

2011 High Sierra Mountain Gardening Spring Seminars and Workshops.

Educated, trained and experienced botanists, licensed landscapers, certified arborists, horticulturists and garden professionals teach these seminars and lead the workshops.

The owners and staff of Villager Nursery have decades of personal and vicarious (our friends and clients) mountain gardening experiences to share. "We've killed thousands of plants in our own gardens so that our clients won't have to". Before beginning your own experiments in Mountain Gardening, learn from the trials and errors of others.

MOST **Seminars** are held at Villager Nursery, 10678 Donner Pass Road. Pre-registration (call us) is requested but drop-ins are usually welcome. *We like to have an idea of the number of attendees for class hand-outs and occasional samples.* Most classes are free of charge. **Workshops have materials fees. Registration is required for ALL workshops. *The Veggie Class on May 4, is at the TDRPD C.A.C.***

We have been known to cancel or re-schedule if the weather is unbearable. Dress warmly and please bring loads of questions, pictures, ideas and samples of plants for identification (after each class). The setting is informal and we always have fun. We have benches to sit on but you are welcome to bring your own folding chair.

Our ongoing classes run nearly weekly from May-Nov. If you'd like a class schedule, e-mail a request to info@villagernursery.com or please Check on-line @ www.villagernursery.com/calendar for additional information.

Seminars and Workshops - *Spring / Summer 2011*

April 23 - Saturday, 10:00-11:30am: Post-Winter Garden Revival. After the apocalyptic ravages of sierra cement, rogue plow drivers, January drought and voracious mammals, there's much that can be done to salvage wrecked plants. We'll discuss nuts, bolts, splints, stakes and masking tape to bring your woody trees and shrubs back from crushing winter defeat. Often lawns and groundcovers only need a little TLC to revive with vigor. Taught by ISA Certified Arborist - Eric Larusson. You have our sympathy and understanding, some trees and shrubs suffer every winter.

April 28- Thursday 6:00-8:00pm: Successful Mountain Gardening for Truckee & Tahoe, Part 1 of 2 - Our spectacular environs present unusual challenges and well-earned special rewards. Gardeners at any skill level should find something useful, encouraging and newly informative from this very short course in northern Sierra gardening. Covering methods, practices, resources and materials. The class is broken into two 2 hour sessions to give a little more time for questions and discussion. Contact Eric with questions: eric@villagernursery.com. Contact Sierra College to sign-up.

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This is a VERY short course - overview of mountain gardening - for more information please attend Villager Classes.

May 4 – Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm: Growing Vegetables (and Berries) in your Mountain Garden and on your deck, aka: Organic Veggies and Berries in Truckee - *CHANGE*CHANGE*CHANGE* -This class will be at the Villager Nursery - *(The room rental for this free class and certificate of insurance were \$\$\$ - onerous)* Hope to see you HERE.- Growing vegetables is a little challenging in this climate but the owners and staff along with hundreds of friends and clients, have wonderful gardens every year. Come away from the class with tips, techniques and ideas for successful cold-climate vegetable and berry production. We have specialty tomato seeds grown for us in 3 sizes and the nursery has all the organic seeds, soils and nutrients available. Questions: Sarah Trebilcock
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May 5 - Thursday, 6:00-8:00pm: Successful Mountain Gardening for Truckee & Tahoe, Part 2 of 2 - Our spectacular environs present unusual challenges and well-earned special rewards. Gardeners at any skill level should find something useful, encouraging and newly informative from this very short course in northern Sierra gardening. Covering methods, practices, resources and materials. This is the second 2 hour sessions to give a little more time for questions and discussion. Contact Eric with questions: eric@villagernursery.com. Contact Sierra College to sign-up.
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May 8 - Sunday: Mother's Day - Bring Mom in to pick-out her favorite flowers for her planter boxes or her garden. Pick-up a pot with soil and plant it up for her *(or have us help you plant it for free)*.

May 11 - Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm: Colorful Planters, Creative Flower Boxes and Hanging Baskets – Decorate your deck, porch or patio with color and texture. There are new hardy plants available every year and we love unique and cool plants. This fun class will give you first hand experience. **-Space is limited. Registration is required for this class @ 587-0771. Have Fun!** You are welcome to bring gloves and your own container (or purchase one here). Use our finest Master Nursery Gardener's Gold potting soil, Gardner & Bloome fertilizer, and water-holding gel. With an eclectic selection of scintillating plant materials to purchase, Sarah can help you arrange and create your own unique, living showpiece. Sarah Trebilcock

May 18 - Wednesday, 5:30-6:30pm: Herbs - Perennial, Annual and Container Grown – Villager Nursery founder, Sarah Trebilcock, will discuss the many hardy perennial herbs that thrive in our mountain gardens. Easy to grow annual herbs and herbs for containers will also be covered. The Villager has many varieties of hardy perennial herbs for your kitchen that also beautify your garden and help repel deer.

May 28-30 - Memorial Day Weekend - Plant a tree for future generations to enjoy in remembrance of someone special.

