WSU Extension Master Gardener Speaker List

Washington State University Extension Master Gardeners speak to groups on the topics listed below as part of their community service of offering horticultural information to the public. Find a topic that interests you and contact the speaker directly. You and the speaker will then make arrangements for the talk. When you have done so, please notify the Master Gardener Program office (206-685-5104) so that we can provide the speaker with a report form and provide you with an evaluation form for the presentation. This helps ensure the continuing high quality of our speakers.

Master Gardeners speak as volunteers. They receive reimbursement of the expenses they incur preparing for a presentation from the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. If you wish to donate to the Master Gardener Program, please make your check out to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. We are happy to be of service, and a donation is completely optional and by no means required or expected.

NOTE: If you are contacting a speaker via e-mail, include the words “Master Gardener” in your subject line. This will ensure that your message is not screened out and sent to a junk-mail folder.

Bruce Bennett  
(206) 245-5134, bennettbd33@hotmail.com  
Introduction to Rain Gardens * Evenings Only  
(Currently on vacation)

Karen Benson-Huck  
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Soils, Plant Nutrition

Penny Bolton  
(206) 819-3643, ppbolton@gmail.com  
Gardening for and with Wildlife, How to Attract Birds and Butterflies to Your Yard

Paul Bryant  
(206) 784-9905, paul@evekennedy.com  
Bee Keeping, Pollination

Marcia Dillon  
(425) 746-3601, dillon1962@att.net  
Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest

Jessica Klein DeStefano  
206-972-4126  
Vegetable Gardening, Organic Vegetable Gardening

Mary Fry  
203-522-3867, mfry@spu.edu  
Roses, Propagation

Judy Griesel  
206-546-2660, jkgriesel@comcast.net  
Creating Wildlife Habitat

Lisa Heglund  
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Rain gardens and stormwater runoff

Joan Hlebacka  
(425) 271-6810, helbacka@comcast.net  
Culinary Herbs, Year-round Bulbs, Ornamental Vines, Weeds and Other Naughty Plants, Safe and Sane Gardening Practices

Holly Kennell  
(206) 363-9370, ho11yk@att.net  
Vegetable Gardening, Herbs, Trouble-Free Trees and Shrubs

Kirsten Lints  
(425) 788-2012, ka_and_kl@yahoo.com  
Garden and Landscape Design, Fire-wise Gardening
Building and Amending Soil, Beautify that Boulevard: Inexpensive Steps to a Striking Strip!

Plant Something Different – Characteristics of Black, Gold, and Chartreuse Plants, Dwarf Conifers *Can present in Spanish*

Therapeutic Garden Design, The Value of Trees, Worms

Tomatoes

Clematis

Composting, Soil Building, Propagation, Grafting Tomatoes