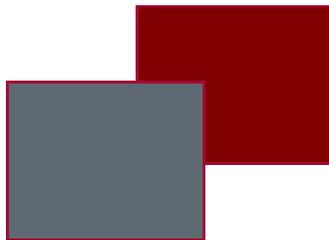


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Master Gardener Program





Seasonal Gardening Topics

Marilyn Lloyd
448-0609

Fall Cleanup

45-60 min.

Learn the importance of fall cleanup in the garden along with easy steps to get the work done.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

**Cleaning up the
Garden in the Fall**

45-60 min.

Proper fall clean up can pay off during the following growing season. Learn what to do, and when.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Holiday Flowers

45-60 min.

Caring for winter houseplants such as poinsettias and holiday cactus.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Winter Landscapes

45-60 min.

Choosing plants that provide winter interest in the landscape.

Vegetable Gardening

Marilyn Lloyd
448-0609

Organic Vegetable Gardening

30-60 min.
PowerPoint

Learn the best varieties for our climate, how to start plants early indoors, outside soil preparation, frost protections and cool vs warm season crops.

Marilyn Lloyd
448-0609

Container Vegetable Gardening

30-60 min.
PowerPoint

There are a number of easy vegetables that can be grown in simple containers. Urban gardening is the key to fresh vegetables for anyone.

Mia Marcum-McCoy
(425) 891-8483

Herb Gardening

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

Learn how to grow these fun and fascinating plants that will attract pollinators to your garden, add flavor to your cooking, and save money on your grocery bill.

Kathy Callum
328-2523

Food not Lawns

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

Need to get more food production out of your yard? Is mowing the only time you ever walk on your lawn? Maybe it's time to kick the turf habit, and convert your landscape into vegetable gardens.

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WSU Master Gardeners in Spokane County

1974-2016

40+ Years and Still Growing!

The purpose of the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is to provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship based on research at WSU and other university systems. Volunteers are trained to be community educators about issues of importance in their local communities that enhance natural resources, sustain communities, and improve the health and wellness of Washington residents.

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program has a rich history, beginning in the Seattle area in 1973, and spreading from most counties in Washington to the entire United States and abroad.



Vegetable Gardening

Jan Baker
326-1370

**Basic Vegetable
Gardening**

30-45 min.

Learn about soil preparation, frost protection & choosing the right crops best for our Inland Northwest short gardening season.

Kris Hendron
842-8436

**The 3 Sisters
Native American Gardens**

45-60 min.

Native Americans have planted these 'sisters' together for millennia. Beans, squash and corn support each other in the environment and on the dinner plate. This talk will explore this very old companion planting system and the healthy, delicious crops they provide.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

**Vegetable Gardening
101**

45 - 60 min.

Maybe this is the year you grow your own food! Basic info on design, soil prep, planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing and when to harvest. Also how to store your home-grown vegetables.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Weed Control

45-60 min.

Identification of noxious weeds and various methods of control; general control of weeds in the garden.

Vegetable Gardening

Rhonda Elliot
863-2735

Vegetable Gardening

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

Choosing the best varieties for our climate and planting at the right time are essential. Learn about starting plants early indoors, outside soil preparation, using frost protection, cool versus warm season crops, and how to deal with pest problems.

Rhonda Elliot
863-2735

Growing Herbs

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

What are the best varieties of herbs to grown in our area? When should you plant, and when should you harvest? Be careful though, once you have fresh herbs, store bought just doesn't taste the same!

Mia Marcum-McCoy
(425) 891-8483

Microgreens

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

Entice friends and family to eat more greens during this informative presentation that shows you how easy it is to grow microgreens for fun, taste and profit! These conversation pieces also make great gifts.

Mia Marcum-McCoy
(425) 891-8483

Plot gardening

45-60 min.
PowerPoint

What can you grow in a 4x8 garden plot? Learn the possibilities of prolific food and flower gardening in your own yard or community garden plot.

WSU/Spokane County Master Gardener Speakers

- ◆ This list is provided as a courtesy. Organizations should make their own arrangements with individual speakers.
- ◆ Feel free to continue down the list until you've found a speaker who can accommodate you.
- ◆ Please allow speakers a minimum of 1/2 hour for their presentation.
- ◆ Master Gardeners may not accept payment for speaking engagements. They may accept reimbursement for mileage and materials.
- ◆ Honorariums may be donated to the Spokane County Master Gardener Program and are very much appreciated.
- ◆ Our speakers make themselves available to their community for speaking engagements to earn volunteer time in our program. **However, please be respectful of their time by ensuring there is an appropriate number of attendees to make our speaker's presentations a worthwhile effort.**

Soil and Fertility

Eberhard Schmidt
928-2595

**The Basics of Soil
and Composting**

60—75 min.
Also: 1 hr.
PowerPoint

Learn to identify your soil type, the importance of soil fertility; how to increase your soil's performance.

