

2024 WSU Extension Spokane County
Master Gardener Speaker List

Master Gardener Speaker (2)	Master Gardener Speaker (1)	Presentation Length	Topic	Presentation Description
	Steve	45-60 min	"A Walk Thru the Night Garden"	A talk about fragrant plants, white flowers, lighting and moon gardening.
	Steve	45-60 min	African Violets	An easy method of propagation and ways to care for this favorite houseplant.
	Steve	45-60 min	Annuals	Propagating and landscaping with annuals for a summer garden.
	Steve	45-60 min	Are Flowers Necessary? (Perennial Garden)	Are flowers overrated? We will focus on the spectacular blooms of perennials. We will learn how to design beds and borders as well as containers considering color, shape, texture and sheen of foliage.
	Steve	45-60 min	Attracting Wildlife to the Landscape	Attracting many different birds, as well as other wildlife, to your garden using plants, feeders, and nest boxes.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Bulbs	Overview of bulbs, seasons and planting times and methods
	Steve	45-60 min	Chrysanthemums	Growing these requires getting a few things right; they are fussier than other plants. Learn all aspects from planting to blooming.
	Steve	45-60 min	Container Gardening	Learn the art of gardening in containers. Learn which annuals, perennials and vegetables do best in containers.
	Steve	45-60 min	Corsage Making	Hands-on class in corsage making using garden flowers and simple materials.
	Steve	45-60 min	Dahlia Care	All aspects of growing dahlias, from planting in the spring to digging and storing dahlia tubers in the fall.
	Steve	45-60 min	Delphiniums	Learn how to grow the most stately and elegant perennial that is a standard in the English garden.
Lynn M	Steve	45-60 min	Gardening for Pollinators	Butterflies, bees, and countless other pollinators provide critical ecosystem services as they pollinate both food crops and wildflowers alike. Unfortunately, these creatures are under threat from a variety of human impacts. Learn what you can do to make your yard a haven for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and the many other "little things that run the world".
	Cathi	45-60 min	Gardening with a Flexible Plan	Adaptive Gardening/Gardening for Life: Gardening wiser, not harder will allow us to keep enjoying our favorite activity. Learn how to adapt your skills and use adaptive tools in order to continue to do what you love - being in the garden.

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	Steve	45-60 min	Getting a Jump on Spring	Are you and your garden ready for winter? Fall gardening tips and tricks will be shared so you can enjoy a more beautiful winter and a relaxing, rewarding spring. We will address common questions related to fall gardening strategies, and tools to help gardeners of any skill level tackle and enjoy getting gardens ready for the next season.
	Steve	45-60 min	Grow Impressive Gladiolus Flowers	Gladiolus are bulb-like corms boasting spectacular spikes of trumpet-shaped flowers in a surprisingly wide range of colors. They always provide a dramatic effect with their rich and cheerful colors and their breathtaking vertical lines. You will learn how easy they are to grow if some rules are followed. Gladiolus flowers deserve a spot in beds and borders, containers or in flower arrangements.
Marcia	Steve	45-60 min	Growing Garlic	You will learn how easy it is to grow garlic. The time of year to plant, types of garlic, and the best storage practices.
	Steve	45-60 min	Growing roses in the Inland Northwest	We will cover the types of roses, planting, location, timing, fertilizing, watering and pruning.
	Steve	45-60 min	Growing Small Fruits	Do you want to have fresh fruits to eat, but you just cannot keep the plants pest free and pruned correctly? We will discuss planting, feeding, and pruning of small home fruits, including strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries.
	Steve	45-60 min	Herbs	Discover some of the best herbs to plant in the Inland Empire. Learn how to grow them and the best time and harvesting practices.
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Garden Design - a discussion of garden design over the centuries
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	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Garden History - a historical discussion of gardening
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Lewisia and Clarkia - plants and discoveries from the Lewis and Clarke expedition
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Landscape Challenges - solving landscape problems and eyesores
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Creative Low Maintenance - low maintenance design
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Hardscaping and Paving Notes -stonework, pathways and paving
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Raised Beds - building raised beds and alternatives

