



## Budding News from Sundance

July 2012

### Our Sizzling Summer

Yes, it is official, this was the warmest June on record. The high temperatures combined with the strong winds and the lack of rainfall have made this month a difficult time for all Coloradans. Here in our mountain community we understand the serious ramifications of these daily weather challenges, and fire mitigation is on everyone's mind. With the onset of local watering restrictions, we are hoping and praying for the July monsoons, as well as for the safety of all dealing with these issues.

For a comprehensive list of drought resources and information, [please click here.](#)

*"You can never appreciate the shade of a tree unless you sweat in the sun." -Author Unknown*

### The Sundance by Design "Annex"

Care for some fresh greenery that is not so thirsty? It is possible to have some pretty new container plants and still be mindful of water conservation. The answer is **succulent gardens!** We just potted up a number of artistically arranged succulents that love the heat and require very little water. Come check them out.



### Linda's Garden Center Tip

The lack of rainfall, high air temperatures, and low humidity all contribute to drought stress for plants. Drought stress weakens plants. Signs of drought stress include leaf wilting, yellowing, and leaves that turn crispy. Insects will also attack weakened plants.

Help plants through these harsh conditions by:

- Mulching 2-3 inches
- Watering deeply, less often, before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
- Collect rainwater when possible
- Control weeds that compete with plants for water
- Drench all new and existing plants with water soluble mycorrhizae or kelp.

These products rebuild poor soils by increasing beneficial bacteria and fungi in the soil. The products will also strengthen plant roots and help them through drought conditions.

### Garden Center Special

All Age-Old Kelp and Mycorrhizae products 10% off.  
Expires August 2012

### Evergreen Farmer's Market

For the first time, the Jefferson County **Mountain Master Gardeners** from CSU Extension will be on hand at the Bergen Village Farmer's Market. Stop by Tuesdays from 10 - 2 with your gardening questions, problems, or triumphs. Topics change weekly and are specific to our mountain gardening challenges. The Master Gardeners are not selling anything, but are there to provide information and help. Check it out!



### Artist Reception



Please join us for our artist reception at the Evergreen Design Center July 27th from 5-8 p.m. for wine and appetizers. Gather with friends for a fun evening in Evergreen and meet the artists, painters Lynne Milliken and Chris Orlikowski.

At Sundance by Design at the Evergreen Design Center, 27965 Meadow Drive, Evergreen.

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