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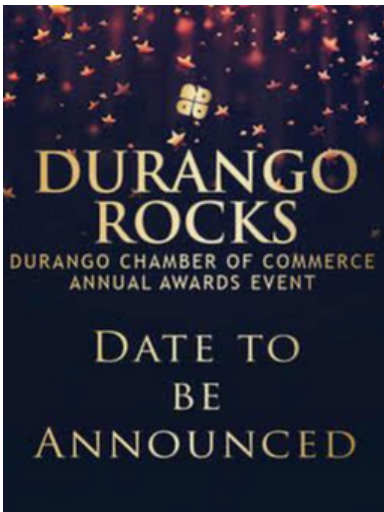
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2022: Another Big Year in the Gardens

This coming year promises to be one of the most exciting in our history as we anticipate our Member Day event in late March, near-completion of our Literary Garden, and what is shaping up as our best and biggest Gardens on Tour in our history. All this and another big, online bulb sale in August. Don't let your membership lapse because membership gets you discounts, including at local nurseries that can pay back the cost of membership and MORE!

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We are a finalist for Non-Profit of the Year!



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The Durango Chamber of Commerce has informed us that we are one of three finalists for Non-Profit of the Year. The winner and awards presentation will take place at a date to be announced this spring. Fingers crossed but even being a finalist is huge honor in a county with over 400 non-profits. Thanks to our members, docents, volunteers, board of directors, donators, and many other supporters, especially Mike Smedley who nominated us. Also special, special thanks to all of those who founded and built our early gardens, especially our founder, Cindy Smart.

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Our first year participating in ColoradoGives was a success. Barbara Johnson, vice president and director of marketing, reports we received \$4700, all thanks to you, Durango! We consider our Gardens a love gift to Durango and are thrilled that you love us back! Your support permits us to grow our gardens around the library and keep them admission free. During these difficult times we hear from folks again and again how the gardens offer a place for reflection and solace. Thank you!

How Does Your Winter Garden Grow?

If you're wondering why Mike Smedley, shown here, is 'gardening' outside, read our blog post on what you could be doing in your winter garden. Mike even has an idea for your Christmas tree.

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Photo credit: Mike Smedley

Wreath Making Sells Out in a Day!

Wow, our wreath making class, back in November, sold out in a day with 30 people registered. The class was led by Camilla Potter, president of the Mountain Thyme Herb Society, and produced some amazing holiday decorations. Pictured here, at left the intrepid founder of Durango Botanic Gardens, Cindy Smart, and at right Michele Tuttle with her creative wreath.



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Thank you, in-store and online shoppers!
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We have installed new interpretive signage for three of our gardens: the Crevice Gardens Along the Trail, the Elevation Grass Collection, and the Wind Garden. "While we have an active docent program for guided tours, most people stroll through our gardens alone and thus can miss out on many fascinating details about these gardens," says Bill LeMaire, president of DBG. The new signage, he says, will add backstory that is currently missing.

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Work with one of our Garden Partners!

Columbine Landscapes is hiring.



Seeking passionate gardeners who enjoy vigorous outdoor work in all conditions. Work with a motivated, fun team, for a company that nurtures a positive company culture where people support one another to learn and grow. Full or part time. Looking for gardeners that would like to stick with us for several years. "Everyone does better when everyone does better" and "attitude of gratitude" are a couple of our guiding slogans. Continued education is encouraged and supported. Starting wage is \$18/hour. If this sounds of interest click the button below.

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THANK YOU TO OUR DURANGO COMMUNITY FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

NOTE: Our physical location is 1900 E. Third Avenue, at the Durango Public Library. The gardens are located to the north and east of the library, along the Animas River Trail.

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