WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION
FREE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
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TUESDAY 01/07/20 06:50 PM
* Terroir of the Willamette Valley: The Relationship Between Geology, Soil, Climate and Wine
Scott Burns, PhD Professor Emeritus, Portland State University

Terroir describes why wines of one area taste different from wines of another area, even though they are the same variety. It is the “taste of the place,” determined by geology, soil, climate, and soil biota. One of the greatest places in the world to taste differences in terroir is the Willamette Valley. Learn how to be an educated wine taster in Oregon by attending this talk. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

SATURDAY 02/01/20 10 AM-NOON
Mason Bees 101
Ron Spendal, Master Gardener

The first of three presentations on mason bees, this session addresses the biology, behavior and natural history of the Mason Bee. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103

TUESDAY 02/04/20 06:50 PM
* A Systematic Process for Simplifying Plant Problem Diagnosis
Neil Bell, Community Horticulturist, OSU Extension, Marion/Polk Counties

Any plant in any garden can develop problems from time to time. The vast array of plants that we grow and the multitude of potential causes of problems can make the search for the reason for stress daunting. This presentation describes a systematic process to make that search a bit easier. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

SATURDAY 02/22/20 10 AM-NOON
* Blueberries Pruning and Care
Cindy Muir & Sue Ryburn, Master Gardeners

Blueberries are easy and fun to grow. Learn about the steps to care for plants, including pruning techniques. Bring your own hand pruners and garden gloves for a hands-on pruning lesson. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 & PCC Rock Creek Learning Garden for hands-on portion

SATURDAY 02/29/20 10 AM-NOON
Drip Irrigation
Jenn Peters, Chair Landscape Technology Department, PCC -Rock Creek

Thinking about drip irrigation but not sure where to start? In this session we’ll cover the following: drip vs. overhead watering; how to convert an existing system from overhead to drip; determining water needs for your site’s size, light conditions, soil and plants; installation options; resources for information and supplies; tour of irrigation system at WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock. This is a hands-on activity with take-home sample plus ample time for questions. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103

Note - This Class is limited to 25 attendees. Please send email to albright.becker@gmail.com to be added to the attendance list.
Wildlife Habitats in Residential Settings  
Brian French, Urban Habitat Snag, founder of Arboriculture International  
Wildlife is an essential part of our environment both in the country and in our cities. They play an important role in urban gardens. This presentation describes how we can make the spaces around our homes beneficial to plants and animals. Come and learn what to preserve and restore and what to remove or control. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

* Raising Mason Bees  
Ron Spendal, Master Gardener  
This presentation is the second of three sessions on mason bees. It focuses on the environmental needs of the mason bees, nesting behaviors of mason bees, nesting and housing devices attractive to mason bees. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103

Vegetable Gardening Basics  
Valerie Conner, MG  
Covers soil preparation, what to plant when, where and how, how often to water and tips to make your garden thrive! LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

* Developing Pollinator Habitat in the Home Garden w/Native and Non-Native plants  
Eric Butler & Jack Shorr, Master Gardeners  
Learn about ways to attract and provide habitat for a range of pollinators using both native and non-native plants. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 & WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek

"Raptor Confidential: Understanding and Identifying Birds of Prey"  
Marilyn Ellis, Oregon Master Naturalist  
What makes a raptor a raptor? How does it hunt? How does it live? Learn how to identify the amazing Birds of Prey that fly overhead every day. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

Planning and Planting for a Year 'Round Harvest  
Tim Lanfri, Master Gardener  
Come and learn how to have a year 'round harvest from your Portland area backyard garden. Our climate is mild enough that you don't need a greenhouse or any other form of protection. You will learn about the climate of our area and how to plan and plant for a 12-month harvest from your own backyard. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330
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SATURDAY 05/09/20 10 AM - NOON
Propagation
Helen Dorbolo, Master Gardener
This hands-on introductory plant propagation class will focus on cloning through stem cuttings. Cutting and preparation techniques will be demonstrated; students will take cuttings of various perennials and shrubs (provided). Potting mix and after-care will be discussed. Bring your gardening gloves and sharp pruners or scissors if you have them. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 104 & WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek

