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# SAN MIGUEL BASIN UPDATES

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## San Miguel Basin Extension Local Programs

### We Welcome You to Our Update!

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*We look forward to seeing you at classes this summer!*

**Botany for Gardeners &  
Native Plant Lovers  
Wednesday, May 3rd  
6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Placerville Schoolhouse**



**Each class is \$10 requested donation  
but free if you can't pay.**

**RSVP: [maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov)  
or call 970-327-4393**

**The class will cover Latin names, plant  
structures & processes and basic keying.  
Information will be covered in a slide show  
AND hands- on activities.**

# **First class in the Series: Gardening Through the Season**

***"Planting Prep and Direct-Seeding  
Cool-season Crops"***



**Saturday, May 6, 10 am till noon  
Norwood Community Garden,  
Between Mesa & Summit Streets**

**We will be learning as we direct-seed some veggies  
in the garden!**

**Each class is free for Norwood Community Garden members  
and \$10 for non-members, OR**

**Non-members can get in free in exchange for 1 hour volunteer  
time in the garden.**

**This class is followed by a PLANT SALE in support of the  
Community Garden,  
the sale will start at 11:30 and end at 1 pm.**

**Other hands-on classes at the Norwood Community Garden:**

**Saturday, June 3** (warm-season planting; and 'troubleshooting' any  
current issues)

**Saturday, July 8** (fall planting, troubleshooting; prepping for harvest)

**Saturday, August 12** (prepping for harvest and current issues)

# Gardening in the Mountains



**Includes: Telluride, Mountain Village, Ophir & Rico, etc.**

**May 10 (Wednesday), 6-8 pm,  
Fruen Building, 335 West Colorado Ave, Telluride.**

This class will cover climate, soil, plant selection and helpful tips for  
ornamentals, natives and veggies.

This class is free but you can RSVP [maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:maryw@sanmiguelcountyco.gov)  
so we have an idea of how many people to expect.

# **Our first Summer Native Plant Field Class of the season is:**

**Friday, May 19th**

**9 am till 3 pm**

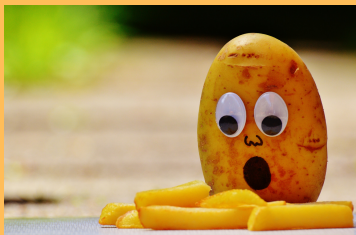
**OE Greager Open Space & Miramonte.**

Join us for a little more than a 'plant walk'- we cover plants families and scientific names, ecological and landscape uses of the plants at each location. This spot has a few unique plants, including two rare plants. Class size is limited- reserve your spot! \$25 per class. RSVP and pay in advance to hold your spot and get more information. [maryw@sanmiguelcountycogov](mailto:maryw@sanmiguelcountycogov) /970-327-4393

## **Other summer Native Plant Field Classes:**

- June 9th, Thunder Trails in bloom, 9 am till 3 pm
- June 23, Thunder Trails in bloom and seed, 9 am till 3 pm
- July 27, Calico Trail, summer bloom, 9 am till 3 pm

# WE HAVE SEED POTATOES!



**Jerry Garcia-** Purple skin with white & purple flesh, this tie dye potato is a fan favorite.

**Yellow Potatoes-** A small potato, high yielding but very uniform in size; thrives in lower fertility conditions.

**Jelly Bean- Fingling-type** with red skin & yellow flesh, easy to grow.

**Russet Potatoes-** Great skin & very uniform shape.

**First Come, First Serve.** Drop by the CSU Extension Office in Norwood. Bring your own bag or box for the potatoes.

*If unable to come by, call or email & we will try to make arrangements for delivery.*



**THE SMB REGIONAL SEED LIBRARY IS  
RESTOCKED AND AT THE NORWOOD  
AND NATURITA LIBRARIES! WE ALSO  
TOOK A BOX OF SEEDS TO THE  
TELLURIDE LIBRARY.**



**The main goals of the seed library are:**

1. To provide seeds of plants that do well in our area
2. To grow more seed savers and a source of regionally adapted seed, donated by local seed savers.

It is not required that you donate seed to the seed library to get seeds, but it would be great if you did! See our [Seed Library brochure](#) for other information on our [Website](#).

We have all you need to help you save seeds successfully, just get in touch!

**Check out our Website Address:**

**<https://sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu/>**

**"NEW" SMB 4-H Instagram Page**



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