

GARDENING COLUMN

Native plants are the best plants for Central Oregon

BY LIZ DOUVILLE
For The Spokesman

Every year for the past 20 plus years, I start watching my forsythia bush for fattening buds. Then I look over to the emerging daffodils. Why? I need to have the visual that phenology is still in place and the world hasn't gone "to heck in a handbasket" over the winter. Phenology is the study of the cyclic relationship between climate, plant and animal life. In the case of the forsythia/daffodil relationship it has been the same time clock over the years. First, the forsythia blooms followed by the daffodils blooming within two weeks. In the mid-west, the old-time farmers watched for "when the oak leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear," as the indicator to sow their corn. Another was "when apple trees shed their petals it is time to sow corn." With soil science information becoming more available to the home gardener, we have learned that proper soil temperature is what drives seed germination. Some seeds do germinate at soil temperatures of 45 to 50 degrees. However, the crops most gardeners want in their summer vegetable garden: tomatoes, corn, cukes, beans, require the optimum soil temperature of 75 degrees for in-ground seed planting. The moral of the story: If you want success, buy a soil thermometer. Now that I am assured spring gardening in Central Oregon is on its normal path, I will continue on with my yearly shopping list of perennials. That's the list that usually starts in the middle of winter when you are suffering from insomnia



Forsythia shrubs grow well in Central Oregon.

and you get out of bed and look at a nursery catalog. By the time April arrives, the wants and desires list is extensive and needs to drastically be cut back. That's hard to do when you want it all. The sensible and economical process is to think about and make a list of what your criteria are for your landscaping plants. I have the "friendly five" deer that visit almost daily. Needless to say, I look for deer resistance knowing full well they will probably nibble, especially the young ones, but won't have a feast. Also high on

my list is a low-water requirement. These two criteria limit the choices somewhat but it does make the best use of my landscaping budget. The selections increase when I refer and sort through the native plants for Central Oregon that are available and will meet my desire for color and texture. Desert sweet, chamaebatiarar millefolium, a deciduous shrub listed on the Native Plant for Central Oregon list is one that I am planning on adding this year.

Desert sweet is also known as fernbush for its fern-like leaf appearance. The small shrub produces white flowers that are sweetly aromatic. In addition to the aromatic flowers, the leaves have a sticky quality which is also a deer deterrent feature. The preferred growing condition for the irregular, un-kept-looking shrub is in full sun. Desert Sweet is listed in the OSU publication "Water-wise Gardening in Central Oregon," EM 9136. I will also be looking for agastache berberi or hummingbird mint, which is considered to be a magnet for butterflies and hummingbirds. This group has many common names. Hummingbird mint and anise hyssop are two of the more hardy varieties. I have 'golden jubilee' anise hyssop, which has overwintered in a planter for at least five years. Salvias are on my list for their pollinator quality and attraction for bees. The varieties are cold hardy, deer resistant, and listed on the water-wise plant list. With the exception of "east friesland," most varieties will not reseed. The plant benefits by deadheading to encourage a second bloom.

The air temperatures may be going the full range of unpredictable spring weather but plant growth is happening. Every day I discover something new has popped out of the soil. The alliums are showing strong growth which reminds me to add more bulbs to the fall shopping list. The lists never end. Resources: Selecting native plants for home landscapes in Central Oregon, <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/ec1623>
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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

Redmond Police Department

March 29
Burglary — An arrest was made on suspicion of burglary following a pursuit at 12:11 a.m. in the 400 block of SW Forest Avenue. The suspect was also charged with criminal mischief, theft from a building, interfering with a police officer and a probation or parole violation. Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 3:18 p.m. in the 2700 block of NW Elm Avenue. Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 9:47 a.m. in the 400 block of SW Veterans Way. 12:26 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane. 2:18 p.m. in the 200 block of SW Pumice Avenue.

3:44 p.m. in the 700 block of SW Kalama Avenue.
March 30
DUII — Jacob Craig Rehmer, 37, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 8:04 p.m. in the area of SW Ninth Street and SW Evergreen Avenue, and was also charged with hit and run property damage and reckless driving.
March 31
Criminal mischief — Acts of criminal mischief were reported at: 8:38 a.m. in the 4100 block of SW Rhyolite Place. 10:30 a.m. in the 4500 block of SW Elkhorn Avenue. Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 9:54 a.m. in the 100 block of SW 10th Street. 1:30 p.m. in the 700 block of NW Sixth Street. 7:03 p.m. in the 800 block of NE Oak Place. Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at: 2:02 p.m. in the area of SW Fifth Street and SW Black Butte Boulevard.

