

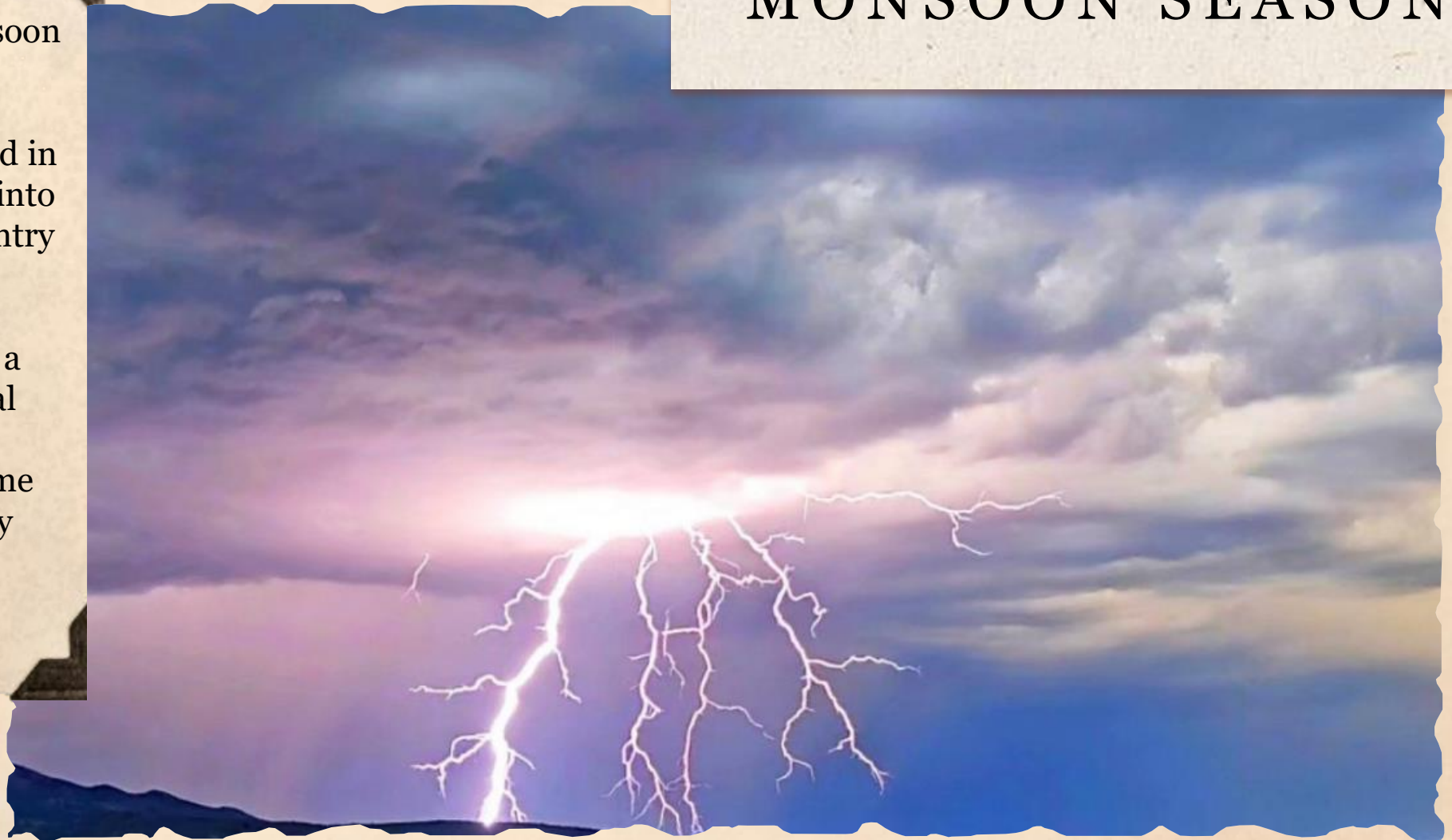


AUGUST NEWSLETTER, 2024

*Our quarterly community newsletter,
highlighting all the wonderful things
about Crowley Ranch Reserve.*

