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National Colorado Day

April 12th recognizes the Centennial State and the 38th state to join the Union on National Colorado Day. The first of the Four Corner States, Colorado is dominated by the Rocky Mountains. Prehistoric Colorado comes to life in the Florissant Fossil Beds. Discover one of the most abundant deposits of fossils in the world while taking in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

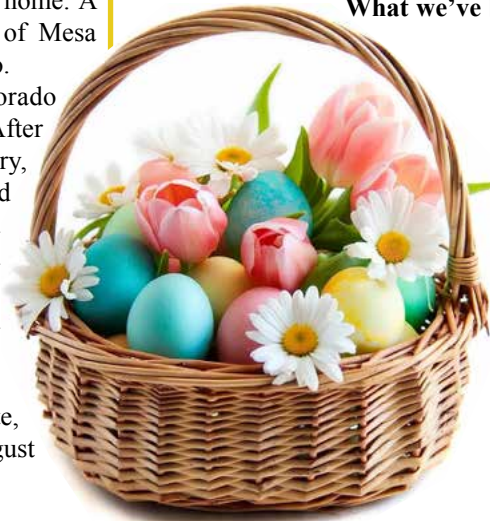
With plentiful wildlife and natural resources, the state makes a ready home. A city once thrived along the cliffs of Mesa Verde, populated by Ancient Pueblo.

Spanish first explored Colorado seeking streets paved with gold. After Colorado became a U.S. territory, Lieutenant Zebulon Pike explored the range of the newly acquired land. A summit he predicted would never be scaled bears his name today. Gold would be discovered setting off a fever in the mountains. A silver boom would soon follow.

Known as the Centennial State, Colorado entered the union on August 1, 1876.

Interesting Facts For April

- The first president of the United States, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789
- April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The phrase “April Showers bring May Flowers” comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.
- The April full moon earns the name April’s Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it’s named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America’s early spring.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.



April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority:

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven’t done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we’ve been waiting for – Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼” deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It’s not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn Care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

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Wasp Control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellowjackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellowjacket wasps.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting ask.extension.org any time day or night.

– **Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener**

Foothills Art Market

Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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- Beer and wine will be available for purchase for those with a valid ID.

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Ongoing projects that you can join. You can consider them one and done, help once and see if they fit your needs.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member drives about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March (Next June)
- Working with Schools – every week (Library and tutoring)
- Jr. Achievement
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.

APRIL EVENT

Columbine Kiwanis will be having a Top Golf fun event, Sunday April 26, 12:00-3:00. It's a lot of fun for individuals and raises money for our nonprofit foundation. This year we will distribute about \$30,000 to schools, scholarships, and service groups we work with including The Actin Center, Sharing with Sheridan, Outdoor labs, Meals on Wheels, local schools and outers. We tend to donate our money where we spend our service house.

For information on buying tickets or helping sponsor the event email me at KenSweet@Gmail.com.

Sponsors will get advertising in our Columbine Kiwanis newsletter and be submitted to local press. Sponsor names be highlighted at the event.

Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

TASTE OF VAIL

Vail, Colorado; Wednesday–Saturday, April 1-4, 2026

Expect to eat well at the resort's early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country.

BARREL INTO SPRING

Palisade, Colorado; Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 and May 8-9, 2026

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and an event "passport" to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

Durango, Colorado; Friday–Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a "walk-about" style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting, where you'll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend, so you can channel your inner sommelier.

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New Interior / Exterior Paint: A new coat of paint gives your home a fresh updated look, especially in a neutral / contemporary color. Interior painting is the most common pre-listing project we recommend. If exterior siding is faded, a fresh coat of paint will make your home pop.

New Flooring: Replacing worn carpet or flooring improves the desirability of your home. Affordable options include Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT), with the look of hardwood without the expense. At a minimum, deep clean or reface existing flooring to give it a nice shine.

Curb Appeal / Landscaping Improvements: Curb appeal entices buyers before they step foot in your home, so it's important to make a good first impression. Small projects you can tackle: upgrade house numbers, seal driveway / walkway cracks, replace a dated mailbox, pull weeds & trim overgrown bushes, paint your front door.

Minimum Repairs: Small repairs and maintenance show buyers that you've taken good care of the home. These include:

- Regular HVAC maintenance – replace broken mechanicals
- Replace inoperable appliances
- Repair broken or leaky plumbing
- Replace cracked tiles
- Swap outdated lighting
- Recalk / reglaze bathtub(s)

Not sure what the must-do repairs are for your specific home? A pre-listing inspection helps identify issues buyers are likely to notice. Call me to set up a pre-inspection, or for any other real estate question or concern!

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*April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks,
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-Christopher Morley

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