



2026 Habitat Hero Workshop, February 7th

Laramie County Community College, 1400 East College Drive,
Clay Pathfinder Building, Rooms 108/109

Agenda

7:45 a.m. Doors open

8:30 a.m. – Welcome and housekeeping information

8:40 – Kevin Philip Williams and Michael Guidi- *"Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands."*

Shrublands exist all around us, thriving in almost any environmental condition, from the desiccating sunshine of the endless sagebrush steppe to the deep, private shade of moist forests. These diverse and inspiring ecosystems serve as perfect models for our gardens.

Beyond their inherent beauty, they provide nurturing habitats, demonstrate resilience in the face of a changing climate, and offer a challenge to conventional garden-making through their intense aesthetics and obscured intentions.

Join the authors of “Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands” (Filbert Press, 2024) as they invite you to work, live and play with shrubs. Explore a glorious spectrum of wild shrublands and discover the philosophies and design strategies behind translating these magnificent plant communities into your home garden.

Kevin and Michael are Managers of Horticulture for Denver Botanic Gardens.

10:00 – Break

10:15 – Stephen Hornbeck, Nursery Manager at High Plains Environmental Center (HPEC), Loveland, CO.

Stephen will give us an introduction to regional native plant species and his work to propagate them at HPEC.

11:30 – LUNCH - Included in registration

1:00 p.m. – Isaiah Smith, Horticulture & Operations Supervisor at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens – Garden Design Exercise

Each participant should bring a sketch, map or picture of their landscape or garden area. The exercise will involve moving cutouts representing various plant types (we will provide those) on your sketch as Isaiah talks about different aspects of garden design.

When done take a picture of your sketch or paste the cutouts on it. You will use those to work one-on-one with Isaiah after the break.

2:30 – Break

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

- Your specific garden design – Isaiah Smith
- Winter Sowing – Michelle Bohanan
- How to transplant winter sown seedlings – Michelle's helper
- Audubon Rockies – Amanda Martinez
- Cheyenne Audubon's & the City's plans for pollinator plants in Lions Park – Vicki Herren

Registration for the one-day workshop is \$25, which includes lunch.

Registration opens December 1st; only 100 seats are available. To register, go to:
<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/cheyenne50th/2026-habitat-hero-workshop-cheyenne> .