Carol Albietz
455-6296

**The Basics of
Composting**

45-60 min.

Complete the circle of sustainability with successful composting. There is more than one way to compost!

Kathy Callum
328-2523

**Soils Past,
Soils Future**

45-60 min.

Archeology and history hold valuable keys for the future, and one relevant topic today is agriculture. Can the soil save our future? How we manage earth's precious soil resources impacts our climate, our environment, and our health.

Mark Stiltz
939-5313

Protecting the Aquifer

45-60 min.

What we do in our yards can help protect our drinking water, or harm it. Find out what you can do!

Trees and Shrubs

Steve Nokes

Pruning

45-60 min.

Importance of and reasons for pruning, correct timing, and proper pruning techniques.



Kurt Madison
389-6256

Urban Pruning

45-60 min.

What is the best way to prune trees and shrubs near sidewalks and roads? Kurt covers proper pruning techniques as well as pruning for clearance near a right of way. Also, when should you call a certified arborist?

Specialty Gardening

Mark Stiltz 939-5313	Garden Pests	45-60 min.
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Bambi is eating my garden and shrubs. My plants are disappearing from the top down. Who is the enemy? What can I do? First, you need to identify the critter. This seminar will give you ideas & legal suggestions to deal with the situation.

Mark Stiltz 939-5313	Drip Irrigation	45-60 min.
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Minimize your water bill without sacrificing your garden? Drip irrigation is the answer!

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Hardy Succulents for Spokane Area Gardens	1 hour PowerPoint
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Take advantage of our area’s almost ideal growing conditions for succulents—rocky and sandy soil, as well as hot, dry summers and limited rainfall. Choose your favorites from among these wonderfully attractive plants that are also hardy and will do well in our climate.

Kathy Callum 328-2523	Beyond Organic	45-60 min. PowerPoint
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Gardeners look to get more out of their gardens, but some are looking to give more. Can home gardening help our environment? Yes, it can, if you use the right practices.

Celebrate Soils

Our Soil Speakers will help you learn why soil is important and how you can protect and improve it!

Ryan Herring 599-3572	Soil Biology	45– 60 min.
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De-mystify some of the complexities behind the Soil Food Web and learn what steps you can take to start improving your Soil. We will take an in-depth look at what is really going on beneath our feet to ensure we have healthy soils. Healthy Soils=Healthy Plants=Healthy Planet.

Mary Beth Shinn 413-2753	Don’t Treat Your Soil Like Dirt!	45-60 min. PowerPoint
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Soil is one of the four elements that ultimately sustains all life on earth. This presentation discusses the environmental and food security challenges of sustaining healthy soil in the face of increasing population, urbanization, and consumption pressures.

General Gardening

Marilyn Lloyd 448-0609	In the Zone	45-60 minutes
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What is a hardiness zone; which one do I use? Learn about different zone classifications and the most recent changes in our area.

Mary Beth Shinn 413-2753	What is Organic Gardening?	45-60 min. PowerPoint
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What does the word organic really mean? Some dictionaries offer as many as 23 definitions. Find out how this word is used as a legal description, ambiguous adjective, scientific term, and why it is important for the gardener to understand its meaning only in context.

Jan Baker 326-1370	Basic Flower Gardening	35-60 min. or 2 hour class
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Learn the basics on annuals, perennials and bulbs. Also, when to use seeds or transplants; identifying sun or shade plants & using containers in your garden. Also available in a 2 hour, hands-on format.

Jan Baker 326-1370	Putting Your Garden to Bed	30-45 min.
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Planning your spring garden should take place in the fall. Jan shares basic tasks for a better garden next year, by getting things in order before the snow flies.

Specialty Gardening

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Shade Gardening	1 hour PowerPoint
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Consider the different types of shade in your garden and choose those plants that enhance those areas. Lighter colors are more visible in shade, and texture as well as shape variations add interest. We'll look at the many plant choices available for your shade garden.

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies to our Gardens	1 hour PowerPoint
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We all love watching hummingbirds and butterflies, but what brings them to our gardens? A landscape that provides food, water and shelter is essential. Get to know the plants and garden conditions favored by these lovely creatures.

