

## 2020 WSU Clark County Extension Master Gardener Speakers List

- This list is provided as a courtesy for organizations seeking speakers for private events. If an organization is interested in a speaker for an event open which will be made open to the public, please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator instead.
- Organizations should make their own arrangements with individual speakers. You may contact the volunteers on this list to find out if a particular speaker is a good fit for your event and work with him or her on the details including time, location, equipment, etc.
- Master Gardeners may not accept payment for speaking engagements. They may accept reimbursement for mileage and materials.
- Honorariums may be donated to the WSU Clark County Master Gardener Program and are very much appreciated. Please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator for details on honoraria. [Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu](mailto:Erika.d.johnson@wsu.edu) or 360-397-6060 x 5738

Title	Summary	Presenter	Contact	Length
Backyard Apples	So you think you want to grow your own apples? Learn all the do's and don'ts before you leap	Karen Palmer	<a href="mailto:karenpalmer@centurylink.net">karenpalmer@centurylink.net</a> ; 360-260-5569	45-60 mins.
Rejuvenating Your Landscape	Don't love your home landscape? Experiencing eyesores from adjacent properties? If so, then this 90 minute presentation is for you. The presenter will share simple effective techniques, using hands-on exercises that will help homeowners to identify landscape features they like, those which they don't and help you to get clear on what you dream of having in your home landscape.	Joanne Roth	<a href="mailto:joanneroth12@yahoo.com">joanneroth12@yahoo.com</a> 360-980-0596	90 mins.
A Seasonal Approach to Adding Color to Your Garden	Discover ways to pump up your garden's color quotient in every season, from the depths of winter to the dog days of late summer. And, all the months in between. This talk focuses on two key areas of the landscape, entryways and the "view outside your window."	Cindy Combs	<a href="mailto:cindycombs@comast.net">cindycombs@comast.net</a> 206 285-1143	60 mins.
Growing Vegetables in Your Hellstrip	Join Master Gardener Laura Heldreth for a workshop on the process of transforming your parking strip into a vegetable garden; how to plan, plant, tend, and harvest this unique type of garden.	Laura Heldreth	<a href="mailto:lauraheldreth@gmail.com">lauraheldreth@gmail.com</a> ; 360-566-7536	45-60 mins.

Plant Identification	Learn ways to identify plants by understanding plant structures. Find the similarities in plant families to narrow the search when trying to ID a plant. Discover the meanings behind the naming of plants, demystify that intimidating botanical Latin.	Julie Carlsen	<a href="mailto:juliemcarlsen_flora@msn.com">juliemcarlsen_flora@msn.com</a> ; 360 687-0495	60 mins.
Made in the Shade; Planting for PNW dry shade	Want to create your own oasis garden but struggle with a shady site? Join Master Gardener Laura Heldreth for a talk on the steps she used to create a shade haven under mature Douglas fir trees. She'll cover light conditions, the importance of mulch, organic fertilizing methods and she'll share secrets on how to find unique plants and make beautiful combinations. Be prepared to be inspired to grow plants made for the shade!	Laura Heldreth	<a href="mailto:lauraheldreth@gmail.com">lauraheldreth@gmail.com</a> ; 360-566-7536	45 mins.
Gardening with Native Plants	Northwest native plants everywhere from the small balcony garden to acreage. Natives in your garden can be blended with other landscape elements, or go native entirely. Suggestions for various garden situations, native alternatives to common garden plants	Micki Stauffer	<a href="mailto:mickistauffer@gmail.com">mickistauffer@gmail.com</a> ; 360-772-2512	30-90 mins.
Gift Orchid Survival	Orchids in bloom make such beautiful gifts, but most of them fail to survive. Janis McBride demonstrates the step-by-step methods that will help you turn those gifts into healthy, colorful, long-blooming orchids in your own home. Understanding how orchids naturally grow provides the basis for the crucial re-potting techniques taught in a hands-on setting – bring you own gift orchid to be repotted.	Janis McBride	<a href="mailto:jvlmcbride@gmail.com">jvlmcbride@gmail.com</a> ; 949-584-4757	45-60 mins.
Trilliums: American Treasures – the perfect plant for a garden showcase	Learn about the 50 different North American trilliums; where they can be found, where to grow them in the garden, how to propagate them. <i>Note: this talk is best given in the spring.</i>	Micki Stauffer	<a href="mailto:mickistauffer@gmail.com">mickistauffer@gmail.com</a> ; 360-772-2512	45-60 mins.

Rhododendron; Blooming Beauty	Are your rhododendrons withering, are there spots on them you don't recognize, and are they not putting out the blooms you think they should? If so, you might find this presentation helpful. The presentation will review a few of the common ailments, with photos and recommendations for care.	Karen Briggs	<a href="mailto:briggs.karen@comcast.net">briggs.karen@comcast.net</a> 360-903-5057	30-45mins.
Color in the Shade	Do your petunias die from lack of sun? Don't despair; you can have a beautiful, colorful, flowering garden even in the shade! Descriptions of types of shade, shade plants for various situations, designing for year round interest in the shade.	Micki Stauffer	<a href="mailto:mickistauffer@gmail.com">mickistauffer@gmail.com</a> ; 360-772-2512	30-90 mins.
Deadheading Anyone?	Keep your garden looking nice without feeling overwhelmed; talk includes reasons for deadheading ornamentals and approaches for various types of plants.	Meride Hepp	<a href="mailto:meridegh@gmail.com">meridegh@gmail.com</a> 369-606-0428	20-30 mins.
Heirloom Vegetables. <i>Note: this talk takes place at the Fort Vancouver Historical Garden.</i>	Learn what vegetable varieties were available when Clark County was first settled. See what is planted at the Fort Vancouver Historical Garden	Nancy Funk	<a href="mailto:nancysgarden6@gmail.com">nancysgarden6@gmail.com</a> ; 360-798-4004	30-60 mins.
Designing A Cutting Garden	Ideas for growing beautiful perennials and colorful annuals to make stunning flower arrangements for fun or profit, whether you want to grow a field of flowers or make great arrangements from your existing flower beds.	Judy Hargreaves	<a href="mailto:j.hargreaves@comcast.net">j.hargreaves@comcast.net</a>	35-45 mins.
Today's Container Gardening	Grow anything in fabulous containers. Finding/choosing containers, soil mixes and fertilizers, designing a container, plants with similar growing conditions, grow plants out of normal zones, succulents, ornamentals and trees in containers, growing vegetables and herbs, all season containers.	Judy Hargreaves	<a href="mailto:j.hargreaves@comcast.net">j.hargreaves@comcast.net</a>	45 min. DVD & questions or 45 minute slides & questions