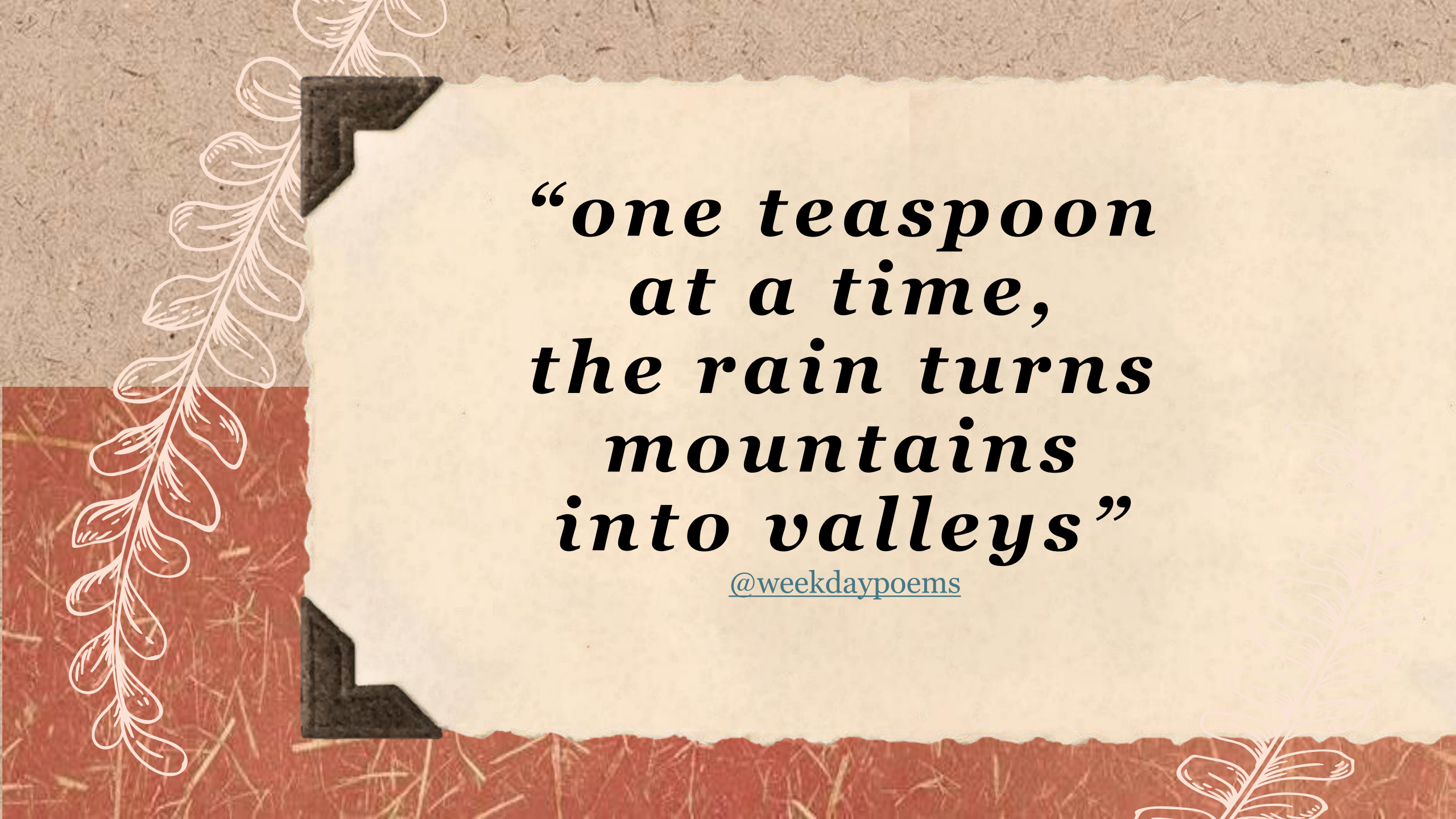
MONSOON SEASON

The Colorado monsoon occurs when high-pressure semi-permanently located in the Gulf of Mexico into portions of the country of Mexico, moves north. Much of our state sees well over a quarter of its annual rainfall during the monsoon - with some regions significantly higher than that!





THIS SUMMER THE MONSOON **RAINS** FINALLY
CAME... **CLOUDS**, COOLER TEMPS, **LIGHTENING STORMS**, AND
DIVINE PERMISSION TO STAY INDOORS!