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Gardening in Deer Country	1 hour PowerPoint
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Have a look at the many plants that allow you to have a beautiful garden even in deer country. The right planting strategy can provide pleasure for your eyes as well as a deterrent for deer appetites.

Mia Marcum-McCoy (425) 891-8483	Alternative Gardens	45-60 min.
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Think your space is too small for a garden? Think again! You have choices. Learn about containers and vertical gardening among others.

Specialty Gardening

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Container Gardening	45-60 min
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Learn the art of gardening in containers. Learn which annuals, perennials and vegetables do best in containers.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Lawn Care	45-60 min.
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Learn the proper lawn care for healthy turf, including watering, mowing, weed control, and aeration.

Cathi Lamoreux 879-4417	Creating a Sensory Garden	45 min. PowerPoint
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A sensory garden fulfills the need to have a place to be mindful. It is a place where you can fill up and let go. It is created with intentionality. The secret ingredient in every garden is different for each of us, but the commonality is that your garden takes care of you as much or more than you take care of the garden.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Corsage Making	45-60 min.
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Hands-on class in corsage making using garden flowers and simple materials.

General Gardening

Kurt Madison 509-389-6256	Gardening through the Seasons	45-60 min.
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Spring, Fall, Summer in the garden... -Kurt adapts this talk to the time of year he is speaking and addresses "Seasonal needs and tasks in the garden." Kurt is happy to adjust this talk to your group's interests.

Kurt Madison 509-389-6256	So You Think You Want to Garden?	45-60 min.
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Gardening is a science, sure, but not an exact science. Learn some simple techniques and approaches to get your garden growing.

Kurt Madison 509-389-6256	Basic Landscape Design	1 hr. PowerPoint
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Get a start on designing your gardens and landscape. Learn landscape design basics, as well as approaches for local challenges and current conditions. Kurt is happy to adjust this talk to your group's interests.

Kurt Madison 509-389-6256	Request-A-Topic	45-60 min.
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Contact Kurt with your group's particular interest and see if he can address that for you. Kurt has a broad background in design, English gardening, forestry, landscape care and installation. And, like all Master Gardeners, loves to talk about gardening.

Annuals, Perennials & Bulbs

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Annuals

45-60 min.

Landscaping with annuals and propagating annuals for a summer garden.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Dahlia Care

45-60 min.

All aspects of growing dahlias, from planting in the spring to digging and storing dahlia tubers in the fall.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Delphiniums

45-60 min.

Learn how to grow the most stately and elegant perennial that is a standard in the English garden.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Gladiolus

45-60 min.

Learn all aspects of growing gladiolus, from planting in the spring to digging and storing glad corms in the fall.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

**Ornamental
Grasses**

45-60 min.

Learn the different types of ornamental grasses, and why they are the best examples of low-maintenance plants in the landscape.

Specialty Gardening

Dorene Harter
226-3407

**Gardening for Life /
Adaptive Gardening**

**1 – 1½ hr.
PowerPoint**

There are many reasons to use gardening as a way to stay healthy or to overcome a physical challenge. Use of proper tools, containers, and simple movements and you can adapt your gardening tasks and getting your hands in the soil!

Cathi Lamoreux
879-4417

Gardening for Life

45-60 min.

We need to garden wiser, not harder. Gardening is an exercise in adaptation. Our abilities change from the day we were born until now and will continue to change over time. We make adaptations without even realizing it until one day even those changes don't allow us to continue to do what we love. Find out how to garden with a flexible plan. **Email address: cathil@comcast.net.**

Cathi Lamoreux
879-4417

**Garden
for the Health of It**

**30-90 min.
PwrPt. available**

There is a wealth of evidence that every living creature and natural element reacts to and is impacted by nature's influence and strength. We instinctively gravitate to the outdoors, but we don't know why. Explore the scientific basis for interacting with the natural world. **Email address: cathil@comcast.net.**

Roses, Roses, Roses!

Jan Baker
326-1370

Growing Roses

45-60 min.

Learn appropriate soil preparation, container or bare root roses, own root or grafted roses, planting and basic maintenance. Also, disease and insect control.

Jan Baker
326-1370

**Rose History and
Modern Trends**

30-45 min.

Talk will include the history of the rose, classifications and modern-day trends in rose gardening.

Eva Lusk
327-1958

**Rose Companion
Planting**

**1 hour
PowerPoint**

What kind of plant companions would enhance the beauty of your favorite roses? Consider color, form and texture before choosing companion plants that both you and your roses will enjoy.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

**Roses: How to
Winterize**

45-60 min.

Learn techniques for proper care of roses for our unpredictable northwest winters.

