

Montrose Botanical Society

2025 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Check facebook.com/MontroseGardens or MontroseGardens.org prior to events for any changes.

Except where noted, programs are free of charge to MBS members; \$5 suggested donation from non-members.

Events with an asterisk () will be held at the Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Drive.

DEVELOPING SEEDS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Saturday, April 5, 1:30-2:30 pm

Montrose Regional Library

Presented by Laura Parker, owner of High Desert Seed + Gardens in Paonia, where they are growing, selecting and adapting seeds for the unique conditions of the high desert and mountain bio-regions.

BEEKEEPING ALONGSIDE NATIVE POLLINATORS

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am-noon

Montrose Regional Library

Presented by Gayle Johnson and Steve Manis, keepers of 35 local beehives. Understanding the art of bee-keeping as the study of a biome -- the relationship between flowers, pollen, native pollinators and honey bees.

*GET YOUR ROSES READY TO ROCK!

Wednesday, May 7, 10 am-noon

Presented by Lailii Martin Neff, Master Gardener and lifelong gardener. Demonstration of rose pruning techniques followed by plenty of hands-on practice in the Gardens. Snacks provided by MBS.

THE SOIL IS ALIVE: IT FEEDS YOUR GARDEN

Saturday, May 17; 10:30-noon

Montrose Regional Library

Presented by Dave Dearstyne, Soil Scientist for over 30 years. Learn the importance of healthy soil and ways to keep it thriving.

*KIDS' PLANTING DAY IN HAPPY HOLLOW

Saturday, May 31, 10:00-11:00 am

Presented by Liane Muller, MBS member. Help plant the Children's Garden that we'll harvest on September 13. Plant a living "garden gnome" to take home, plus story time with Montrose Regional Library's Bookmobile.

*UTE ETHNOBOTANY

Saturday, June 7, 9:00-10:00 am

Presented by Mary Menz, CSU Native Plant Master. Highlighting native plants that are culturally important to the Ute people. Sample some iced rose hip tea and Mormon tea, and see some sample items made from other native plants.

*NEW PLANTS, OLD PLANTS, HOT PLANTS, COOL PLANTS!

Saturday, June 21, 9:00-10:30 am

Presented by Sara Ungrodt, MBG Horticulturist and Landscape Architect. Join us for a fun stroll around the Gardens to learn about the plants that do well here in Montrose, the Plant Select® program, irrigation practices and lessons learned.

*GETTING CREATIVE WITH SOIL

Saturday, July 12 at 9:30-10:30 am

Presented by Liz Mauch, MBS President. Try your hand at painting with different colored soils, and making a simple pot or other object using clay found locally. Geared for children ages 4 and up with an adult; family-friendly activity. Limited space; sign up online starting June 15.

A GLIMPSE INTO LONDON'S KEW GARDENS

Friday, August 8; 10:30-11:30 am

Montrose Senior Center (east end of the Pavilion)

Presented by Georgia Timpson, visiting Horticulture student from London. Hear about some of the work being done at Kew's Royal Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

*BUILD YOUR OWN CREVICE GARDEN

Saturday, Sept 6, 10:00 am-noon OR 1:00-3:00 pm

(Two sessions) Presented by Kenton Seth of Paintbrush Gardens in Grand Junction, co-author of The Crevice Garden. Kenton will pull his truck into our Gardens filled with the ingredients to create your own crevice garden in a broad, shallow pot. Limited space; sign up online starting August 1. \$40 MBS members, \$50 non-members.

*KIDS' HARVEST DAY IN HAPPY HOLLOW

Saturday, Sept 13, 10:00-11:00 am

Presented by Liane Muller, MBG member. Harvest the gardens that we planted in May to make a snappy salsa to eat with chips. Plus a nature craft and storytime with Montrose Regional Library's Bookmobile.

*MBS 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 13 -- Music, fun and games in the Gardens. Stay tuned for more details!