Enjoy the Benefits of Raised Bed Gardening	Learn how easy it is to garden in raised beds; you'll optimize space, reduce weeding chores and learn how to load up your raised bed soil for incredible yields. Presentation also includes instructions on how to build your own raised beds and tips for winterizing them.	Liz Pike	<a href="mailto:pikeadvertising@comcast.net">pikeadvertising@comcast.net</a> 360-281-8720	45-60 mins.
Build an Elegant Downspout Water Garden	Learn how to transform a gutter downspout area into a seasonal pond to feed pollinators, other beneficial insects and wildlife critters in your own backyard. These simple but elegant water gardens eliminate erosion from stormwater and can be designed to enhance your existing landscape areas	Farmer Liz Pike	<a href="mailto:pikeadvertising@comcast.net">pikeadvertising@comcast.net</a> 360-281-8720	45-60 mins.
Growing Your Own Vegetables	Information from start to finish – site selection, soil preparation, variety selection, seeding, transplanting and garden maintenance.	Karen Palmer	<a href="mailto:karenpalmer@centurylink.net">karenpalmer@centurylink.net</a> ; 360-260-5569	60-90 min
Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces	You don't have to duplicate Grandma's garden to grow vegetables. Use raised beds and containers to grow vegetables in limited space! Discussion of planning, preparation, seed & variety selection, fertilizing, watering and general care. Use careful plant selection and sequential planting to enjoy esthetic and health benefits of an edible garden.	Joan Veach	<a href="mailto:joanmveach@gmail.com">joanmveach@gmail.com</a> 360-574-6730	60 mins.
Vegetables A to Z	From Asparagus to Zucchini, vegetables are delicious, nutritious and fun to grow. Surprisingly, or maybe not so surprisingly, each type of vegetable has its own peculiar preferences about soil, light, water and season. Join Joan Veach as she shares insight into growing a variety of vegetables in our Pacific Northwest climate. You will learn about planting times, using fertilizer and lime, and when to prune/pinch/hill-up or tie-up your different plants.	Joan Veach	<a href="mailto:joanmveach@gmail.com">joanmveach@gmail.com</a> 360-574-6730	60 mins.
Seed Saving	Through the generations, families have saved seeds from their gardens, giving us wonderful	Vione Graham	<a href="mailto:visitvione@gmail.com">visitvione@gmail.com</a> ; 360-887-3776	1 hour

	<p>heirloom vegetables and flowers. Learn the different methods for saving seed and the importance or doing so.</p>			
Mason Bees	<p>The mason bee — our gentle friend and incredible pollinator. Most likely you have these busy native bees in your own yard; you just haven't met them yet. Learn about the role of mason bees in pollination, their life cycle and habitats and how we can protect these valuable creatures.</p>	Vione Graham	<a href="mailto:visitvione@gmail.com">visitvione@gmail.com</a> : 360-887-3776	1 hour
Plant Propagation; Beyond Seeds	<p>Have you been admiring your grandmother's unique house plant or your neighbor's hydrangea? You can duplicate so many plants via cloning by stem, leaf or root propagation. . You can enjoy such fun and success as you learn the practice of plant pollination, the tools, the safety precautions, best methods and varieties that propagate easily.</p>	Vione Graham	<a href="mailto:visitvione@gmail.com">visitvione@gmail.com</a> 360-887-3776	1 hour
Put Out the Welcome Mat Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Backyard	<p>Whether you are just beginning or already have hummingbirds in your yard, this presentation will demonstrate how to create a garden that is a beacon for these amazing creatures. Basic hummingbirds facts, species found in our area and migration habits will be discussed. Most importantly, learn the basic needs of hummingbirds and how to best attract them with a well-planned hummingbird garden.</p>	Ellen Reisinger	<a href="mailto:reisingerellen@gmail.com">reisingerellen@gmail.com</a> 210-410-4286	50 mins.
Adaptive Gardening: Make It Easier!	<p>Adaptive gardening involves making small modifications to accommodate a gardener's physical challenges and any barriers to enjoying gardening. This presentation explains how to use different types of exercises to prevent injury, body mechanics and joint preservation to help you safely garden. The presenters will bring examples of adaptive and ergonomic gardening tools and demonstrate how to correctly use them. The presentation will include talking about adapting a creative garden design including pathways, planters, trellises and more to accommodate easy</p>	Sue Green and Pam Evans	<a href="mailto:sgreen5590@comcast.net">sgreen5590@comcast.net</a> 360-241-1515	60 mins.

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