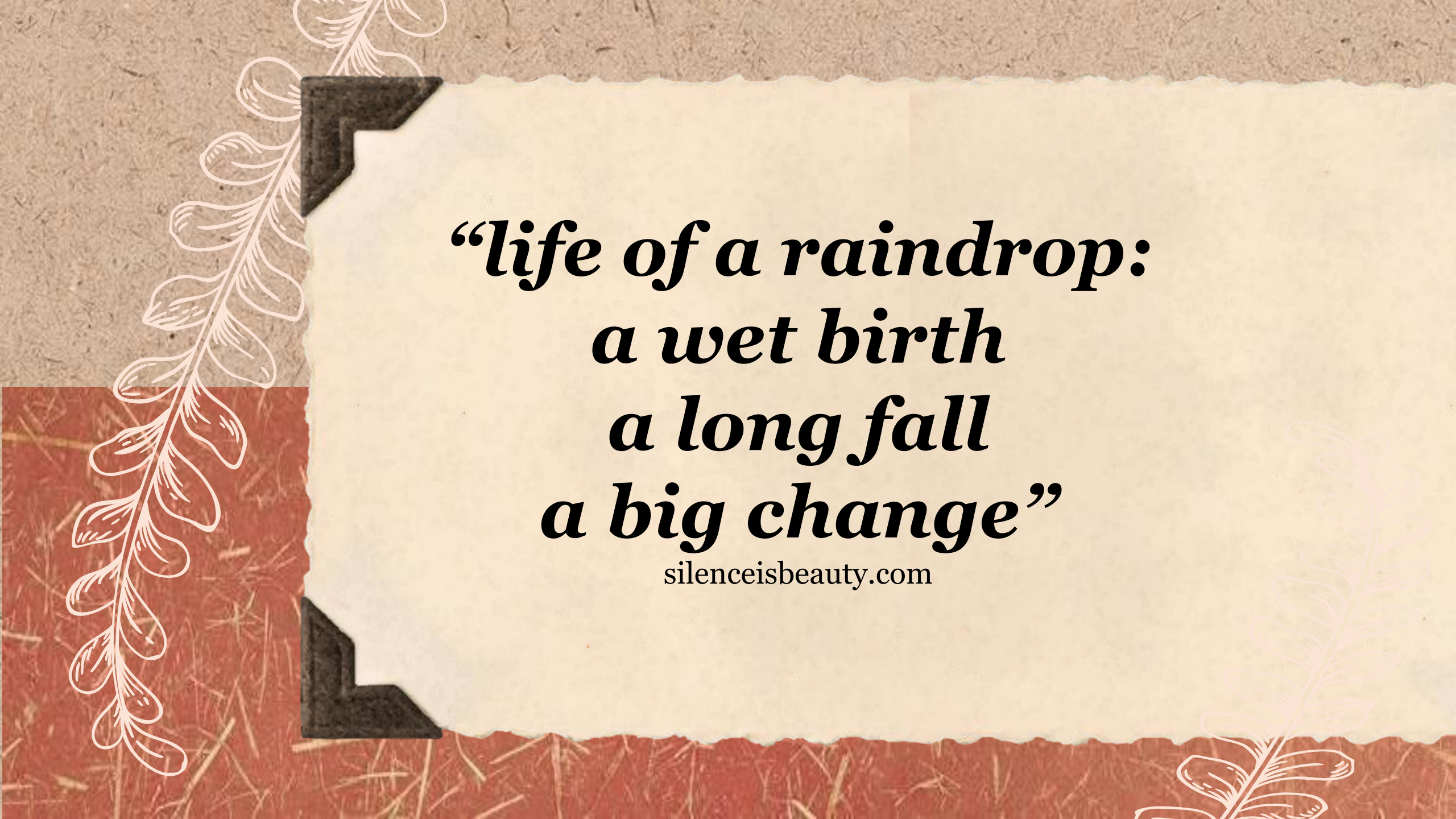


***“one teaspoon
at a time,
the rain turns
mountains
into valleys”***

[@weekdaypoems](#)

GOLDEN HOUR





***“life of a raindrop:
a wet birth
a long fall
a big change”***

silenceisbeauty.com

CLOUDS AND RAIN

all around us...



