

2023 Calendar of Public Events

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About our events:

- ALL events on this list are FREE and open to the public. Parking is FREE.
- Children and family events are highlighted in yellow. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.
- Events are held at one or more of the following locations:
 - **WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate**, 8005 SW Grabhorn Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007
 - **PCC Rock Creek Campus**, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229
 - WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek
 - Building 4, Room 103 or 104
 - PCC Rock Creek Learning Garden
- Zoom Webinars **require pre-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/>
- Questions? wcmgaprogrammanager@gmail.com

IGS = In the Garden Series classes

MCS = Monthly Chapter Speaker

SPEV = Special Event

As of 1/6/23

Date & Time	Location	Presenter(s)	Event & Description * Approved for 1 hour of MG Education Credit
Tuesday Jan 3 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Kris LaMar OSU Extension MG Volunteer	The Dirt on Houseplants and Hanging Baskets (MCS) This presentation will focus on the nuances in the care of "potted plants" - those which may be moved from place to place to accommodate advantages in their unique environments. It will focus on planning before planting; avoiding pests, such as insects and diseases; and how best to maximize the power of mobility in home gardening. And it all begins with soil.
Tuesday Feb 7 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Ezequiel Lopez-Reyes OSU Extension Open Campus & Juntos Coordinator, Washington County	*Hot Peppers! From seed to salsa (MCS) Learn about the planting and growing process of peppers, and how it relates to Latin culture. We will focus our time on tips to effectively grow peppers, touch on the pinching process, when to plant your peppers outdoors, and how these peppers are used in the kitchen.

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Saturday Feb 25 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Steve Kister, Tamara Newton Baker, Cindy Muir, Bob Campbell, Jacque Myers, Annette Bell and Mary Hewitt, OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Pruning Palooza (IGS) Learn how to prune grapes, small fruit bushes, and other perennial plants found in the Learning Garden. Find answers to the burning questions: <i>Where to start? What to cut? When to stop?</i> Master Gardeners will guide you with hands-on demonstrations. Feel free to bring your pruning tools.
Saturday February 25 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103	Ron Spental OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Intro to Mason Bees (IGS) The first of three mason bee classes, this session addresses the biology, behavior, and natural history of the Mason Bee.
Saturday March 4 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 and PCC Rock Creek Learning Garden	Sue Ryburn, Lisa Barnhart, and Cindy Muir OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Blueberry Care (IGS) Blueberries are easy and fun to grow. Learn about planting, fertilizing, plants selection and care for blueberries, including pruning techniques. Bring your own hand pruners and garden for some hands-on opportunity to prune.
Tuesday March 7 7-8pm	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Carolina Pina Paez, PhD Candidate, OSU Dept of Botany and Plant Pathology	Dig and dig some more truffles you may score! (MCS) What are truffles? Where are the best places to look for them? Are truffles rare? Is it true that all truffles are edible? The presentation will answer these and other questions. Carolina will explain the close association that this group of fungi has with trees and animals and their role in forest ecosystems, focusing on North American truffle diversity.
Saturday March 11 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103	Ron Spental OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Raising Mason Bees (IGS) The second of three presentations on mason bees, focuses on the environmental needs of the mason bees, nesting behaviors of mason bees, nesting, and housing devices attractive to mason bees.
Saturday March 18 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Bill Klug OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Rose Care (IGS) Master Gardener, Bill Klug, will guide the attendees through the steps of a yearly plan for rose care, including fertilizing and pruning. Bill will also offer advice on selecting the right rose cultivar for your garden.
Tuesday April 4 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Jay W. Pscheidt, PhD OSU Professor and Extension Plant Pathology Specialist	*Digital Plant Problem Diagnosis (MCS) Many people in the era of Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) were relegated to working at home including plant doctors. These same people started new gardens or expanded old ones running into a variety of problems. Diagnosing these plant problems virtually is a special challenge. This presentation will cover how to approach diagnosing these issues despite lack of key information, out of focus pictures and inability to visit the site.

