

For more information

- www.elpasocountyhealth.org,
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters.

Community Resources for businesses and community members available during COVID-19 Pandemic: www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0 has lists to help with:
Basic Needs

Behavioral Health Resources
Businesses
Childcare Resources for Children & Teens
Health and Wellness Resources
Volunteer Opportunities (Local and Immediate Needs).

Can you volunteer today?

www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0 has direct links to needs right now for groups like:

- Care and Share
- Crossfire Ministries
- Citizen's Project - (email joy@citizensproject.org)

org for virtual opportunities to help with Census 2020)

- Donate Blood
- Early Connections (volunteer from home opportunity)
- Foster an animal
- Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County
- Salvation Army
- Silver Key
- United Way (ongoing opportunities)

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Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

Time to start those gardens

By the staff at Covered Treasures

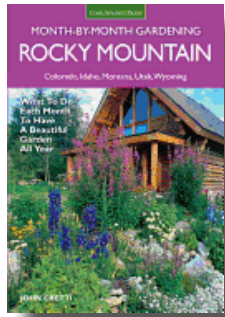
"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and the soil and sky as canvas."
—Elizabeth Murray

After our long, snow-filled winter and coronavirus warnings filling our minds, planning a garden might be the perfect escape. Here are some great books, with expert advice from professional Colorado gardeners; we've also included one for children.

Rocky Mountain Month-by-Month Gardening

By John Cretti (Cool Springs Press) \$26.99

Help take the guesswork out of gardening with this month-by-month guide that includes detailed instructions on topics from watering and fertilizing to pruning and problem solving. No matter your gardening level, from beginner to expert, you will reap the benefits of Coloradoan John Cretti's more than 32 years of gardening. Complete with specific advice on growing annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, roses, ground covers, trees, shrubs, and vines.



Homegrown Herbs: A Complete Guide to Growing, Using, and Enjoying More than 100 Herbs

By Tammi Hartung (Storey Publishing) \$19.95

The Hartungs own Desert Canyon Farm in Colorado, which has been certified organic since 1996. Tammi has great advice and multiple books for gardening in Colorado. In this one she provides in-depth profiles of 101 popular herbs, including information on seed selection, planting, maintenance, harvesting, and drying. You will also learn how to use your herbs in a variety of foods, home remedies, body care prod-

ucts, and crafts. Whether you're a seasoned herbalist or planting your first garden, Homegrown Herbs will help you get the most out of your herbs.

The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener: How to Grow Food in Harmony with Nature

By Tammi Hartung (Storey Publishing) \$16.95

This is a guide to creating harmony between the vegetable garden and the wildlife who consider it part of their habitat. It explains how to start with a healthy garden, create beneficial relationships through thoughtful planting, attract beneficial insects, pollinators, and butterflies, and how to purposefully create habitats for wildlife with strategies to help garden and wildlife peacefully coexist, including blocking access to unwelcome guests.

The Undaunted Gardener: Planting for Weather Resilient Beauty (2nd edition)

By Lauren Springer Ogden (Fulcrum Publishing) \$34.95

Lauren Springer Ogden offers well-adapted plants, practical and environmental perspectives, and a uniquely aesthetic approach to gardening in a challenging climate. You will find more than 370 new full-color photographs; 100 portraits of underused, exceptional plants; information on drought-tolerant and deer-resistant plants; and insights and lessons from Lauren's three personal gardens. Lauren and her husband Scott design public and private gardens. Together they tend two intensive gardens in Fort Collins and Austin, overseen by cats, wildlife, and three mildly interested children.

Mini Meadows: Grow a Little Patch of Colorful Flowers Anywhere Around Your Yard

By Mike Lizotte (Storey Publishing) \$16.95

A mini-meadow can be any size, any location, or even multiple locations. With as little as 50 square feet and less than \$20, gardeners can plant a color-

ful meadow that demands little in the way of space or maintenance, drought-tolerant, deer-resistant, and provides habitat for pollinators. From choosing the right variety of seeds, preparing the soil, sowing evenly, and watering well, author Mike Lizotte guides readers through the process of successfully creating a miniature meadow that suits their climate, soil, and growing goals.

Xeriscape Handbook: A How-To Guide to Natural, Resource-Wise Gardening

By Gayle Weinstein (Fulcrum Publishing) \$24.95

Xeriscape plant materials are water-conserving, beautiful, and thrive in specific environments. You will find an easy-to-follow, step-by-step approach to creating a water-wise garden. Environmental gardening factors are combined with the seven principles of xeriscape and good gardening techniques. Gayle Weinstein has worked with Denver Botanic Gardens in their Xeriscape Experimental Garden, as well as other areas of the public garden. She makes her home in Denver.

We Are the Gardeners

By Joanna Gaines and Kids (Thomas Nelson) \$19.99

Joanna and the kids chronicle the adventures of starting their own family garden. From failed endeavors, obstacles (bunnies that eat everything!), and lessons learned, the Gaines family shares how they grew a happy, successful garden. As it turns out, trying something new isn't always easy, but the hardest work often yields the greatest reward.

"Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds."

—Unknown

Until next month, happy reading.
The staff at Covered Treasures can be reached at books@ocn.me.

April Library Events

All facilities closed until further notice

By Harriet Halbig

We of the Monument and Palmer Lake libraries miss our patrons and hope to see you soon.

We want to assure our younger patrons that Ruby, the Monument Library gecko, and the ducks are being cared for by library staff and await your return.

In the meantime, please be aware of these policies during the time of our closure:

- Please keep all library materials at this time. The book drops are closed. Due dates will be extended into May. No fines will be charged on materials returned in good condition.
- Interlibrary Loan due dates are also extended. Interlibrary Loan services are suspended.
- Available holds will not expire.
- All programs, events, and room reservations are cancelled.
- Mobile library services are suspended.
- Library cards will not expire during this time. Those wishing to register for cards online may do so at ppld.org. The cards may be used immediately.
- The Winter Adult Reading Program has been extended.
- Please keep books that you plan to donate at this time.
- Those patrons who use OverDrive for digital resources can now have 10 checkouts for a total of 14 days each. We will continue to add copies of digital materials as our budget allows.



Above: The Monument Library is closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, but some remote services are available to patrons. *Photos by Harriet Halbig.*

- Those wishing to begin taking advantage of digital resources should go to Cybershelf on the PPLD.org website. Resources include ebooks, e-audiobooks, movies, comics, magazines, and more for all ages.
- Please see the library website for updated information.

We understand that such library services as the internet and the availability of newspapers at our locations are important to many of you, but your well-being is of primary concern. The library district is following the advice of the governor and El Paso County Health in this troubling time.

Please take care of yourselves, and we hope to see you soon.

Monument Library Hours

Monday	1 p.m.
Tuesday	9 p.m.
Wednesday	9 p.m.
Thursday	9 p.m.
Friday	6 p.m.
Saturday	6 p.m.
Sunday	5 p.m.

Keep any Library materials you have at this time. We are not currently accepting returns.

Remember: PPLD does not fine patrons for overdue materials.

For more information, visit ppld.org or call (970) 531-6333.

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