

2022 Calendar of Public Events

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About our events:

- FREE and open to the public.
- Children and family events are highlighted in yellow. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.
- Zoom Webinar or in-person. In-person events are held at one of three locations:
 - WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007
 - WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229
 - PCC Rock Creek Campus, Building 4, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229
- Many events require registration and are noted in the list below.
- For registration information & a downloadable pdf of this list: <http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/upcoming-events/>
- For information and maps to our gardens: <http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/come-learn-us/>

Date & Time	Location	Presenter	Event & Description * Approved for 1 hour of MG Education Credit
Saturday February 12 10-11:30am	Zoom Webinar Class Registration Required	Ron Spental, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Mason Bees 101 - The first of three mason bee classes, this session addresses the biology, behavior, and natural history of the Mason Bee.
Saturday February 26 10-11:30am	Zoom Webinar Class Registration Required	Ron Spental, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Raising Mason Bees - The second of three mason bee classes, this session focuses on environmental needs of mason bees, nesting behaviors, and nesting and housing devices attractive to mason bees.
Tuesday March 1 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Sherrie Villmark, Pollinator Parkways	Creating Pollinator/Wildlife Habitats in Small Garden Spaces - Learn the basics of creating a pollinator habitat - staggered blooming, working with plants native to the area, and creating a sanctuary for wildlife without the use of pesticides. The talk will also touch on how to design and convert an area into habitat.
Saturday March 19 2 sessions: 10am-noon OR 1-3pm	In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg 4 & WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Jenn Peters, Chair PCC Rock Creek Landscape Technology Department	*Drip Irrigation - Thinking about drip irrigation but not sure where to start? In this session we'll cover the types of micro irrigation systems and where to use them. We'll also discuss steps for a new installation or converting from an existing overhead system. Resources for information and supplies will be provided.

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Saturday March 26 10am – Noon	In-Person Class WCMGA Learning Garden	Marilyn Berti and Kari Woyak, OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*NW Garden Weeds - We will look at the characteristics of the most common annual and perennial weeds – how to identify, how to control and how to prevent these uninvited garden guests. Weeds covered include: bindweed, bittercress, curly dock, dandelion, false dandelion (cat’s ear), herb Robert, horsetail, and willow herb.
Tuesday April 5 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Kym Pokorny, Communications Specialist, OSU Extension	From Hard News to Garden Writing. How’d that happen? Why does a dyed-in-the-wool journalist switch to garden writing mid-career? Come along with Kym Pokorny as she talks about her experiences and ‘lessons learned’ as a garden writer.
Tuesday May 3 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Robert Emanuel, PhD, Water Resources Project Manager, Clean Water Services	*Gardening for Healthier Watersheds - This presentation will focus on gardening from the perspective of improving local water quality. Dr. Emmanuel will cover topics related to plant choice, responsibilities around backyard waterbodies, careful fertilizer and chemical use, stormwater-focused gardening, and ecological restoration.
Sat May 14 10am-noon	In-Person Class WCMGA Learning Garden	Annette Bell, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Growing Vegetables in Containers - Do you love growing veggies but don’t have much room? Come and learn some tried and tested techniques for gardening in a variety of containers.
Saturday May 14 1-4pm	In-Person Event for All Ages WCMGA Education Garden	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Meet the Mason Bees...and some of their closest friends! – Adults and children are invited to join the Washington County Master Gardeners as we celebrate the emergence of the 2021 mason bees. Learn about the Blue Orchard Mason Bees and other Oregon native bees – their life cycle, habitat needs and more! Live displays and hands-on activities for all ages.
Saturday May 21 10-11:30am	In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg 4 & WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Helen Dorbolo, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Propagation by Stem Cuttings - This introductory plant propagation class will focus on cloning through stem cuttings. Cutting and preparation techniques will be demonstrated; Potting mix and after-care will be discussed.
Tuesday June 7 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Jean Natter, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Seasonal Bugs & Beasties – Each season brings different bugs into our gardens and homes. Some of these are beneficial, at least in the garden, while others are problematic. In this presentation, Jean Natter describes some of the critters that greet us and offers suggestions for effective and appropriate response.
Thursday June 16 10am-noon	In-Person Class WCMGA Learning Garden	Judy Fenker, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Herbs - You can grow herbs in your northwest landscape. Enjoy our garden’s unique spiral design, learn how and where to plant herbs, what herbs to choose and how to use them.

