when to do list for the months of June, July, and August. Included will be watering, weeding, pests, weather, plant maintenance, thinning, and early season harvesting.

Week 6 – Late Season Activities & Fall Harvesting – Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

This session will cover when and how to harvest crops, storage, cover crops, compost applications and more.

Week 7 – Improving Soil Health, Investing in Your Future – Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

This session will discuss the four principles of soil health and why and how you should be practicing them in your garden. You will learn how to build the health of your soil biology while improving your garden plants' abilities to resist pests and diseases and minimize climate impacts. We will also discuss how soil health can reduce or even eliminate the need for outside synthetic fertilizer applications, and how soil health improves the nutritional quality of your garden produce.

Week 8 – Trees – Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

We will discuss where, when, and how to be successful in your planting of fruit and/or shade trees. This session will cover fruit trees, raspberries, strawberries, grapes, soil preparation, tree planting process, care and maintenance, pruning, insects & diseases, cultivation, mulching and harvesting to ensure successful planting, resulting in quality produce.

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