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Saturday April 22 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden at PCC RC	Lisa Graff OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Perennials: How to Choose, Plant, and Maintain for Year-Round Flowers (IGS) Perennial plants are amazing - they give the garden beauty and food for wildlife plus they create an ever-changing tapestry of color. On top of that, they are a good investment since they come back year after year. This class will discuss different types of perennials, from easy care to more challenging, and how to best care for them in terms of planting, pruning, fertilizing, pest control, and general maintenance, plus tips to extend blooming time for year-round color.
Saturday April 29 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Karen Anderson and Cindy Muir OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Plant Propagation (IGS) Learn how to make more of the plants you love using a leaf, a twig, or a piece of root. Master Gardeners Karen Anderson and Cindy Muir will show you the basic elements of plant propagation.
Tuesday May 2 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Weston Miller Associate Professor (Practice), Community Horticulturist, OSU Extension	*Organic Vegetable Gardening: Keys for Success (MCS) Topics will include organic definitions, soil preparation techniques, organic fertilizer options, as well as organic pest and disease management.
Saturday May 6 9AM-1PM	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4 - LAT Area and WCMGA Education Garden	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Gardenfest Plant Sale (SPEV) Join Washington County Master Gardeners™ for a fun-filled day shopping for amazing plants, asking questions of our experts, getting free 'how to' guides, and visiting our Education Garden for ideas. Children's activities & gardener gifts too!
Saturday May 13 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 Pre-registration required for Optional Bird Hike	Eric Butler OSU Extension MG Volunteer	*Gardening for Birds (IGS) An introduction to creating a safe and supportive landscape for birds in your yard. It covers bird biology and behavior; what birds need to survive and raise their young; how best to provide food, water, and shelter; dangers to birds and how to prevent them; and resources for further learning. <u>Optional Bird Hike:</u> Prior to the classroom session Eric will lead a one-hour guided birding hike in the natural area at the north end of the PCC Rock Creek campus (weather permitting). Space is limited for the bird hike so pre-registration is required. Details of where and when to meet will be sent upon registration. Bring binoculars if you have them!
Saturday May 20 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek	Lisa Hansen and Elizabeth Price OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Dwarf Conifers for the Small Garden: Selection, Siting and Care (IGS) Explore some of the myriad dwarf conifers for the home garden; learn proper siting and planting practices; observe techniques for 'candling' pines to control size; review general care of dwarf conifers.

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Saturday May 27 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Dan McDonald and Jeannine Rychlik OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Venerable Veggies!! Learn how to use raised beds and containers for the kinds of bountiful harvests you see at the Learning Garden at Jenkins Estates. Master Gardeners Dan McDonald and Jeannine Rychlik will demonstrate innovative ways for watering and a variety of beds and trellising they use for growing the veggies.
Saturday June 3 Noon-3PM	WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek	OSU Extension MG Volunteers and Oregon Bee Atlas Volunteers	Meet the Mason Bees & Friends (SPEV) Adults and children are invited to join the Washington County Master Gardeners as we celebrate the emergence of the 2022 mason bees. Learn about the Blue Orchard Mason Bee and other Oregon native bees – their life cycle, habitat needs and more! Live displays and hands-on activities for all ages.
Tuesday June 6 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Chip Bubl OSU Extension Agent, Columbia County	*How Could You Not Grow Garlic? (MCS) This presentation will cover preparations for planting garlic including a bit on varieties, planting techniques and locations, fertilizer use, weed management, irrigation or not, disease and insects, harvest timing, and storage issues. There should be time for questions.
Saturday June 10 9-11AM	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 104	Avery Thompson PCC Rock Creek Farm Manager	Raising Chickens in the Home Garden (IGS) Learn the pros and cons of incorporating chickens into your home garden, and how to successfully care for your feathered friends!
Saturday June 17 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden	Susan Albright, Sue Ryburn, and Jack Shorr OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Bees in the Garden (IGS) Learn 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 the garden. Time will be spent looking for bees and other pollinators in the WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek. Adults and school-age children are invited to this hands-on session.
Saturday June 24 9-11AM	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden at PCC RC	Jack Shorr and Robin Carpenter OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Native Plants and the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (IGS) Come learn about the native plants that thrive in the PNW garden, how to naturescape in support of wildlife and pollinators, and consider the possibilities the Backyard Habitat Certification Program offers through its customized yard assessment.
Saturday July 15 10AM-1PM	WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Open Garden: Invertebrates AND Vertebrates (SPEV) Join us in the garden for hands-on activities for the whole family that celebrate invertebrates and vertebrates. Learn about some of the insects in our garden and visit with some of the farm animals from the PCC Rock Creek Farm.