3:43 p.m. in the 900 block of SW Veterans Way.
April 1
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 2:04 p.m. in the 4500 block of SW Elkhorn Avenue. DUII — Phillip Royce Metcalf II, 48, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 7:07 p.m. in the area of SW Fourth Street and SW Evergreen Avenue, and was also charged with driving while suspended or with a revoked license and was arrested on an in-state warrant. Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 2:15 p.m. in the 900 block of SE Fourth Court. 2:59 p.m. in the 900 block of SW Veterans Way. 4:57 p.m. in the 3300 block of NW Birch Avenue. 6:30 p.m. in the 800 block of NW Popular Avenue. 7:24 p.m. in the 1600 block of NW Larch Avenue. 7:42 p.m. in the 1000 block of NW Teak

Avenue.
April 2
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 9:43 a.m. in the 900 block of SW 13th Street. 2:42 p.m. in the 600 block of NW Hemlock Avenue. Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 11:34 p.m. in the 2900 block of S. U.S. Highway 97, and an arrest made. The suspect was also charged with reckless driving, reckless endangering and resisting arrest. Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 12:02 p.m. in the area of SW 27th Street and SW Highland Avenue. April 3
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 12:27 p.m. in the 1900 block of SW Reindeer Avenue. Theft — A theft was reported at 9:28 a.m. in the 3100 block of SW Salmon Place. April 4
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 5:14 p.m. in the 2000 block of

SW Canyon Drive.
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 7:44 p.m. in the 1200 block of SW 28th Street. 9:06 p.m. in the 1000 block of SW Cascade Avenue. 11:09 p.m. in the 1300 block of NE Fifth Street.
Redmond Fire Runs
March 29
5:30 p.m. Building fire, 4280 Northwest Way.
March 30
1:44 p.m. Unauthorized burning, 481 SW Helmholtz Way.
March 31
6:32 a.m. Motor vehicle accident, noninjury, in the area of N. U.S. Highway 97, Terrebonne. 4:54 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of NW Lower Bridge Way, Terrebonne. 6:58 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 835 E. state Highway 126. April 1

10:36 a.m. Authorized controlled burning, 3836 SW Highland Ave. 12:13 p.m. Unauthorized burning, 10803 NW 27th St., Terrebonne. 12:48 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, in the area of SW Helmholtz Way and SW Wickiup Avenue. 1:25 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 7171 SW Quarry Ave. 5:51 p.m. Barkdust fire, in the area of SW Veterans Way and SW Canal Boulevard. April 2
10:54 a.m. Authorized controlled burning, in the area of Old Bend-Redmond Highway and 93rd Street, Bend. 2:58 p.m. Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire, 875 SE Veterans Way. 3:40 p.m. Authorized controlled burning, 7821 SW Canal Blvd. April 4
4:21 p.m. Special outside fire, 7531 NE First St. March 29-April 4: 74 Medical aid or transfer calls

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CROSSWORD

Shall We Dance?

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 Long-tailed parrot
- 6 Guinness
- 10 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 14 Skylighted lobbies
- 15 Mother of Apollo
- 16 Open to discussion
- 17 Dance craze of the Twenties
- 19 Italian family of art patrons
- 20 Currently in vogue
- 21 Turkey or fox follower
- 22 Mexican sauces
- 24 Chicago-to-Norfolk dir.
- 25 Change channels
- 26 F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife
- 27 Torme or Brooks
- 28 Dance with castanet accompaniment
- 31 Spanish appetizers
- 34 Slow: mus
- 35 Like Methuselah
- 36 Stratford's stream
- 37 Some wordsmiths
- 38 Metamorphoses author
- 39 Mountain pass
- 40 Miss prim-and-proper
- 41 Snatches
- 42 Some ballroom dances

DOWN

- 1 Papier-mache
- 2 Mountain in northeast Greece
- 3 Junkyard car
- 4 Broadcast
- 5 Viennese dances
- 6 American journalist
- 7 Riga native
- 8 WWII zone
- 9 Acquiennes
- 10 Former first lady of the Philippines
- 11 Brazilian dance
- 12 Greek letter
- 13 Theresa and Bernadette: abbr.
- 18 Of an epoch
- 23 Actor Ray
- 26 One of the Ionian Islands
- 27 Friday, e.g.
- 28 Nurtures
- 29 At no loss for words
- 30 Ends' occasional companion
- 31 Diplomacy
- 32 Acknowledge
- 33 Chopin opus
- 34 Eye piece
- 37 Church dignitaries
- 38 Moon, e.g.
- 40 Ancient Egyptian deity
- 41 Old French dance
- 43 Arcane
- 44 Average
- 46 Cheerful
- 47 Shoelace tip
- 48 Cheekbone
- 49 Freshwater fish
- 50 Culinary maven
- 51 Take in acoustically
- 52 Tropical reptile, for short
- 56 The "honest" one
- 57 Sea eagle

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, with no repeats.

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MEDIUM # 5

Answers on Page 6

WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	57	28	Sunny
Thursday	62	31	Sunny
Friday	69	33	Sunny
Saturday	75	37	Sunny
Sunday	80	41	Sunny
Monday	76	39	Partly cloudy
Tuesday	70	38	Partly cloudy

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, April 5	55	17	0
Tuesday, April 6	71	21	0
Wednesday, April 7	68	24	0
Thursday, April 8	51	24	T
Friday, April 9	65	20	0
Saturday, April 10	50	33	T
Sunday, April 11	53	26	0

Precipitation to date this year: 1.17 inches
* = daily record
National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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