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3rd Annual Pup Strut!

Help Us Save Precious Lives! Benefits the Humane Society of The South Platte Valley. Bring your family, friends and of course your dog!

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

- 1.4 Mile Walk around Johnston Reservoir + Food + Drinks + Entertainment + Activities
- Dog Walk - gather at 11:30 am by the reservoir
- Costume Contest - gather at 12:30 pm by the Adoption RV
- Small and Senior Dog Races - following Costume Contest (approx. 1:15 pm)

We will be located on the west side of Clement park, in the pavilions closest to the reservoir (O,P,Q). To get to those pavilions, enter the park at the library (Bowles and Long). Please do not park in the library parking lot. Please pass this info on to your guests!

Can't make it to the event but still want to help the animals? Check out our virtual ticket option and still receive a super cool Pup Strut T-shirt!

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National Consignment Day

October 2

As the seasons change and our lives evolve, so do our styles and budgets. On the first Monday in October, National Consignment Day offers a way to elevate both. The holiday celebrates consignment as the smart, sustainable way to shop, earn money, and extend the lifecycle of your items.

Local Pumpkin Patches

Anderson Farms, Erie, CO

Known as one of Colorado's longest-running corn mazes and pumpkin patches, Anderson Farms has become a northeast Colorado favorite fall attraction. Located in Erie, Anderson Farms not only boasts the biggest pumpkin patch in Colorado but also has gourd launching displays, pony rides, a playground, and a farm stand. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can choose from over 26 varieties of squash, pumpkins and gourds. And for the thrill-seekers they have Terror in the Corn where you can explore 10 acres of fear.

Cottonwood Farms, Lafayette, CO

Cottonwood Farms not only has a well-stocked pumpkin patch but also features a corn maze, farm animals, straw-bale maze and hayrides. This farm,

which offers free admission during weekdays and \$5 on Saturday and Sunday, is a destination for both fall produce and Christmas trees from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Littleton, CO

At Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield Farms boasts a 10-acre pumpkin patch and an seven-acre corn maze. A mini-maze is even offered for small children to enjoy. Guests can drop their pumpkins off at the pumpkin daycare while they enjoy the rest of Chatfield Farms.

Rock Creek Farm, Broomfield, CO

Rock Creek Farm in Broomfield wows guests with a 100-acre pumpkin patch and six miles of corn mazes. But that isn't all: Rock Creek also has a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, straw bales and more. After a few hours of fall fun at Rock Creek, don't forget to snack on their famous caramel apples and pumpkin desserts.

Mile High Farms, Bennett, CO

Mile High Farms impresses guests with not just its eclectic pumpkin patch, but also the farm's two corn mazes, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce castles, hayride and even face painting. Find pumpkins in wide variety, from baking pumpkins to whimsical Cinderella pumpkins. This Bennett farm is perfect for fall family fun.

Miller Farms, Platteville, CO

A family-run business for generations, Miller Farms offers a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn maze and hayrides through 180-acres of fields where you can pick your own vegetables. Guests can also learn about the true nature of farm life with their farm tours. The Annual Fall Festival is a popular time to visit this Platteville farm.



October Gardening Calendar

Prepare for winter is the byword in October. In the garden world 'winter' is signaled by the first killing frost. A light freeze of 29 to 32 degrees Fahrenheit will kill very tender plants. To extend the season you can cover the most tender plants at night with a sheet or other light-weight protective covering. Be sure to remove the covering first thing in the morning. You may even successfully protect plants with a moderate freeze of 25 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

If your containers are moveable they can be put in a protected spot like a garage then moved back to the garden when the weather warms up. If you have room indoors cut back a favorite potted geranium to three inch stems and put it in a sunny window. It will grow and bloom before next spring when it can be brought back outside.

The first hard frost -- 24 degrees and colder signals the end of the growing season. Most herbaceous perennials will not be able to tolerate weather that cold.

