# 2016 WSU Clark County Extension
## Master Gardener Speakers List

- This list is provided as a courtesy for organizations seeking speakers for private events. If an organization is interested in a speaker for an event open which will be made open to the public, please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator instead.

- Organizations should make their own arrangements with individual speakers. You may contact the volunteers on this list to find out if a particular speaker is a good fit for your event and work with him or her on the details including time, location, equipment, etc.

- Master Gardeners may not accept payment for speaking engagements. They may accept reimbursement for mileage and materials.

- Honorariums may be donated to the WSU Clark County Master Gardener Program and are very much appreciated. Please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator for details on honoraria. Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu or 360-397-6060 x 5738

| Title | Summary | Presenter | Contact | Length |
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| Backyard Apples | So you think you want to grow your own apples? Learn all the do's and don'ts before you leap | Karen Palmer | karenpalmer@centurylink.net; 360-260-5569 | 45-60 mins. |
| What is a Master Gardener? | Who are these people that seem to have all the answers to your gardening questions? Explanation of Master Gardener training program and the types of volunteer work done by Master Gardeners. Slide show with recorded narrative. | Carolyn Gordon | jeffnwife@tds.net; 360-260-5569 | 30 mins. |
| Growing Attractive Edibles in Your Front Garden | Learn how to integrate beautiful edibles in your ornamental garden beds. Be prepared to get inspired with recipe ideas and food samples! | Laura Heldreth | lauraheldreth@gmail.com; 360-566-7536 | 45-60 mins. |
| Plant Identification | Learn ways to identify plants by understanding plant structures. Find the similarities in plant families to narrow the search when trying to ID a plant. Discover the meanings behind the naming of plants, demystify that intimidating botanical Latin. | Julie Carlsen | juliemcarlsen_flora@msn.com; 360 687-0495 | 60 mins. |
| Natural Gardening | Come learn about eight beneficial gardening practices that will help you achieve a beautiful landscape without harming the environment. | Laura Heldreth | lauraheldreth@gmail.com; 360-566-7536 | 45 mins. |

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| Gardening with Native Plants | Northwest native plants everywhere from the small balcony garden to acreage. Natives in your garden can be blended with other landscape elements, or go native entirely. Suggestions for various garden situations, native alternatives to common garden plants | Micki Stauffer | mickistauffer@gmail.com; 360-772-2512 | 30-90 mins. |
| Trilliums: American Treasures – the perfect plant for a garden showcase | Learn about the 50 different North American trilliums; where they can be found, where to grow them in the garden, how to propagate them. *Note: this talk is best given in the spring.* | Micki Stauffer | mickistauffer@gmail.com; 360-772-2512 | 45-60 mins. |
| Color in the Shade | Do your petunias die from lack of sun? Don't despair; you can have a beautiful, colorful, flowering garden even in the shade! Descriptions of types of shade, shade plants for various situations, designing for year round interest in the shade. | Micki Stauffer | mickistauffer@gmail.com; 360-772-2512 | 30-90 mins. |
| Xeriscaping | How to plan and implement your water-wise garden, plus many suggestions on plants to use. | Elena Kokta | ekokta@hotmail.com; 360-835-9790 | 30 mins. |
| Today's Container Gardening | Grow anything in fabulous containers. Finding/choosing containers, soil mixes and fertilizers, designing a container, plants with similar growing conditions, grow plants out of normal zones, succulents, ornamentals and trees in containers, growing vegetables and herbs, all season containers. | Judy Hargreaves | j.hargreaves@comcast.net | 45 min. DVD & questions or 45 minute slides & questions |
| Growing Your Own Vegetables | Information from start to finish – site selection, soil preparation, variety selection, seeding, transplanting and garden maintenance. | Karen Palmer | karenpalmer@centurylink.net; 360-260-5569 | 60-90 min |
| Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces | You don't have to duplicate Grandma's garden to grow vegetables. Use raised beds and containers to grow vegetables in limited space! Discussion of planning, preparation, seed & variety selection, fertilizing, watering and general care. Use careful plant selection and sequential planting to enjoy esthetic and health benefits of an edible garden. | Joan Veach | joanandon@hotmail.com; 360-574-6730 | 60 mins. |

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| Heirloom Vegetables | Learn what vegetable varieties were available when Clark County was first settled. See what is planted at the Fort Vancouver Historical Garden | Nancy Funk | nancysgarden6@comcast.net; 360-798-4004 | 30-60 mins. |
| 8 Common Herbs | 8 easy to grow herbs, how to grow them and some good uses for them | Eloyce O'Connor (with Erin Harwood) | oconnors2@netzero.net; 360-892-4479 | 45 mins. |
| Herb of the Year | Each year the Herb Society of America chooses an herb to honor and expand our knowledge about. For 2012 it is bergamont, but the presentation will be based on the year's currently chosen herb – where and how it grows and how to use. | Eloyce O'Connor (with Erin Harwood) | oconnors2@netzero.net; 360-892-4479 | 40 mins. |
| Healthy Eating with Herbs | Why should we choose herbs for our cooking? This presentation will give information for choosing herbs for cooking and how and when to use. Recipes and samples included. | Eloyce O'Connor (with Erin Harwood) | oconnors2@netzero.net; 360-892-4479 | 60 mins. |
| Tea Time | Learn about herbs used in teas, teas you can make, taste some samples | Eloyce O'Connor (with Erin Harwood) | oconnors2@netzero.net; 360-892-4479 | 30 mins. |
| Herbal First Aid for Pets | Learn to use herbs typically found in most gardens to provide first aid for pets. | Eloyce O'Connor (with Erin Harwood) | oconnors2@netzero.net 360-892-4479 | 50 mins. |