



# What's Sprouting?

## April 2011

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# Alpine Bank



### April 23, 2011 Alpine Bank Earth Day

- 8:00 am Exercise Expo
- 9:30 am Family Bike Ride with David Allgood
- 11:00 am Gates Open  
Admission \$1.00 -- 2 and up  
Local food, beer and wine, live music (Flat Top Reed), 50 + booths, bloomin' deals, petting zoo, Bump n Jump, kid and adult education, kids recycled crafts and more.
- 3:30-11pm Night Concert Series  
Dirty Hippy Beer (Palisade Brewery), Colterris Red Wine and Two Rivers Winery white wine  
Band line up: Atomga, Lil Sum'n Sum'n (both bands out of Denver)  
Local bands include Jack + Jill

Come and join Crossroads, 8th Street Gym, Crossfit, Fruita Health Club, Fresh Fitness, Zumba with Blanca and Gold's will instruct the kids Exercise Expo. Kids are free; adults \$3.00 a person or 2 for \$5.00 including free admission into Earth Day. A yo yo performance and class is included with the Kids Expo. Free water and power bars and 1 ½ hour of fun training with all the gyms listed above.



Remember our Annual Appeal  
**“Adopt A Yard”**  
campaign going on now. Go to [www.wcbotanic.org](http://www.wcbotanic.org) to donate or send a check to 641 Struthers Grand Junction, CO 81501  
Thanks to those who have already responded. We have had \$17,177 of yards adopted.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AT THE GARDENS**  
April 15 - Friday, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
WCBG Library  
Volunteers from The Gardens and MDS are invited for a social. There will be catered food, beverages and live entertainment by **Jeff Pine**. It is a time to say thank-you to all of our dedicated volunteers and to meet other volunteers from MDS. To help with food plan RSVP by April 12.

## UPCOMING EVENTS at Western Colorado Botanical Gardens

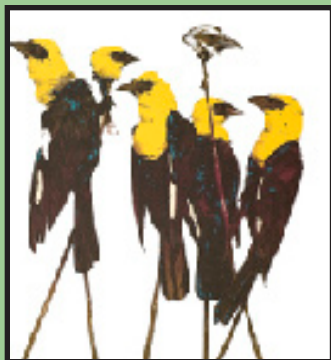
April 3	Free Day at the Gardens
April 9	Barnes & Noble Bookfair
April 23	Alpine Bank/Earth Day Celebration at The Gardens- The Heritage Garden will be selling raw hard shelled gourds and "How to Work with Gourds" books
April 26	Garden Talks Lunch and Learn Series--Old Garden Roses Pre-1862; Strongly Scented Repeat Bloomers
May 22	Western Heritage Garden Grand Opening -- tours, program, snacks
June 4	Rafting the Colorado -- learn water safety from the pros of Adventure Bound.
June 11-12	20th Grand Valley Garden Tour
June 13-17	Science Sleuth Camp -- June 13-17, Grades 4-6 (see information in this newsletter)
June 18	"Gifts of the Gardens" dancing under the stars
July 13	Bug Ball
July 16	Claude Monet Film

### Botanical Garden Hosts The Art Center's Permanent Collection Plus Three The Birds

April 4 - July 2 --The Western Colorado Botanical Gardens will be displaying art in their library and conference room by teaming up with The Art Center and accessing the center's permanent collection. Art Center Curator Camille Silverman will select works from Paul Pletka's bird series and then invite three artists from the community to add their works into the exhibit.

The Birds will be artists' interpretations of our feathered friends in various media and styles. The birds could not find a better host than to be surrounded by the beauty of the Botanical Gardens with a little Hitchcock thrown in, of course.

Invited artists (plus 3) are Dianna Fritzler, Mary Moss and Lauren Ohlson.



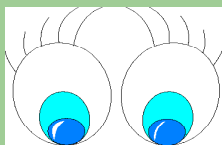
Paul Pletka, detail of Morning People



Zinnias by Mary Ellen Andrews, [www.maryellenandrews.com](http://www.maryellenandrews.com)



Lauren Ohlson, Selection from the Bird Series



#### Also happening

The Botanical Gardens will host Artist in Residence Mary Ellen Andrews painting in the Gardens April through May. Exhibition of her works will be held on July 6 through August 31. Watch for an announcement in conjunction with the July and August exhibit.

The Botanical Gardens will host the Art Center curator, who will present the film *Claude Monet*. This film takes you through the work of impressionism's most famous artist Claude Monet. Monet, like Mary Ellen, found a muse of a garden and made a portrait of site through series. The film will show on July 16. Bring your lunch and get inspired at the gardens. Free to the public.



Like to spend 2 hours in relative silence  
with butterflies?  
Be a Butterfly Bodyguard.  
Call Christine at 245-3288 for details.

On Monday, March 28, Maryann Benoit, Tom Burrows and Don Campbell along with Lain Williams, Facilities Manager at the 'WCBG, were joined by 11 stout young members of the Mesa County Work Enders Crew for a bit of 'rock planting' near the WCBG Cactus & Succulent Garden. A number of large rocks had been previously removed from the flood control dike and dumped in the area adjacent to the C&S garden. Once we intermingle a few more small rocks and assorted plants we'll have a greatly enhanced entry into the C&S Garden at the WCBG.

**The renovation of the Old Rose Garden, Celebration Plaza and Cactus Garden would not be possible without the support and in-kind donations of heavy equipment from two local businesses- -Jeremy, owner of RBW Inc. and Bobcat of the Rockies. Thank you for your help!**

### Western Colorado Botanical Gardens to Host Summer Farmer's Garden on Weekends

This summer we will offer a Saturday and Sunday venue for the "hobby" farmers, community garden participants and church and civic groups with gardens to sell their fresh produce.