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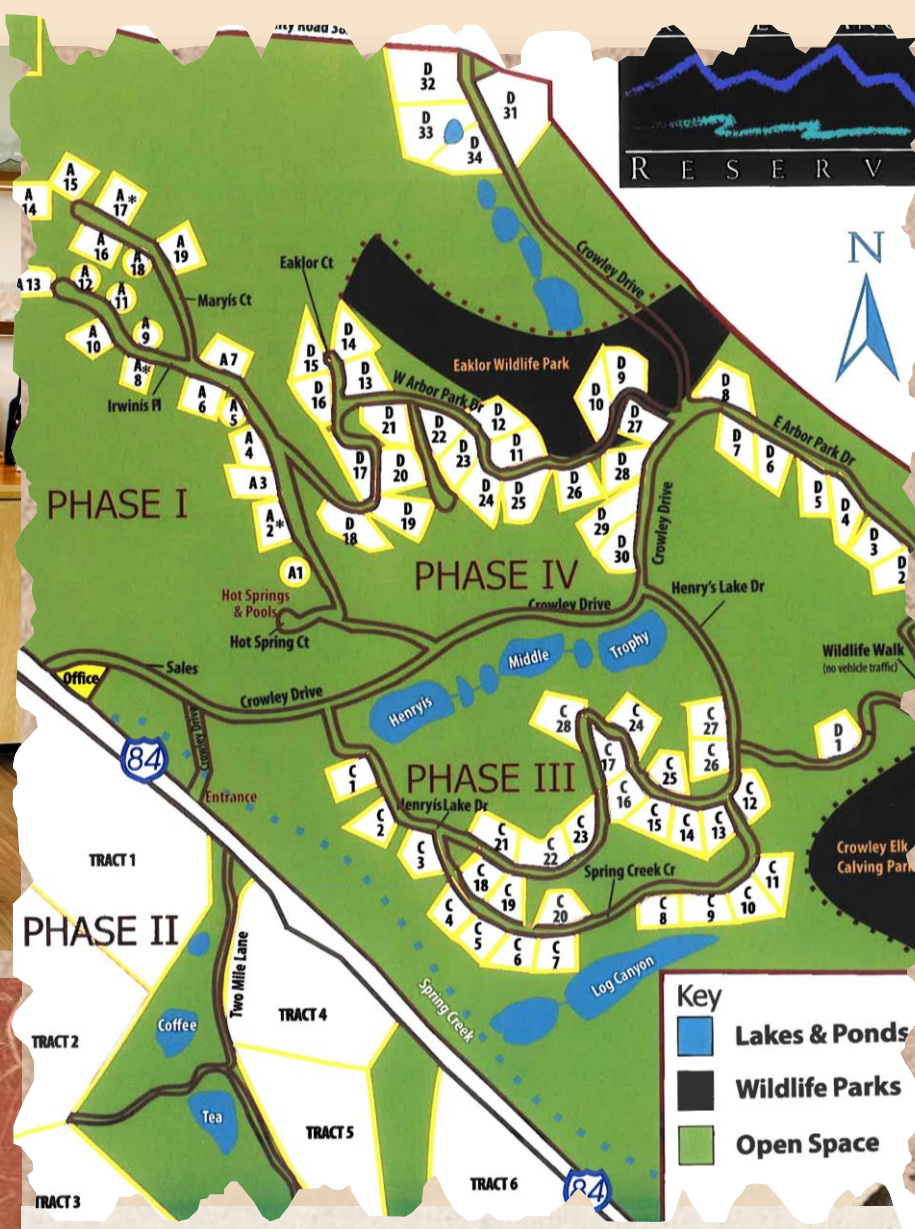


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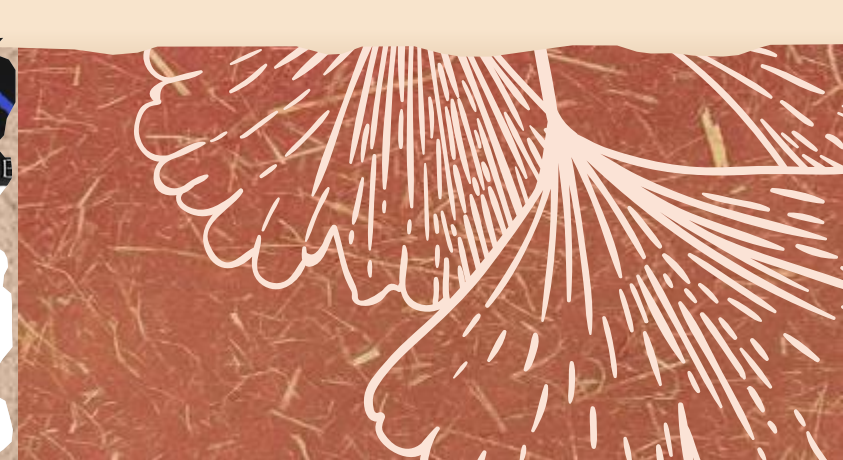
Catching up and making new friends!

*A big **Thank You**
to Deborah & Bill
Joost for hosting a
beautiful
environment and
tasty delights this
July!!*





SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR!



KEEPING IT WILD ON THE RESERVE

*What wildlife have
you seen this
summer?*





LONG TAIL WEASEL

*What's the difference between a long
and short tail weasel?*

In Colorado, lions are found in areas of piñon pine, juniper, mountain mahogany, ponderosa pine, and oak brush. Lions have different home range sizes, from 10 to 370 square miles, with females and young kittens using the smallest areas. The size of their territory is influenced by the terrain and food availability. Lions generally are most abundant in areas with plentiful deer.

