



WSU STEVENS COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS **MARCH 2017**

Gardening News

March 8 – Build Today to Grow Tomorrow: Build your own grow light



Learn how to build a stylish, portable grow light unit that can be used for years to come. Class starts at 5pm at the Kettle Falls Library Community Room. Co-sponsored by Stevens County Rural Library in Kettle Falls. Presented by Adena Sabins, WSU Master Gardener Coordinator.

March 10 – Drought Loving Perennials



You can have a flowerbed bright with color no matter how hot and dry the summer becomes. This very cheerful presentation will showcase 20 of the best perennials to grow in a fire summer. Growing tips will be provided. You will also take away a list of sources for these perennials. Class starts at Noon at the Kettle Falls Library Community Room. Co-sponsored by Stevens County Rural Library in Kettle Falls. Presented by Cynthia Curtis, WSU Master Gardener.

Spraying Fruit Trees – Just a reminder now is the time to apply treatments to many fruit trees. Early preventative care can help prevent many pest issues that emerge later in the season. Applications now can prevent such issues as peach leaf curl, fire blight, aphids, scale, spider mites and many more fungal and pest issues. Remember to always consider using an integrated pest management strategy that focuses on the long term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices and use of resistant varieties.

Agriculture News

April 6- Invasive Weed Control & Hands on Calibration Training Day

Earn 5 WSDA Recertification credits at this day long class where you can learn about the latest programs and apps used in weed control, how to control weeds at the right time and the basics of calibration. The workshop goes from 9:30am-3:30pm and is being held at the Wellpinit Longhouse. To register for this event contact Adena Sabins at asabins@wsu.edu or (509)684-2588.

April 12- Spring Soil Testing and Supplementation Seminar, April 12th, Northport Community Connections Center

Attend this two evening seminar and learn how to test and supplement your soil. Part 1 April 12 6-8pm, Part 2 April 26 6-8pm at the Northport Community Connections Center (425 Center Ave Northport, WA). The seminar is free, does not include the cost of the soil test which is approximately \$35. Contact Nils Johnson at (509)684-2588 or nils.johnson@wsu.edu.

March 23- Opportunities in Organics Information and Networking Event

The aim of the event is to provide growers with an overview of organic opportunities in Washington State and beyond, detailed information about the transition process and what it takes to get certified, and an opportunity to make direct connections with regional buyers of transitional and organic crops. Held at the WSU Spokane County Extension Office (222 N. Havana, Spokane WA 99202) from 4-8pm. Visit <http://bit.ly/2kLIAaQ> to RSVP or call Drew Katz at (541)740-6747.

4-H

April 1- Meat 'n Good Time

Save the Date!!! This event is open to 4-H and FFA participants, parents, grandparents and friends. Livestock judging contest, for 4-H and FFA, state qualifying event for 4-H.