Annuals, Perennials & Bulbs

Jan Baker
326-1370

**Hosta - The Supreme
Foliage**

30-45 mins

Nothing is easier or more faithful than growing hosta. So many wonderful cultivars to choose from to brighten a shady spot in the garden.

Mike Altman
465-3626

**Container & Hardy
Fuchsias**

**1 hour
slide show**

Planting, feeding, pruning, and wintering-over hardy fuchsias in the INW. Sources, history of fuchsia, and information on the fuchsia test garden at Manito Park.

Mike Altman
465-3626

Fuchsia Culture

**1 hour
slide show**

Learn techniques of pruning, root pruning, pinching, planting cuttings, pinning, burn protection. Can request programs specifically on pinching or pruning.

Steve Nokes
467-2542

Winter Bulbs

45-60 min

Purchasing spring bulbs and tips for planting them. Container planting of spring bulbs for winter enjoyment.

Annuals, Perennials & Bulbs

Marilyn Lloyd 448-0609	Ornamental Grasses	30-60 min
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Ornamental grasses are a unique group of plants that can enhance any landscape. Learn which ones do best in our climate and how to best grow them.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Storage and Care of Summer Bulbs	45-60 min
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Different methods of preparing dahlia tubers, gladiola corms, and begonia tubers for storage. Includes methods to store summer bulbs for winter.

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Bulbous Plants for Every Garden	1 hour PowerPoint
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Familiarize yourself with the many choices among bulbous plants that will grow happily in your garden from late winter through fall. Bulbous plants are delightful charmers and also ideal for our growing conditions.



The dahlia 'Mii Tai' was named in honor of Spokane County Master Gardener Mii Tai

Plant Propagation

Rhonda Elliott 863-2735	Propagation	45-60 min. PowerPoint
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How can you grow more plants for your garden without breaking the budget? Learn basic propagation techniques.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	How to Divide Perennials	30-60 min.
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Sooner or later, your perennial plants will need to be divided. You'll notice them dying out in the center. This class teaches how & when to divide.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Saving Seeds	45-60 min.
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Gardeners were saving seeds long before seed catalogs. Learn which seeds you can save and how.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Propagation From Seeds & Cuttings	45-60 min.
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Easy ways to propagate seeds with or without a greenhouse. Also propagating plants using cuttings.

Naturalized Landscaping

Nancy Young 468-9807	What are our Natives?	45-60 min.
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Native plants are a buzzword these days, but where are they natives? Learn about the beautiful plants that really are native to our area.

Nancy Young 468-9807	Native Plants in the Landscape	45-60 min.
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When used correctly, native plants can be beautiful additions to the landscape. Learn how to incorporate these tough, but striking plants into your garden.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Attracting Wildlife to the Landscape	45-60 min.
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Attracting many different birds, as well as other wildlife, to your garden using plants, feeders, and nest boxes.



The WSU Extension office maintains demonstration gardens of native and low water use plants called “The Green Zone” which is open every day, all year.

Growing Fruit at Home

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Growing Small Fruits	45 - 60 min.
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Planting, feeding and pruning of small home fruits. Includes strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.



David Yarborough 467-2490	Pruning Fruit Trees	45-60 min.
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Pruning fruit trees to improve production is a must but we all have questions. When is the best time of year to prune? How much is too much to remove? How do I train my fruit tree?

Houseplants

Rhonda Elliott 863-2735	Houseplant Clinic	30-45 min.
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A clinic for houseplant problem and general care. Bring your problem plants and questions for individual assistance. General discussion afterwards.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Houseplants	45-60 min.
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Seasonal care for many different houseplants, when and how to repot them.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Holiday Flowers	45-60 min.
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Caring for winter houseplants such as poinsettias and holiday cactus.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	African Violets	45-60 mins
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An easy method of propagation and ways to care for this favorite houseplant.

Naturalized Landscaping

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Native Plants for the Spokane area	1 or 2 hour PowerPoint
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Discover which of our lovely native plants are best suited for life in a garden setting. How will they benefit you and your garden, and what should you know about their needs.

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary	1 or 2 hour PowerPoint
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If you enjoy watching our native creatures, why not create a garden to attract them? They need food, water and shelter to survive, and they appreciate a wide variety of plants that please a gardener's eye as well.

Eva Lusk 327-1958	Drought Tolerant Plants	1-2 hours PowerPoint
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Meet the many gorgeous drought tolerant plants that thrive in our growing conditions—and need little or no extra water.

Steve Nokes 467-2542	Xeriscaping	45-60 min.
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How to use xeriscaping techniques to conserve water in your yard and garden.