MOUNTAIN LIONS





MULE DEER



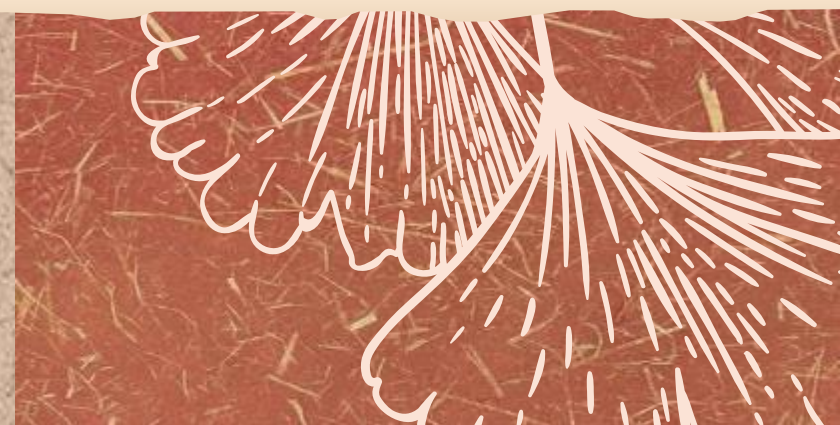




THE BEAR
NECESSITIES...



BEARS
Everywhere!



TARANTULAS



*Each year,
between late
August and
October, male
tarantulas are
on the move in
the Centennial
State, first in
southeastern
Colorado
through the
month of
September and
then in a later
wave that peaks
in southwestern
Colorado in
October.*



TALKING TURKEY

Did you know an adult turkey has 5,000 to 6,000 feathers!



HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING

BIG SHOUT-OUT TO
DURANGO NURSERY
FOR THEIR
INFORMATION!!

How to Build Soil for the Landscape You Want

Soil that has an equal balance of
aeration, water distribution,
nutrient storage, and structure
is ideal for plant life.

- ❖ Soil that has ideal Nutrient and Water Storage may look very similar to what you may see from the soil of an established garden bed or even raised bed and is ideal for vegetable and flower beds.
- ❖ Soil that has ideal aeration & nutrient distribution is ideal for plants that enjoy a nutrient rich diet without excessive water, like grasses, wildflowers, and succulents.
- ❖ Soil found around the Four Corners has a very distinct structure that has evolved the plant life in this area. Plant native plants that enjoy these specific levels of water distribution & structure.



Make
improvements in
increments of 1/3
to maintain
balance!

[HTTPS://WWW.DURANGONURSERY.COM/SOIL-BUILDING.HTML](https://www.durangonursery.com/soil-building.html)

Treatment and Maintenance

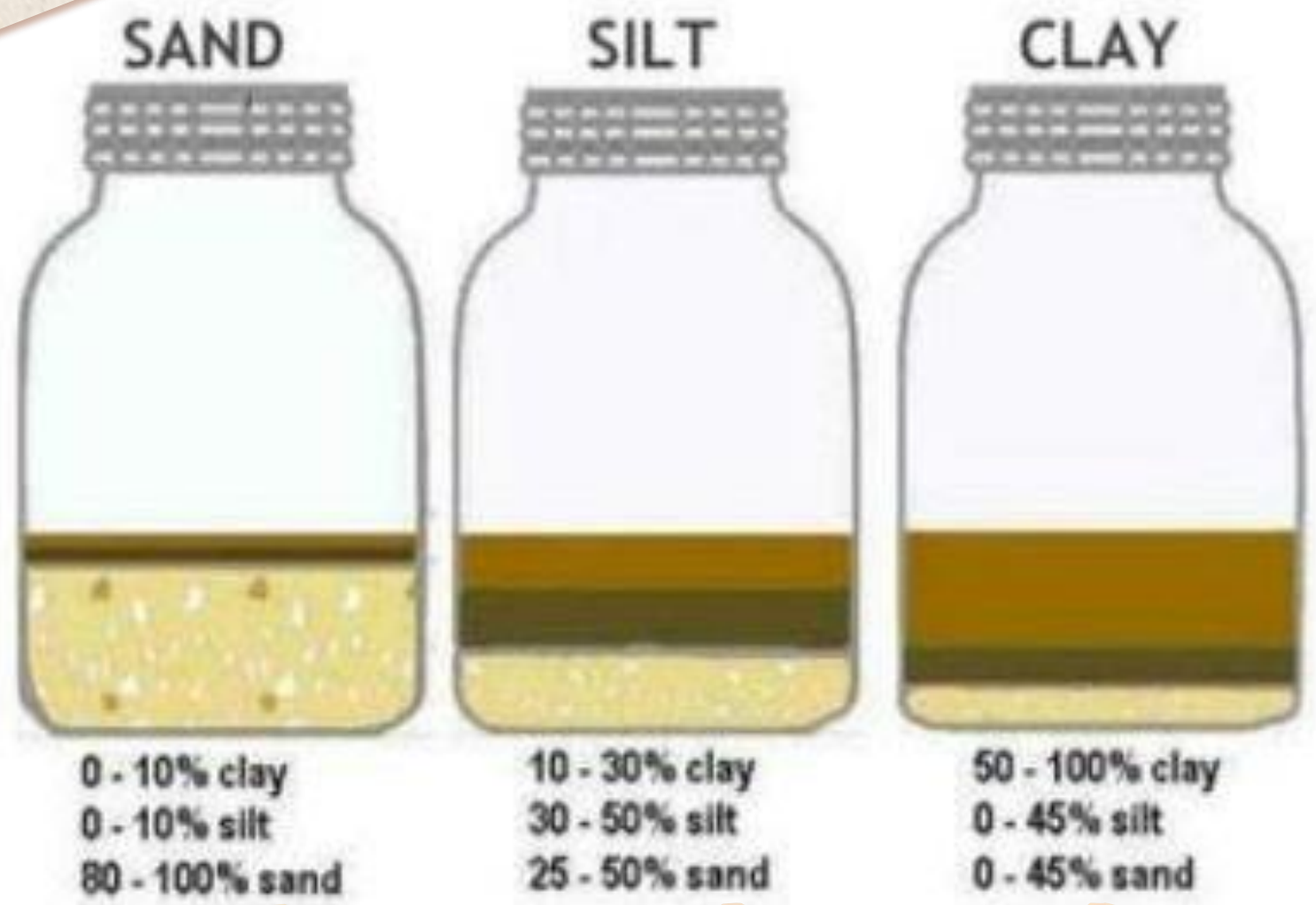
Plants need air and water in their root zones. To remedy our clay soils, we must add organic matter and encourage the presence of soil microorganisms, both of which aid in decreasing compaction.

