



DENVER GARDEN BLOGGERS FLING 2019 SCHEDULE JUNE 13-15



THURSDAY, JUNE 13 DENVER

3:30PM TO 4:30PM

PICK UP BADGES & SWAG!

Stop by our table in the **Hyatt hotel lobby** (at 650 15th St, Denver, CO 80202) to pick up your ID badge and get your swag bag. Wear your badge every day; it is your ticket to board the bus. If you miss the pick-up window, contact Laura or Leigh at the reception and we'll find a time after the reception to get you your things.

5:30PM BUS • 6PM DINNER

WELCOME RECEPTION AT GROWHAUS



Our opening night meet-and-greet starts at **The GrowHaus**, a non-profit indoor farm, marketplace, and

educational center. It is based in an historic, 20K square-foot greenhouse, which has been renovated to grow produce, distribute food, and teach about healthful living. We'll be serving dinner from Comal Heritage Food Incubator, a non-profit program that trains women to celebrate their traditions through entrepreneurial ventures. We'll also have a raffle!

CATCH THE BUS:

At 5:30 PM we'll board the buses at the Hyatt hotel and depart promptly at 5:40pm for a short ride to the GrowHaus.



FRIDAY, JUNE 14

LOVELAND & FORT COLLINS TOURS BOARD BUS AT HYATT BETWEEN 8-9AM

We start off our tour in Loveland at the **High Plains Environmental Center** (HPEC), a 76-acre living laboratory and urban environmental park. The director, Jim Tolstrup, who is a registered attendee, will be joining us to answer any questions. Their nursery will be well stocked and we'll have some time to shop.

Next is **The Gardens on Spring Creek**, an 18-acre world-class botanic garden grounded in community, education & sustainability.



We'll take the group photo here! Gardens include: A children's garden, food garden, rock garden, sustainable backyard garden, xeric garden, demonstration garden, an outdoor kitchen, and Lauren Springer Ogden of "Undaunted Garden" will be joining us! We'll have **Lunch in their outdoor kitchen**.

After lunch we visit two private gardens. Painter **Janice deVore's garden** is canopied with tall, mature pines and dotted with several crevice gardens and hand-made trough gardens.

At **Carol and Randy Shinn's garden** we will see several distinct crevice gardens along with a water feature with wildlife in mind, and a vegetable garden. The buses will be divided between the two gardens & we'll serve **wine and cheese** at each before our drive back.



Dinner this night is on your own.



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 BOULDER AND NIWOT TOURS BOARD BUS AT HYATT BETWEEN 8-9AM

On our way up to Boulder,

we'll actually start the day in **Roomfield**, just north of Denver at **Botanical Interests seed company warehouse**, where we'll take a short tour of the facility. You'll learn how seeds get from the grower to the packet and see the machinery involved in weighing & packing.



The rest of the day is filled with private gardens! **Jean Morgan's garden** packs a lot of mostly native plants (no lawn) into her small space which is a pollinator haven. The next house called **Red Renaissance** features indigenous plants to attract butterflies and create a pollination haven for bees including low water plants specifically selected to provide food, shelter, and interest for local & migrating birds.



In downtown Boulder we visit **Linda Boley and her "botanical zoo"** with flowering rock gardens and a sanctuary for wildlife. In her garden, you'll see some colorful ornamentals and lots of little crevices and homes for birds & bees.



Lunch is at **Dushanbe Teahouse** in Boulder, which was built by hand in Dushanbe, Tajikistan as a gift to their sister city, Boulder. Colorful & cultural décor includes lots of indoor greenery & beautifully sculpted pillars.

Tatiana Maxwell's garden is an "urban oasis" with 600-ton stone walls, a pond and waterfall, flowers, vegetables, fruit trees & grapes.

Then we'll head over to Niwot outside of Boulder to visit **Scott Deemer's garden**, where he has cultivated a garden that is the epitome of Colorado - very Alpine-inspired with lots of evergreen trees & rock gardens.

In case you are wondering about the unusual name, Niwot. It is an Arapahoe word meaning "left hand(ed)". Chief Niwot and his tribe lived in the area over 100 years ago.

Next is **Mary and Larry Scriptor's garden**, designed by Lauren Springer Ogden. The garden mimics the surrounding landscape and backs up to a huge open space, blending into a prairie meadow with many various species of native grasses.

We'll end the day at **Judy Seaborn's home garden** for **appetizers and wine** under her giant willow tree, while touring her 1-acre garden of perennials and dozens of vegetable garden beds. There will also be a raffle!

Dinner will be on your own this night.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 16 DENVER

BOARD BUS AT HYATT BETWEEN 8-9AM

The Denver day of the Fling is jam-packed with high-profile, who's-who-of-Colorado gardens that we are so thrilled to share with you.

We'll be touring both **gardens of Jim Borland and Keith Funk**, who, for 25 years have co-hosted the local radio show "**Ask the Garden Pros**", which is the most-listened-to garden radio show for most of those years, too! Jim Borland's garden is an impressive Colorado native xeriscape, which he proudly states "hasn't watered in years". In addition to being the co-host of Ask The Garden Pros, Keith Funk is also a horticulture specialist teaching in the Master Gardeners program throughout Colorado. His garden is full of gorgeous ornamentals and evergreens.

Denver Botanic Gardens presents a wide range of gardens and collections on 24 acres that illustrate a diversity of plants from all corners of the world, and celebrate a Western identity and a unique high-altitude climate and geography in their "Gardens of the West". Their Water Gardens is a world leader in aquatic gardening and the display of aquatic plants with more than 450 plant species. We will enjoy **Lunch** here in DBG's **Annuals Garden and Pavilion**.



Ivy Street Design Landscape and Architecture firm founder and president, Wendy Booth, has

been gracious enough to let us tour some of her creations. Her designs range from regional gardens, to hotels, streetscapes, and intricate residences. Her work has been featured in *Better Homes & Gardens* and has earned several Excellence in Landscaping awards.

We're really looking forward to **Panayoti Kelaidis' personal garden**. As the Director of Outreach for the Denver Botanic Gardens, he's a traveled lecturer, a spokesman for the regional Green Industry, and author of several gardening books and a long-running blog detailing his experiences in horticulture around the world.

We'll also be touring what we're calling "**The Secret Garden**," an enormous mansion from the 1920s with three ponds, a grown-over gazebo, and acres of intriguing landscape.

The Denver Garden Blogger's Fling wraps up in style with a **Barbecue & Dance** at the **Red Barn in Chatfield Gardens**, an extension of Denver Botanic Gardens. Chatfield is a 700-acre plant refuge and working farm located south of Denver, fulfilling a growing commitment to food access through the Garden's Urban Food Initiatives. There will be plenty of time to walk around Chatfield. Wear your dancing shoes and we'll have a Fling Bash!

