March 30, 2019

**Sowing Seeds**

Join us for a dynamic day of discovery!

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**Session One: 9:00 am - 9:50 am**

**Common Bark Beetles in E. Wa.** Biology & management of E. WA bark beetles, including the mountain pine beetle, Douglas-fir beetle, pine engraver, and fir beetle. Presented by Melissa Fischer, forest entomologist for WA DNR.

**Canning, Freezing and Drying oh my!...** Preserve your garden bounty by canning, freezing, and/or drying. Bring pressure gauges and get them tested after the class. Presented by Bonnie Stichart, a WSU Food Safety and Preservation Advisor.

**Native Pollinators** Intro to bees and local pollinators. Learn how to create a pollinator habitat. Presented by Cecily VanCleave.

**Waterside Gardening** Alternative ways to water your vegetables, trees, shrubs, decorative plants, & pots with emphasis on water conservation. Presented by Lowell Dubbels, WSU Master Gardener and Stephanie Ludlam WSU MG Intern.

**Session Two: 10:00 am - 10:50 am**

**Firewise** Learn how to reach land goals & visions for your property using sound forestry & fire risk reduction principles. Learn about the DNR Firewise program & available grants. Presented by Rob Lionberger, WA Stewardship and Technical Forester for DNR.

**Preservation Myths** Learn more about canning & have a chance to ask your questions. Learn why you shouldn’t flip jars upside down, why paraffin wax is a no-no, how sealing doesn’t equal safe & more. Presented by Bonnie Stichart, WSU FS & PA.

**Bumble bees & Butterflies of NE WA** Focus on natives, some curious things about them, local surveys & how you can help. Presented by Chris Loggers, Biologist.

**Four Seasons Gardening** Delve into the world of hoop houses & cold frames. Get a headstart on a long season for vegetables without spending a fortune. Presented by Pat Evans, WSU Master Gardener and Elisabeth Sitts, WSU MG Intern.

**Session Three: 11:30 am - 12:20 am**

**Garden Hops** Learn about the basics of growing and using hops in the home garden. Presented by Elaine Clough, WSU Master Gardener.

**Soil Testing** Learn the process of testing your soil, interpreting results & choosing supplements to best meet your gardening needs. Presented by Nils Johnson, WSU Agriculture and Food Systems Coordinator.

**Wine: Grapes for Stevens County** Discover what it takes to successfully grow grapes in NE WA & what varieties thrive. Presented by Confidence Israel.

**Gardening on a Dime** Explore cost efficient ways to start seeds at home. Grow light plans and rolling paper pots for seeds. Hands-on workshop. Presented by Mary Sety, WSU Master Gardener and Bonnie Frostad, WSU MG Intern.

**Session Four: 12:30 am - 1:20 pm**

**Backyard poultry** Learn the ABC’s of raising a small flock of layers by veteran chicken whisperers. A brief but comprehensive review: selecting a breed, feed, egg, predator management, cost/benefit analysis & more. Presented by Pete and Joan Thompson, Burnt Valley Farm.

**Composting Uncomplicated** Composting can be a complicated but effective way of recycling yard and food waste. Unearth various composting methods. Presented by Nils Johnson, WSU Ag & Food Systems Coordinator.

**Hops: Large Scale Production and Varieties for Stevens County** Learn about growing on a larger scale and varieties that have shown success in Stevens County. Presented by Fired Up Brewing.

**Stevens County Superstars: Drought Tolerant Perennials** You can have a beautiful flower garden in the driest summer if you plant drought tolerant perennials. Participants will take home perennial cuttings. Class presented by Cynthia Curtis, WSU MG.

WSU Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication, program info or reasonable accommodation contact Adenea Thompson at least 2 weeks prior to event.
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

E-Mail: _____________________________

Pre-Registration $20 -- Day of Event $25
Pre-Registration for Couples $35
Pick your classes.

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[ ] Common Bark Beetles in Eastern WA
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[ ] Intro to Native Pollinators
[ ] Waterwise Gardening

Session Two:

[ ] Firewise and your property
[ ] Preservation Myths
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[ ] 4 Seasons Gardening in Stevens County

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[ ] Stevens County Perennial Superstars

Make Checks payable to: Washington State University.

Return registration form with fee by **March 25**

To: WSU Stevens County Extension

Attn: Sowing Seeds

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Registration Starting at 8:30 am at the Community College in Colville
Sign-in and recieve registration packet.

Please choose one class you would like to attend from each session. Register early to guarantee your spot. More information on each class can be found at [https://extension.wsu.edu/stevens/event/sowing-seeds/](https://extension.wsu.edu/stevens/event/sowing-seeds/). Please make your backup choices on the registration form. Otherwise you will be contacted if the class you have chosen is full. To register on-line: [https://sowingseeds.bpt.me](https://sowingseeds.bpt.me)

Contact Adenea Thompson at a.thompson@wsu.edu or 509.684.2588 if you have any questions.

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