The alkaline nature of our soils will return over time if not maintained. Amend your soil every year with organic matter such as compost, worm castings or peat moss to build soil tilth and fertility. In annual and veggie beds, mix amendments into the top 6-8 inches of soil. In perennial beds and soils you cannot dig up top dress amendments around the root zone of plants. Remember that soil takes time- you won't fix your clay soil in a year.

Plant Selection

It is your responsibility to select the right plants that are adapted to our clayey, alkaline soils. Native species have adapted to the growing conditions of this area. Still, regularly amending your soil can increase the lifespan of your plants.

WHAT'S YOUR SOIL COMPOSITION?





HIGH COUNTRY
GARDENING



*Nasturtiums, English peas,
tomatoes, dill, lettuces, & peppers*



I don't know who
needs to hear this
but you're a great
gardener.

That plant really
should've tried
harder.

GARDENARYco





VOLUNTEERING

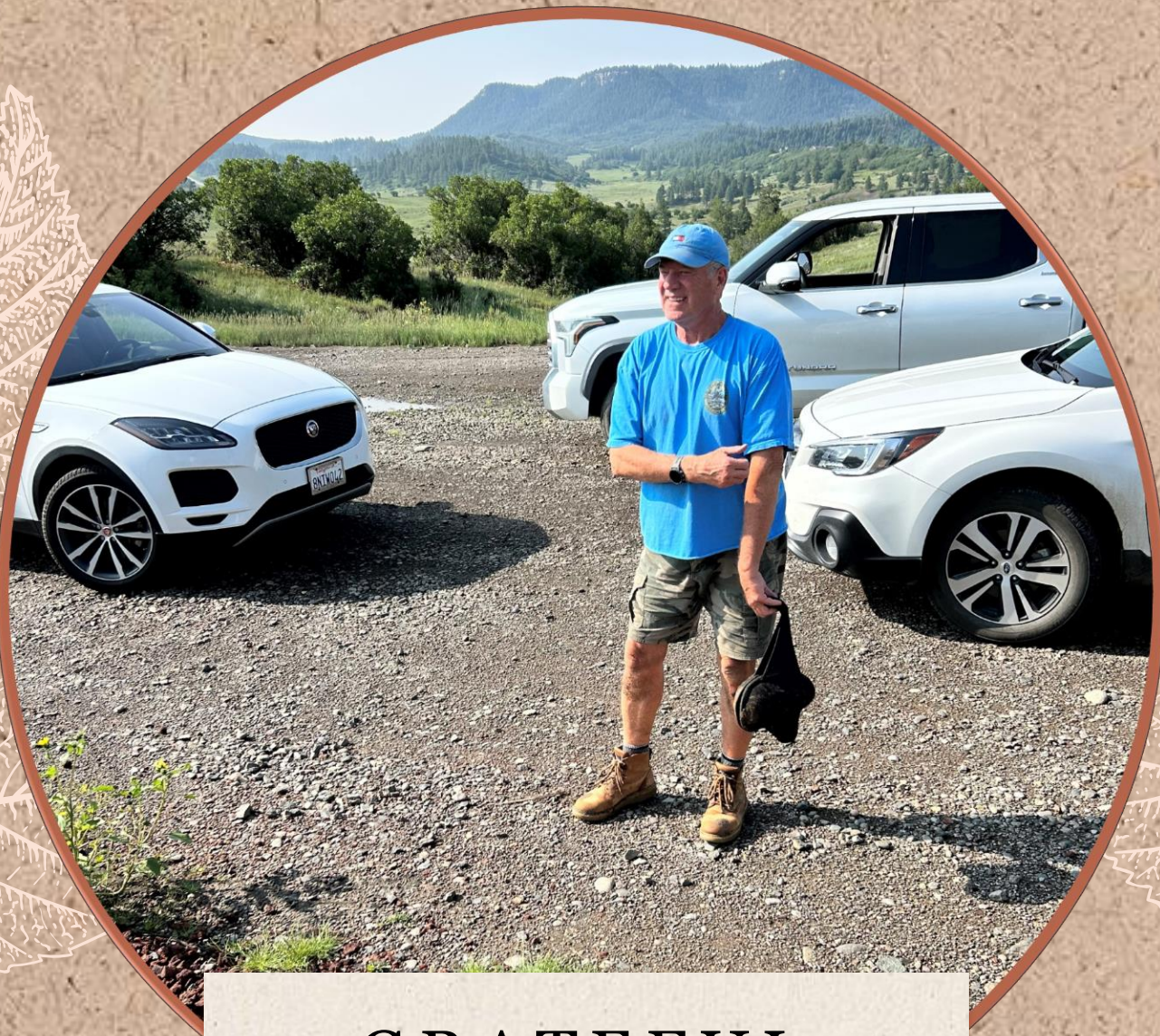
We couldn't do it without you!