THURSDAY 05/14/20 10:00 AM
* Northwest Natives for Home Gardens
Sandy Japely, Master Gardener
Hearty, local, lovely too! Discover how easy and inspired your garden can be when it's full of robust native varieties. Get a list of natives and see examples for different locations and seasons. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

SATURDAY 05/16/20 10:00 AM
* Heirloom Veggie Gardening, Starting from Seed
Sarah Gramm Wolf, Master Gardener
Plant tried and true seeds from the past! Learn direct sow methods for containers, raised beds, and in the ground; best soil temperatures to plant; days to harvest, and more for fresh, nutritious, tasty food. For follow-up attend Heirloom Veggie Gardening, Saving Seeds for Next Year’s Garden on August 8th. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

THURSDAY 05/21/20 10:00 AM
Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces and Containers
Karen Kirby, MG
Learn techniques for growing vegetables in very limited space by maximizing planting density and limiting the need for thinning, watering, and weeding. Tips for soil maintenance are included. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

TUESDAY 06/02/20 6:50 PM
* Horticultural Myths
Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD. Associate Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Washington State University
The result of years-long academic research may suprise you as you listen to Dr. Chalker-Scott's informative presentation that debunks with enlightening humor some of gardening's Horticultural Myths. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

THURSDAY 06/18/20 10:00 AM
Container Gardening for Patios and Terraces
Sandy Japely, Master Gardener
Learn how to select, plant and care for ornamentals and herbs in containers for patios and small terraces for all seasons. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate
THURSDAY 06/25/20  10:00 AM
* Composting Methods, Featuring A DIY Keyhole Compost Garden Bed
   Bob Campbell, Master Gardener
   Find out how to improve your soil by recycling yard, garden, and kitchen materials into compost. Learn how to use a simple keyhole compost garden to feed your vegetables’ as you create compost. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

SATURDAY 06/27/20  10 AM- NOON
* Native Oregon Bees, You and Your Garden.
   Susan Albright, Master Gardener & Anne LeSenne, Faculty, Landscape Technology Department, PCC-Rock Creek
   Come learn about some of our Oregon native bees: how to distinguish bees from wasps and flies; what our native bees need in terms of shelter, food and nesting areas; what you can do to provide habitat for native bees in your garden. Explore opportunities to participate as a Citizen Scientist. We'll also walk to the WCMGA Education Garden to collect some bees (catch and release of course!) and you can try your hand at bee ID. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 & WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek

SATURDAY 07/11/20  10:00 AM
Success with Herbs: Culinary and Other Uses
   Judy Fenker, Master Gardener
   Herbs are great for seasoning food and gorgeous in the garden too. Learn about herb selection, best soil conditions and locations to create and maintain a bountiful and beautiful herb garden. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

SATURDAY 07/18/20  10:00 AM
* Plants for Hot and Dry Areas in the Pacific NW
   Jacque Myers, Master Gardener
   Learn what plants thrive, once established, with little or no water, see examples and leave with a list of possibilities. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

THURSDAY 07/23/20  10:00 AM
The Role, Care and Feeding of Carnivorous Pitcher Plants
   Cindy Muir, Master Gardener
   What does a carnivorous plant need to thrive? Learn about suitable containers, soil, watering and winter care to sustain these fascinating plants and their role in our environment. LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate
   Note: School age children accompanied by an adult are welcome

SATURDAY 08/01/20  10 AM- NOON
Sensory Elements in the Garden
   Kate Bodin, Faculty Landscape Technology Department, PCC-Rock Creek
   A garden can be a place to enhance the senses through visual interest and alluring scents. It is a place to touch flowers, explore leaves, and listen to the sounds of nature. Gardens can
include edible plants, and may provide cognitive stimulation. Learn about using gardens as a sensory experience. We will start in Building 4 and then take a short (5 min.) walk to the WCMGA Education Garden. Attendees are invited to bring a piece of interesting plant material to use in the class. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 & WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek

SATURDAY 08/08/20 10:00 AM
* Heirloom Veggie Gardening, Saving Seeds for Next Year’s Garden
  Sarah Gramm Wolf, Master Gardener

Some seeds are ready to collect when the vegetable or fruit is ready to eat; some must wait longer, on the plant, until viable. Collecting, cleaning, drying, labeling, and storing seeds for next year’s garden will be covered.

LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate

SATURDAY 08/15/20 10 AM- NOON
* Beneficial Insects in the Garden
  Susan Albright & Sue Ryburn, Master Gardeners

Approximately 97% of insect species in our home landscapes are beneficial or “innocent bystanders”, yet often we seek to rid ourselves of them by resorting to insecticides. Learn about beneficial insects found in our gardens, how they help and ways we can attract them to our garden. Gardeners of all ages (children and adults) are invited to attend. We will start at Bldg. 4, Room 103 and then take a short walk to the WCMGA Education Garden to see insects in action.

LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103

TUESDAY 09/01/20 6:50 PM
* Grow a Greener Lawn
  Weston Miller, Community and Urban Horticulture Extension Agent

Learn the latest on establishing, renovating and maintaining turf through time-tested tips practiced by golf course superintendents for mowing, mulching, watering, and managing weeds without toxic chemicals. Discover eco-lawns, and learn where to get more information on low-input lawn care.

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TUESDAY 10/06/20 6:50 PM
* Potential for Pollinator Conservatories Within Developed Landscapes
  Gail Langellotto PhD Professor, OSU Department of Horticulture

This presentation describes recent findings about the ecology of gardens and how to design and sustainably manage urban gardens.

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THURSDAY 10/22/20 10:00 AM
Dividing Dahlias
  Bob Campbell, Master Gardener

Learn how to dig, divide and store dahlias for the winter to ensure healthy spring tubers. Includes demonstration and hands-on practice.

LOCATION: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate
SATURDAY 10/31/20 10 AM-NOON
_Lawn is Gone - What’s Next?
_Susan Albright, Master Gardener

Rising interest in sustainable landscapes is prompting many homeowners to find alternatives to lawns. Come learn about a journey to replace the lawn with a pollinator-friendly, low water, low-maintenance landscape that incorporates a mix of drought tolerant PNW native and non-native plants. Turf removal options, plant selection and design, irrigation, care and maintenance will all be covered. After a presentation in the classroom we will walk a short distance to the WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek to explore what we have there. LOCATION: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 & WCMGA Education Garden

TUESDAY 11/03/20 6:50 PM
_Growing Conifers--What Gardeners and Christmas Tree Growers Have In Common
_Chal Landgren, Christmas Tree Specialist and Professor, NWREC

We'll have a look at diseases, insects and disorders of common conifers, plus discuss finding some more exotic trees. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

TUESDAY 12/01/20 6:50 PM
_Sustainable Edible Gardening
_John Saltveit, Home Orchard Society

This presentation will cover some methods of growing delicious food in your garden that is easy to grow, nutritious, and helps make the world a more sustainable place. LOCATION: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building Room 330

SATURDAY 12/05/20 10 AM-NOON
_Mason Bee Cocoon Cleaning
_Ron Spendal, Master Gardener

The third of three presentations on mason bees is a hands-on workshop. You will learn how to extract, clean, and store mason bees. LOCATION: WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek. PCC Rock Creek Building 4, Room 104

Addresses:

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WCGMA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate 8005 SW Grabhorn, Beaverton, OR 97007. On weekends, use the Camp Rivendale entrance, park, and then walk past the play structure down to Learning Garden. No registration needed, free parking.

WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek 17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland, OR 97229. No registration needed, free parking: For weekday WCMGA educational events, use the Events Parking Lot behind Building 9. On Saturdays all campus parking areas are free