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	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design	Fustic Garden Furnishings -rough and funky garden furniture, arbors, and archways
	Steve	45-60 min	Holiday Flowers	Caring for holiday flowers such as amaryllis, poinsettias and holiday cactus.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Houseplant Parenting	Has the one plant you bought on a whim a few years ago grown into an indoor garden with many plants? Do you enjoy taking care of them and watching them grow? Like any hobby that catches our fancy, buying more and more can be expensive. Learn how to maintain the plants you already have, and how to propagate your favorite plants so that you can have more plants without stretching your budget too much.
	Steve	45-60 min	Houseplants	Seasonal care for many different houseplants, when and how to repot them.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Houseplants with Unique Characteristics	Are you tired of the common houseplants, even though they grow well for you? How about trying some new plants that have great foliage and/or beautiful flowers? All the recommended plants are not prima donnas, only appreciating consistent care. Find your new favorite houseplant to keep you company indoors.
	Steve	45-60 min	How to Divide Perennials	Sooner or later, your perennial plants will need to be divided. You'll see them dying out in the center. Learn how & when to divide.
	Steve	45-60 min	Lawn Care	Learn the proper lawn care for healthy turf, including watering, mowing, weed control, and aeration.
	Steve	45-60 min	Lawn Gone	We will discuss simple designs that can reduce energy-consumptive,ecologically incompetent lawns. Come see how the plants in your garden can help support insects, pollinators, and countless songbirds.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Let Nature be Nature	Humans have a relationship with all the landscapes that are around them. Residential landscapes can be ecologically beneficial for nature and human health. We need to appreciate the complexity of our interwoven environment and act as the lynchpin between native landscape and the urban setting.

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	Steve	45-60 min	Peonies	Learn how to grow herbaceous and tree peonies from selecting tubers, the planting site and depth, general care, dividing and transplanting.
	Steve	45-60 min	Planting Trees & Shrubs	Trees and shrubs in your backyard can be home to many types of wildlife. Trees can also reduce heating and cooling costs, clean the air, add beauty and color, and add value to your home. Learn proper planting techniques and care. hrubs.
	Lynn M.	45-60 min	Pollinators	Pollinators: more than just honey bees
	Kurt	60-90 min	Propagation	Methods of propagating plant materials
	Steve	45-60 min	Propagation from Hardwood Cuttings	One of the easiest propagation techniques is propagating using hard wood cuttings.
	Steve	45-60 min	Propagation From Seeds & Cuttings	Easy ways to propagate seeds with or without a greenhouse. Also propagating plants using cuttings.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Pruning	Pruning - tools, methods, approaches and timing
	Kurt	60-90 min	Pruning	Topiary - pruning basics and special ornamental approaches
	Kurt	60-90 min	Pruning	Urban Pruning - pruning the urban landscape, along with city rules and regulations
	Steve	45-60 min	Pruning	Importance of and reasons for pruning, correct timing, and proper pruning techniques.
	Steve	45-60 min	Raised Bed Gardening	You will learn the reasons for raised bed gardening. The best materials to use, size, shape, soil and location for a successful raised bed experience.
	Steve	45-60 min	Roses: How to Winterize	Learn techniques for proper care of roses for our unpredictable northwest winters.
	Steve	45-60 min	Saving Seeds	Bringing together the time honored gardening traditions of seed savings with hands-on practice. This workshop offers a unique learning experience in how to identify, harvest, and store seeds.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Seasonal Gardening	Spring Garden: Starting from a brief winter discussion , monthly through early summer

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	Kurt	60-90 min	Seasonal Gardening	Fall Garden: Starting from a brief Summer discussion , monthly up to putting the garden to bed
	Steve	45-60 min	Soil Management in Landscapes	Sound soil management helps reduce runoff, erosion, weed problems and helps conserve water. We will be looking at organic matter, efficient irrigation, nutrients and fertilizer s as ways to improve soil quality.
	Steve	45-60 min	Storage and Care of Summer Bulbs	Different methods of preparing dahlia tubers, gladiola corms, and begonia tubers for winter storage.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Talking Roses	Roses, planting, pruning, health and types
	Steve	45-60 min	The Garden Has Been Put to Bed- Now What?	Learn how you can fill the long days of winter with tips and advice from an expert. Steve will show you his tried and true tips and recommendations to have beautiful blooming plants as soon as possible come spring.
	Kris	50-60 min	Trees & Woody Plants	Care and maintenance of trees & woody landscape plants
	Steve	45-60 min	Vegetable Gardening 101	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.
	Kris	50-60 min	Vertebrate Management	Overview of vertebrate pests in Spokane, how to live with them, how to discourage them
Mason	Kris	50-60 min	Waterwise Landscaping	Water use information, hints for reducing water needs, installation hints, plant suggestions
	Steve	45-60 min	Weed Control	Identification of noxious weeds and various methods of control; general control of weeds in the garden.

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	Lynn M.	45-60 min	Wildfire Preparedness	Learn specific techniques to create defensible space around your home, reducing the risk of damage or loss due to wildfire. Fire resistant landscaping practices can help protect homeowners in the Wildland Urban Interface, as well as those living in urban areas. You'll leave this session armed with a list of priority action steps for your own property, as well as suggestions for working together with your neighbors to be better prepared starting this season.
	Steve	45-60 min	Winter Bulbs	Purchasing spring bulbs and tips for planting them. Container planting of spring bulbs for winter enjoyment.
	Steve	45-60 min	Winter Landscapes	Choosing plants that provide winter interest in the landscape.
	Marilyn	45-60 min	Winterizing Container Gardens	
Kris	Steve	45-60 min	Xeriscaping	How to use xeriscaping techniques to conserve water in your yard and garden.