ADDING BACK A LITTLE
HISTORY



NOXIOUS WEED
MANAGEMENT



GRATEFUL

*For all the landscaping
efforts!*



SEMI-ANNUAL HWY.
TRASH PICKUP

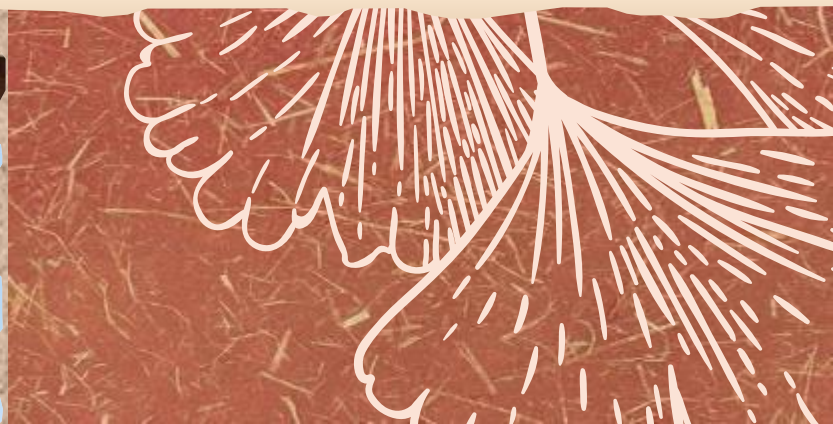


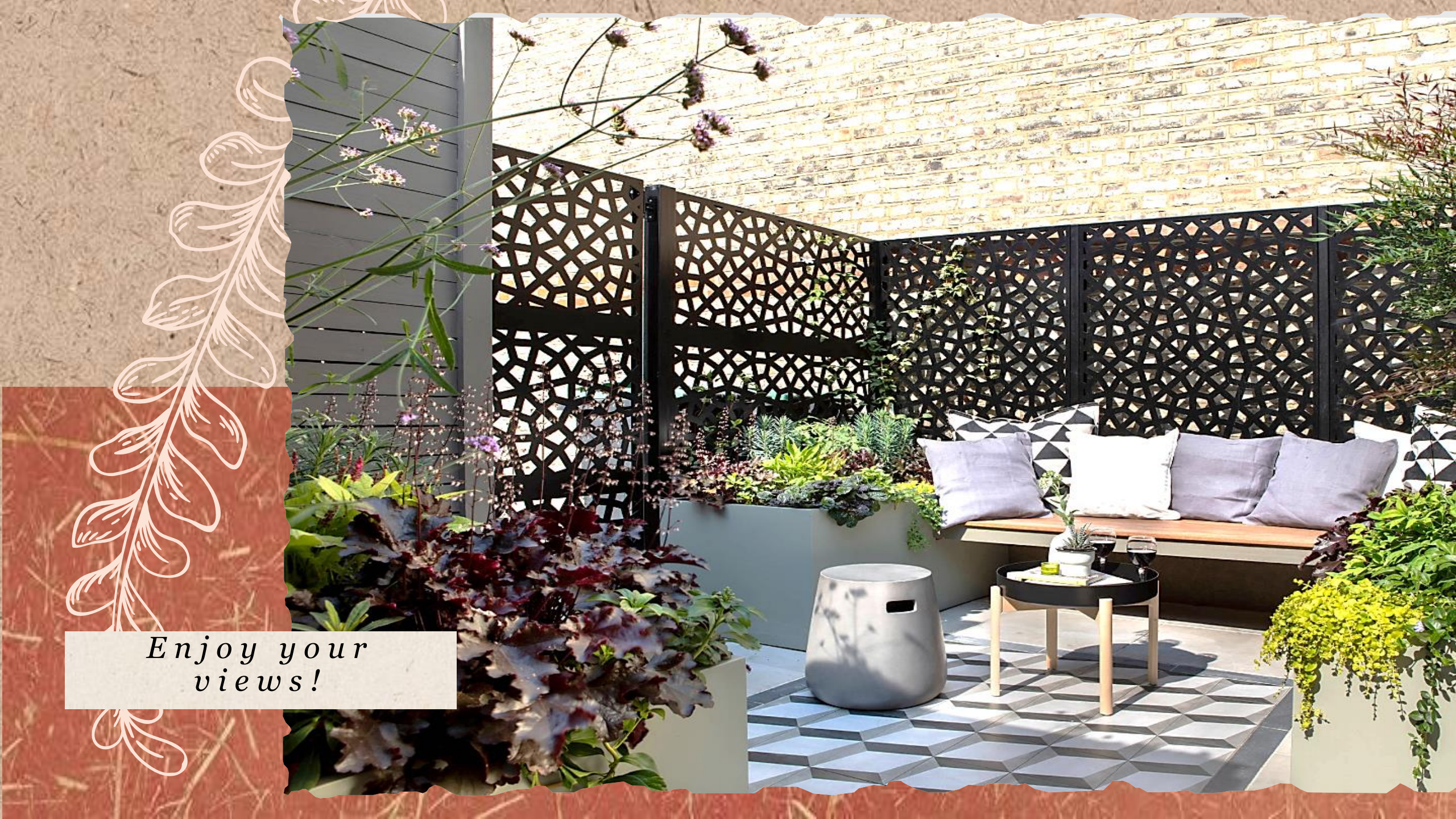
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Adopt-A-Highway

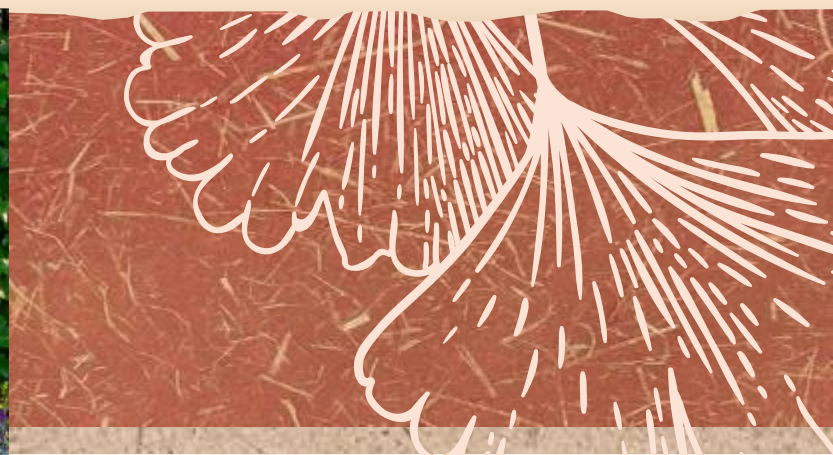


WHAT'S YOUR
STYLE?





*Enjoy your
views!*



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**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU TO ALL THE
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YOU ARE MAAAAVALOUS!!

Goodnight!



**SHOW US WHAT
YOU GOT!**

*Send in your best 3 pictures, per quarter,
for any category, so at least one may be
included.*

*Pictures are due by the middle of each
month listed:*

- *February*
- *May*
- *August*
- *November*

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