We thank Harry Talbott for this wonderful idea. He noted that many organizations and backyard farmers do not have an affordable venue to sell their extra produce and often fresh fruits and vegetables go to waste.

Fresh, farm products such as fruits, vegetables, plants, honey, even firewood will be offered. We have opted to omit crafts and manufactured products.

The market will start in June. We will open the market on Saturday's and Sunday's during our normal business hours. We are setting those hours now and they will be (tentatively) from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. We have a large parking lot that will accommodate pickup trucks, tables, etc. and will be easily visible to customers. The booth fee will be very nominal and/or simply a donation. Vendors will have to provide their own tables/set up equipment.

Interested growers who want to sell their crops can

### Botanical Gardens at Barnes and Noble

Join the Botanical Gardens at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, April 9, 9 am - 10 pm, for this one of a kind book fair. Anything you purchase at Barnes and Noble including the coffee shop, will result in a percentage to the Botanical Gardens.

So come and make your coffee run at Barnes and Noble or come for lunch with us.

The Catch: you must mention the Botanical Gardens or have a voucher in order for the Gardens to get the credit.

Your support will fill our library with needed books and educational materials for our wonderful children.



## Happenings with Our Partners

### STICKS AND STONES

Sign-up for April Free Class

Learn how to build a raised flower/vegetable planter bed.

Sun. April 10th @ 1:00

Call to make reservations (970) 245-4920

For attending the class, you will receive 5% off anything purchased this day.  
(can not be combined with any other discounts or coupons)

### Colorado State University Extension

#### Native Plant Master Courses

Grand Junction - The Native Plant Master Courses are small field-taught courses focusing on identifying native plants and plant families, environmental stewardship, and habitat-threatening noxious weeds.

The following courses are offered for 2011:

Colorado National Monument: April 23 and 30, and May 7

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park: June 3, 10, and 17

Grand Mesa: July 8, 15, and 22.

Please visit our website at [www.westernslopegardening.org](http://www.westernslopegardening.org) for an application, and contact Susan Rose at 244-1841 for additional information.

### Chinle Cactus & Succulent Society

Announces a New Website.

The website address is  
[chinlecactusclub.org](http://chinlecactusclub.org)

### Central High School Service Learning hosts:

What: The first annual April Fools' 5k Run/Walk

When: Saturday April 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.;

Where: The Botanical Gardens Amphitheatre (655 Struthers Ave. in Grand Junction)

Who: Anyone! All ages welcome!

Why: To benefit the Central High School Service Learning Program

Please register today! (\$25 per adult; \$20 per child under 12)

(Day-of registration at the Botanical Gardens starting at 8:00 am).

Online at: [aprilfools5k.beterrunner.com](http://aprilfools5k.beterrunner.com)

In person at: SOAR Physical Therapy (2497 Power Road, GJ)

Central High School (550 Warrior Way, GJ)

The Muse (126 S. Park Square, Fruita)

Grand Junction High School Art Club  
is painting a mural on the Butterfly House beginning  
April 2 and finishing in time for Earth Day.  
Stop by and check out their work!



# Science

## Sleuth Camp 2011

This summer join the John McConnell Math and Science Center, the Grand Valley Audubon Society, and the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens for a camp of science fun! We'll explore the worlds of physical science, engineering, birding, geology and survival using hands-on activities and area content experts!

**Dates:** June 13 - June 17  
**Time:** 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  
**Ages:** Incoming 4th-6th Graders

**Monday and Tuesday**  
Math and Science Center

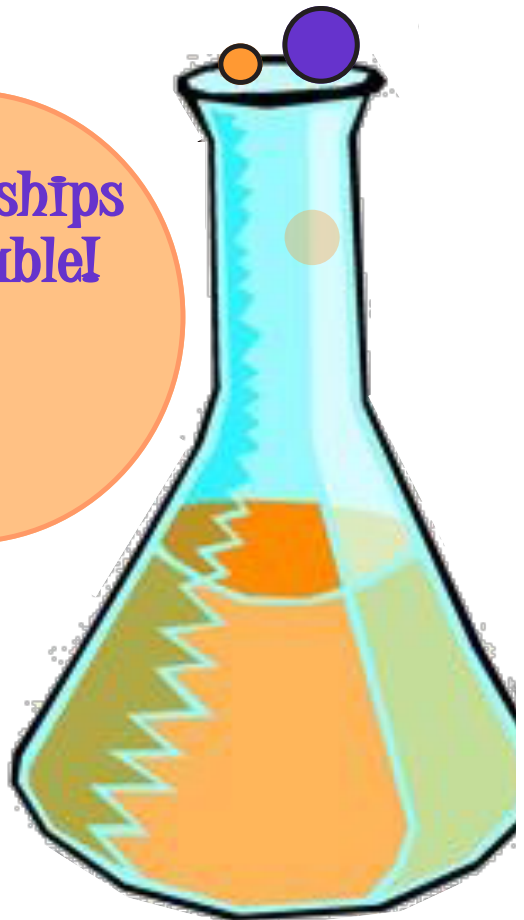
**Wednesday**  
Audubon Society

**Thursday and Friday**  
Botanical Gardens

**Cost:** \$75 per Child  
(Discounted Price for Center Members)

**For more information please call the Center at (970) 254-1626.**

**Scholarships Available!**



To register visit

[www.MathandScienceCenter.org/Calendar](http://www.MathandScienceCenter.org/Calendar)

and look for Science Sleuth Camp on June 13!