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Saturday July 22 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Anna Stubbs, Judy Fenker, Candy Wells, and Sarah Gramm Wolf OSU Extension MG Volunteers	* Herbs! Herbs are among the most prized crops in any garden. In this class, we will tour the Learning Garden 'Herb Spiral' and the Jenkins Estate's historic 'Pioneer Herb Garden.' Master Gardeners will share information about the growing and harvesting of herbs as well as their culinary uses, including making your own herbal teas! A great way to start planning for or adding to your own garden areas.
Saturday August 12 10am-1pm	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	OSU Extension MG Volunteers	Learning Garden Fair (SPEV) In 2022, we held our first Garden Fair with activities for children, Master Gardeners on site ready to answer gardening questions, and tours of our beautiful Learning Garden. The event was so successful we plan to do it again. Join us for this special day at the Learning Garden!
Tuesday Sept 5 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Mary Coolidge Portland Audubon, BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator	Sustainable Light at Night: Preserving the Stars is Not Just for the Birds (MCS) Join us for an exploration of the night's wondrous mysteries and the impacts of light pollution and learn about how you can help in the effort to preserve our starry skies and reduce impacts to wildlife while simultaneously maintaining safe and Vibrant nighttime cityscapes.
Saturday Sept 9 9-11AM	PCC Rock Creek Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden	Susan Albright and Lisa Barnhart OSU Extension MG Volunteers	* Lawn be Gone! What Now? (IGS) This session will cover methods to remove turf and look at what to do next whether it is installing an eco-lawn, planting drought tolerant plants (both native and non-native) or moving towards an all-native planting. We will cover planning, prepping, planting, irrigation and growing.
Saturday Sept 16 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Sandy Japely OSU Extension MG Volunteer	* Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest (IGS) We are again offering one of the Learning Garden's most popular classes. The native plant area of the garden provides the ideal setting for learning first-hand about the beautiful native plant communities that you can include in your own landscape. Master Gardener Sandy Japely will lead the class and answer questions about the benefits of native plants.
Saturday Sept 23 9-11AM	PCC Rock Creek Building 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden	Lisa Hansen, Fran Beebe, and Sue Ryburn OSU Extension MG Volunteers	* Putting the Garden to Bed (IGS) Fall is terrific timing for planning and completing tasks to prepare for winter, as well as to set up your garden for success year-round, whether it be landscape plants, fruits or vegetables. We will share tips on planting trees and shrubs in the fall, tasks to prepare the vegetable and fruit garden for winter and techniques to protect the soil. The session begins in Bldg. 4, Rm. 103, then after the presentation we will take a short 5-minute walk to the WCMGA Education Garden to demonstrate some of these tips.

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Tuesday Oct 3 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Gail Langellotto, PhD Professor of Horticulture & Statewide Extension Master Gardener Coordinator, OSU	*We Study Gardens: an update from OSU's Garden Ecology Lab (MCS) Since 2016, the Garden Ecology Lab at Oregon State University has studied local gardens, as well as the gardeners who tend these unique spaces. What native plants attract the most bees and beneficial natural enemies? Do native cultivars retain the same benefits to wildlife as their native progenitors? Do the garden systems that are tended by Master Gardeners align with what we teach about soil health? Get the answers to these questions, as we share findings from published studies, as well as those that are still in progress.
Saturday Oct 7 10AM-Noon	WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate	Jennifer Rosenquist and Candy Wells OSU Extension MG Volunteers	*Divide and Conquer! (IGS) Multiplying your plants by dividing them can be one of the most satisfying methods of plant propagation. Some plants take a delicate touch; others respond well to brute force. In this class, Master Gardeners Jennifer Rosenquist and Candy Wells will demonstrate methods for dividing your plants successfully.
Saturday Oct 14 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Campus Building 4, Rooms 103 & 104	Kimber True OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Digging and Storing Dahlia Tubers (IGS) Learn how to dig and store dahlia tubers over winter. Participants will learn when and how to dig tubers in the Fall, various storage mediums and conditions to ensure optimum survival. Non digging options will also be included. A demonstration on digging and dividing tubers will be given.
Tuesday Nov 7 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Steph Littlebird Professional artist, writer, and curator	This IS Kalapuyan Land (MCS) A brief history of the Kalapuyan people of the Willamette Valley and overview of the "This IS Kalapuyan Land" exhibition originally shown at the Five Oaks Museum in 2018-2019 and again at the Pittock Mansion in 2023 from Feb-July.
Saturday Dec 2 10AM-Noon	PCC Rock Creek Building 4, Room 103 and 104	Ron Spendal OSU Extension MG Volunteer	Mason Bee Cocoons (IGS) The third of three presentations on mason bees, this is a hands-on workshop. You will learn how to extract, clean, and store mason bees.
Tuesday Dec 5 7-8PM	Zoom Webinar Pre-registration required	Linda Hardison Director of Oregon Flora, Assistant Professor Sr. Research, Dept of Botany and Plant Pathology, OSU	What grows here? Exploring Oregon's plant diversity (MCS) More than 4,700 different plant species grow in Oregon, and OregonFlora provides information about all of them. Discover the why and where of plant diversity in our state. Whether you want to identify an unknown plant growing in our state, select native species for your garden, or study the distribution and diversity of plants across the Pacific Northwest, OregonFlora's books and interactive website will give you knowledge to heighten your appreciation and understanding of our precious botanical resources.