4 de Junio - Sabado, 9:00 –10:30am: Buena Mano - Los Conceptos Básicos de la Horticultura y Jardineria en las Montañas - Después de muchos años de ayudar a los paisajistas profesionales y jardineros que hablan inglés en Villager Nursery; José se ofreció para ayudar a que los jardineros y paisajistas que hablan español entiendan mejor los conceptos básicos del éxito de la jardinería y el paisajismo en Truckee. Hablará del tiempo y el clima, los suelos y latopografía, el compost, la tierra y los fertilizantes utilizados en el riego. ([Instrucciones de Montaña Paisaje de plantación](#))

[June 4 -Saturday, 9-10:30am: Spanish Version - The Basics of Horticulture and Gardening in the Mountains - *After years of helping English speaking gardeners and professional landscapers through Villager Nursery, Jose has volunteered to help Spanish speaking gardeners and landscapers better understand the basics of successful gardening and landscaping in Truckee. He will discuss weather and climate, soils and topography, composts, mulches and fertilizers along with irrigation.*]

June 4 - Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm: Dr. Earth Day with Zinda Coburn - Zinda will be here most of the day to answer your questions about organic and bioactive fertilizers (she will have swag). Zinda will also be introducing the new Dr.Earth organic potting soils that have been producing some tremendous yields. Zinda built Happy Frog, a destination nursery in Grass Valley.

June 19 - Sunday, Father's Day - Plant up a pot full of barbecue herbs for the deck (or do it on Saturday with free soil and great help!). Get Dad a sturdy and masculine digging or pruning tool.

June 20-22 - Last few days of school, Teacher Gifts - Last chance to thank those individuals who can make such a difference in our children's lives.

June 23 - Thursday, 5:30-7:00pm: Perennials for Color and Texture and The Most Excellent Groundcovers - a Villager Nursery specialty. Ornamentals and attractive natives, soil amendments, fertilization, watering and pests will be covered. Wander with Rob VanDyke and Eric Larusson through the nursery and the 400+ varieties of tough and beautiful flowering perennials. Learn the plants that will bring your garden to life with blooming color, spring through fall, for many years to come. We offer you THE best, most fascinating and unique hardy perennial selection in the high Sierra.

June 24 &25 - Friday & Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm: Third Annual Free Planting Day Hosted by Kellogg Garden Products and Gardner & Bloome

The Deal: You buy the plants and pots, or bring up to 3 pots from home, and we will plant them for you using premium **Master Nursery Gardener's Gold Potting Soil** and organic **Gardner & Bloome Fertilizer**. Come join the fun and create colorful baskets and planters to enjoy at your home. (Create an herb planter to give as a **Gift**). *The Rules:*

-Maximum pot size 20" in diameter, no window boxes and no whiskey barrels please.

-Event only available at our Truckee, Donner Pass Road store.

Kellogg Garden Products expert and friend, **Mike McLain** with organic-gardening specialist and educator from [Gardner & Bloome](#), **Gisele Schoniger** will both be on hand to help plant and answer ANY compost, mulch or organic fertilizer questions you can dream up.

July 4 - Monday: 4th of July Parade - We are open while we water from 8-9:30 before the parade. Walk-in during the parade and enjoy our fiesta. Open 'till 2:00pm after the parade for your last-minute red, white and blue posies.

July 7 - Thursday, 5:30-7:00pm: Tough Trees and Shrubs for Mountain Homes and How to Plant Them - Shrubs and Trees for shade, spring or fall color, for fruit, or for screening, barriers, accent, edible berries, snow-storage and more. Mountain planting techniques, fertilization and care. There are quite a few native shrubs that thrive in our gardens. “We’ve killed HUNDREDS of trees and shrubs in order to offer you the ones that thrive with ease”.

...back to saturday morning classes...

July 23 - Saturday, 9:30-11:00am: Mountain Native Plants, Historical Introductions and Wildflower Plantings – Learn to choose the best and easiest native plants for many situations. Learn how to protect and enhance your existing native plant populations. Gather some seed collecting tips and ideas for wild berry jellies and jams. Bring samples for identification after the class. We’ll also cover a few of the historically important introduced species thriving in Truckee without care for more than a century.

July 30 – Saturday, 10am-4pm: Lake of the Sky Garden Club 23rd Annual Garden Tour, 2011 Truckee - View six hardy gardens. Includes light refreshments. Tickets on sale at the Villager Nursery after June 15th. This is a fun tour that should never be missed. The Villager is a convenient ticket outlet. No matter where the tour is in the region, there are always great ideas for Truckee gardeners to enjoy - this year it is especially important that you attend. Will-Call at the Villager Saturday Morning.

Contact Anne Chartier 530-546-4902, annechartier@marykay.com or <http://lakesky.homestead.com/>
-Garden Tour Sale at the Villager all day (20% off all plants and composts with a Garden Tour Ticket).

MANY CLASSES FOLLOW ... PLEASE, e-mail us with your ideas and requests for seminar and workshop topics: info@villagernursery.com

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