GARDEN TO-DO LIST:

- Early October, stop deadheading roses and reduce water to encourage them to go into dormancy.
- All month prune dead, broken or diseased branches from trees and shrubs.
- Before a hard freeze, pick and ripen green tomatoes indoors.
- Save seeds of your favorite annuals but don't expect an exact replication of your current plant. (note the picture of zinnias). Zinnia seeds saved from a Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and El Paso County Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination dwarf plant with ivory flowers produced a wide variety of zinnias from the tall. California giants to pom-pom zinnias. All saved seeds should be stored in a cool dry location.
- Flowers like snapdragons, alyssum, marigolds, violas, portulaca, and cosmos are excellent re-seeders. Do not cultivate the soil around these plants if you want more of them next season.
- Pick pumpkins, gourds and winter squash by mid-October, or before the first frost, whichever comes first.
- Plant garlic now for harvesting next summer.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with 3 to 4 inches of mulch.
- Dig up and store in a dry location tender bulbs such as cannas, dahlias and gladiolus.
- Parsley can be dug, divided and potted to grow in a sunny window indoors all winter.
- Continue to plant spring bulbs. Allium and fritillaria are two of the more unusual bulbs that do well in our area. If deer are a problem in your garden check deer resistance of bulbs before you purchase.
- After fall harvest, summer bearing raspberry canes can be cut back to the ground.)
- Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing them for winter.
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system. Set up a hose system at your water spigots for important winter watering on mild days. If you make it easy to get at you're more likely to water over winter.

Lawns: Fertilize your lawn mid-to-late October with a winterizing fertilizer. Experts consider this the most important fertilization of the year. If your lawn looks thin, weak, or scraggly, core aeration in October will improve lawns that have thatch build up or show signs of soil compaction.

—By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

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Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients

- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose or whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup raisins, if desired
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

Steps

1. Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan 9x5x3 inches, with shortening.

2. Stir together pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into pans.

3. Bake 8-inch loaves 50 to 60 minutes, 9-inch loaf 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pans; remove from pans and place top side up on wire rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours, before slicing.

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Haunted Houses

1. Slaughter Gulch, Franktown
2. 13th Floor, Denver
3. The Frightmare Compound, Westminster
4. City of the Dead Asylum, Henderson
5. Terror In The Corn, Anderson Farms, Erie
6. The Ritual Haunted House, Englewood
7. Haunted Field of Screams, Thornton

National Pumpkin Day

October 26th

National Pumpkin Day recognizes a favored autumn decoration and food on October 26th. Not only do they make great fall decorations, but the pumpkin also completes a variety of tasty recipes. Join a pumpkin competition or visit any of the many fall festivals featuring the beautiful gourds.

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<p>Sundays</p> <p>HIGHLANDS RANCH</p> <p>MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29</p> <p>HR Town Center</p> <p>9288 Dorchester St.</p> <p>10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Wednesdays</p> <p>LITTLETON</p> <p>JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 27</p> <p>Aspen Grove</p> <p>7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.</p> <p>10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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Easy Pumpkin Soup

This thick and creamy pumpkin soup is simple to make using canned pumpkin puree! Caramelized onion, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger give this fall favorite soup amazing warm flavor!

Servings: 4, Prep: 5 mins., Cook: 35 mins., Total: 40 mins.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 T. butter
- 2 large yellow onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. cinnamon
- ½ t. nutmeg
- ½ t. ground ginger
- 2 15-oz cans pumpkin puree
- 2 C. chicken stock
- 2 C. water
- ½ C. heavy cream

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat.
2. Add the sliced onions to the pan and cook, stirring occasionally until caramelized, about 15 minutes.
3. Add the garlic, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger to the onions and stir constantly for one minute.
4. Add ¼ Cup of the chicken stock and use a wooden spoon to scrape any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.
5. Add the remaining chicken broth, water, and pumpkin puree and stir to combine.
6. Turn heat to low and simmer the soup for 20 minutes.
7. Turn the stove off and use a handheld immersion blender to puree the soup. Alternately, use a regular blender and puree the soup in 2-3 batches.
8. Stir the heavy cream into the soup, serve immediately with warm bread if desired.

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