



August 2009

August 1, 2009 10 AM

Herbs: Harvesting and Preserving

Patti McFerran, WSU PC Master Gardener

Now that you've grown all those wonderful, edible herbs, learn how to harvest and preserve them for delicious additions to your menus through all the seasons.

August 8, 2009 10 AM

Should You Be Frightened of Your Large Trees?

Dennis Tompkins

WSU PC Master Gardener & Certified Arborist

Dennis will discuss danger signs to look for in your trees—or the neighbors' trees—hazard tree assessments, and how to prepare for the coming winter storm season. Bring all your questions.

August 15, 2009 10 AM—12 Noon

Multiplying Your Plants

The Master Gardener Propagation Group

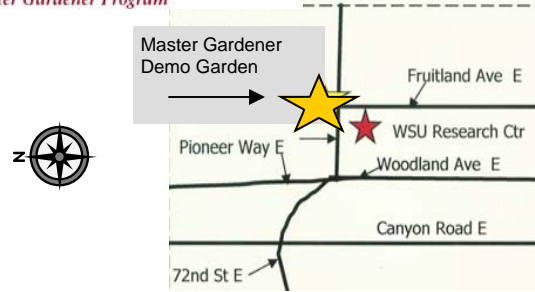
The Propagation Group will show you how to put your garden to bed and increase the number of plants you have through a variety of techniques, like cuttings, division, layering and more.

Who Are We?

The Master Gardener Program is a program offered by the WSU Pierce County Extension. All volunteers receive research-based university training in return for a commitment to share this knowledge for the benefit of the communities in which we live.



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION
Master Gardener Program



FREE Youth Gardening Program

1:00 PM—2:30 PM

No pre-registration required

Children of all ages, unless otherwise noted

April 25 Growing to the Fair Be a Junior Master Gardener at State Fair: pumpkins, vegetables, & more. Parents are welcome in this class.

May 2 Let's Get Growing It's time to plant vegetables for *Grow a Row for the Hungry*.

May 16 Dissecting & Discovery Learn the parts of plants, how they grow, and view plant cells and pollen.

June 6 A Frog's Tale 1 PM for ages to 7 years. Learn to protect, grow and observe native frogs and other amphibians.

June 6 New for Young Scientists! 2 PM for children 8 years and above—Amphibians and the environment are partners in home gardening.

June 20 Desert Garden in a Dish Use your imagination—bring small stones & a container.

July 11 Jack & the Beanstalk Garden Party and Open House Family fun, games & prizes

July 25 Wiggly Farm Acres Take home a worm bin. Learn about compost and recycling,

Aug 1 Making Stepping Stones Bring some favorite rocks, shells, marbles, parts of toys, etc.

Aug 15 Scarecrow Fashions Bring old hats, clothes, and other accessories for your creation.

Sept 12 Harvest Time Harvest for the Hungry time

Oct 10 Pumpkin Contest Bring in the pumpkins you planted in April to have them judged.



2009 Summer Garden Talks

You are invited to join the Master Gardeners in the weekly summer garden talks beginning the first Saturday in May and running through August 15th.

These talks are free to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Parking may be limited, so plan to arrive early. In Puyallup where Fruitland Avenue meets Pioneer, on the north side of Pioneer.





May 2009

May 2, 2009 10 AM

Curb Appeal

Irene Mills, WSU Pierce County

Master Gardener & Garden Designer

You will learn how to use well-chosen plants to increase curb appeal and hide unsightly views (utility boxes or recycling bins).

May 9, 2009 10 AM

The New Square Foot Garden

Bill Rigby, WSU PC Master Gardener

Learn about the newest idea in gardening: square foot gardening and its advantages. It's user-friendly, you can locate it anywhere, it's economical, efficient, and you can grow twice as much in half the space.

May 16, 2009 10 AM

Annuals, Biennials, & Perennials

Deb Bronken, WSU PC Master Gardener

Learn the differences, how to grow them, and the way to use them in your garden for year-round interest.

May 23, 2009 10 AM

Make Colorful Containers with Foliage Plants

Karen Hegarty, WSU PC Master Gardener

Karen will demonstrate how to make an interesting and colorful container by using different leaf shapes, colors, and textures.

May 30, 2009 10 AM

Growing Vegetables in Containers

Irene Reed, WSU PC Master Gardener

No matter how small your space, you can still grow your own vegetables!



June 2009

June 6, 2009 10 AM

Evergreens, Annuals and Perennials: same pot?

Karen Hegerty, WSU Pierce County

Master Gardener

Karen will demonstrate using evergreens with annuals and perennials to make a beautiful container planting.

June 13, 2009 10 AM

Growing Small Fruits in Small Yards

Steve Hitcher, Certified Arborist, Plant Amnesty,

Western Cascade Fruit Society

Steve will show you how to grow fresh fruit in a small yard. Learn how to prune for maximum fruit production.

June 20, 2009 10 AM

Summer Pruning

Robert Sweet, WSU PC Master Gardener, Certified

Arborist, Western Cascade Fruit Society

Bring all your pruning questions to this class. Robert will help you with taming that overgrown tree or how and when to prune your shrubs.

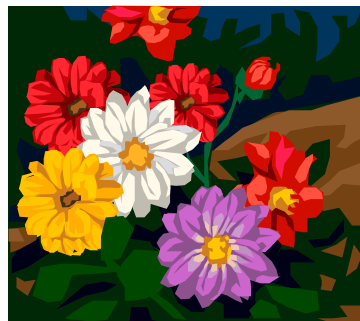
June 27, 2009 10 AM

Growing Dahlias

Bill Rigby, WSU Pierce County

Master Gardener & Dahlia Expert

Dahlias are magnificent, bright additions to your garden: they come in a wide variety of colors, sizes and shapes. Learn how easy it is to grow them and keep them blooming for cut flower bouquets from early summer until the first frost.



July 2009



Happy 4th of July!

See you next week

July 11, 2009

Cold Weather Vegetables

Larry Owens, WSU PC Master Gardener

You still have time to plant those tender fall crops and seed or transplant crops to over-winter. Learn how to extend the growing season.

July 18, 2009 10 AM

How to Identify Your Trees

Irene Reed, WSU PC Master Gardener

Irene is going to show you how to identify trees by their leaves, bark, twigs, and buds.

July 25, 2009 10 AM

Hardy Fuchsias

Lloyd Tharp, PC Master Gardener

Hardy fuchsias are a great addition to the sunny area in your yard. This perennial shrub comes with many different flower forms and colors. Come in and learn how easy they are to grow.



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