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Saturday June 25 10am-noon	In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg 4 & WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Susan Albright, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Bees in Your Garden - Adults and children are invited to this hands-on session about Oregon native bees. Learn how to distinguish between a bee, a wasp, and a fly; explore habitat needs for our native bees; discover what you can do in your garden to help our native bees. Time will be spent looking for bees and other pollinators in the Education Garden.
Saturday July 9 10am-noon	In-Person Class WCMGA Learning Garden	Michael Donoghue, Jacque Myers, Sarah Gramm Wolf & other OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Be Water Wise - Tour the Learning Garden as well as the Pioneer Herb Garden at Jenkins Estate to see displays of low-cost ways of using less water in your home garden. Learn pros and cons for each example.
Saturday July 16 10-11am	WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Larina Hoffbeck and Clara Pawlowski, OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Story Time in the Garden - The entire family is invited to join us for a reading of an engaging children's book about life in the garden whether it be insects, flowers, pollinators and more. Then we'll have some fun activities in the garden to help bring the themes of the story to life. Stories and activities are targeted for ages 4-9.
Saturday July 23 10am-2pm	In-Person Event for All Ages WCMGA Education Garden	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	WCMGA Education Garden Open Garden – Invertebrates, Wildlife & Us! Visitors of all ages are invited to our 17,000 sq. ft. garden transformed from a former gravel parking lot to a beautiful garden. Enjoy our 'Garden Classrooms' with Fragrance Garden, Insect and Pollinator Habitat, Waterwise Garden, Hellstrip Garden, the Community Garden with a collection of small Conifers and Companion Plants and our newest addition, a Pacific Northwest Native Pollinator Hedgerow. Numerous educational displays are spread throughout our garden, including nesting stations for our friendly and hard-working Mason Bees. Enjoy garden tours, free educational materials, Master Gardeners on hand to answer your questions, self-guided displays, community partner booths and an opportunity to buy Gifts for Gardeners. Fun hands-on activities for all ages!
Saturday July 30 10am-noon	In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg 4 & WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Kate Bodin, Executive Director of Portland Botanical Gardens and Registered Horticultural Therapist	Sensory Elements in the Garden - 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.

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Saturday August 13 10am-2pm	In-Person Event for All Ages WCMGA Learning Garden	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	WCMGA Learning Garden Open Garden – Grow Together: Families in the Garden - Take a guided tour or wander through a dozen beautiful garden sections featuring ornamentals, PNW natives, fruits, vegetable beds, herbs, deer resistant plants, carnivorous plants, water-wise and pollinator friendly plants as well as composting and mason bee displays. Bring the kids for a child-focused garden exploration and planting activities. Bring your gardening questions for research-based answers from Master Gardeners or posted educational materials. Restrooms and the Camp Rivendale children’s play equipment are adjacent to the garden.
Tuesday Sept 6 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Jim Gersbach, Public Affairs Specialist, Oregon Department of Forestry	*How Climate Change is Affecting Trees in Oregon - We are already seeing impacts on Oregon’s urban and natural forests from climate change. What do those impacts look like? With forecasts for continued global warming, which trees might be the most resilient as we ponder future climate scenarios?
Thursday September 8 10am-noon	In-Person Class WCMGA Learning Garden	Sandy Japely, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Success with Pacific Northwest Native Plants - What plants are considered NW natives? Learn to identify specific PNW native plant “communities” and the trees, shrubs, and groundcovers you would expect to find in each. Optimal methods of planting and maintaining NW natives and the advantages of and cautions about landscaping with natives will be shared.
Saturday Sept 17 10am-noon	In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg 4 & WCMGA Education Garden Registration Required	Sue Ryburn, OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Managing Soils in the Garden - Learn about techniques to care for your garden soil by understanding key characteristics of soil; the importance of soil pH; ways to avoid soil compaction; creating your own garden mulch; using arbor chips to cover the soil, ordering a soil test and more. The in-class portion will be followed by a short 5-minute walk to the WCMGA Education Garden where some soil management techniques are demonstrated, and a hands-on demonstration of taking soil samples to order your soil test.
Tuesday October 4 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker Registration Required	Tom Kaye, PhD, Executive Director, Institute for Applied Ecology, Assistant Professor in Dept of Botany and Plant Pathology, OSU	From Seed to Shining Seed: How restoring diversity will save us all! - Biological diversity is at the core of a resilient Earth. Dr. Kaye will discuss the importance of biological diversity for ecosystem and human health using examples from the scientific literature. How we measure and restore diversity on the landscape, the ways in which biodiversity improves ecological functions, as well as the various means by which human health is affected by this diversity, will be central themes of this discussion.

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<p>Tuesday November 1 7-8pm</p>	<p>Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker</p> <p>Registration Required</p>	<p>Matthew Shepherd, Director of Outreach & Education, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation</p>	<p>*How you can Make your Community Pollinator Friendly - Matthew Shepherd of the Xerces Society will discuss a variety of ways in which you can get involved with making your community pollinator friendly, from creating garden habitat to participating in community science to advocating for action at city hall. Matthew will also introduce you to the work of the Xerces Society and the many resources that are available to support your efforts.</p>
<p>Saturday December 3 10am-noon</p>	<p>In-Person Class PCC Rock Creek, Bldg. 4</p> <p>Registration Required</p>	<p>Ron Spendal, OSU Extension MG Volunteer</p>	<p>Mason Bee Cocoon Cleaning - The third of three classes on mason bees, this is a hands-on workshop. You will learn how to extract, clean, and store mason bees. If you have cocoons ready for cleaning, bring them along. Don't have cocoons, we have plenty for you to practice with.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 6 7-8pm</p>	<p>Zoom Webinar Chapter Meeting Speaker</p> <p>Registration Required</p>	<p>Andony Melathopoulos, Pollinator Health Extension Specialist, Assistant Professor in Horticulture, OSU</p> <p>Susan Albright, OSU Extension Master Gardener and Master Melittologist</p>	<p>*Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Native Bees of Oregon - Did you know Oregon has about 600 species of bees? This talk will describe some of the strange and weird bees that call Oregon home and the journey of discovery by the state's volunteer Master Melittologists. We will also cover how to answer common questions from the public on wild bees.</p>