



**Approved Seminars for
WSU Extension Master Gardener Continuing Education
2023 Northwest Flower and Garden Festival
Feb 15 - 19, 2023**



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Category 1
Get Growing: Plants Galore for Northwest Gardens

Title	Speaker	Description	Date
A Gardener's Guide to Botany	Scott Zona, Ph.D.—Research botanist and author, <i>A Gardener's Guide to Botany</i>	It's a jungle out there! Your beautiful, tranquil garden is a battlefield in which plants wage war against predators and struggle to outcompete one another for light, water, and nutrients. Using familiar examples, this seminar looks at how plants fulfill the five functions necessary for life: growth, feeding, defense, reproduction, and dispersal. This is a fascinating look at how plants grow—not how to grow plants. Get to know your plant family like you never had before!	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 10:45 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Orchids 101: Everything You Need to Know to Grow Gorgeous Orchids Like a Pro	Joe Griener—Orchid expert and owner, Emerald City Orchids	Joe will help you get orchids that you treasure with this great hands-on demonstration. He'll cover basic orchid background, cultural requirements, (light/temp/water/etc.), fertilization, and pest/disease control and reblooming. He'll review greenhouse vs. window vs. artificial light growing techniques, how to initiate flowers on a healthy plant, which orchids are best for newbies, demo orchid repotting and mounting an orchid to a piece of wood. Even brown thumbs can grow orchids if you learn the basic techniques!	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage
Discovering Lichens in Your Garden	Jessica L. Allen, PhD—Co-author, <i>Urban Lichens: A Field Guide for Northeastern North America</i> and Assist. Prof. of Biology at EWU	Have you ever wanted to learn more about the wild, wonderful, and colorful lichens that adorn the fences, benches, and trees in your garden? In this presentation you will learn how the lichen's symbiosis works, how important lichens are to natural ecosystems, and where lichens may be growing in your garden. Come watch this seminar to take a closer look at these often-unnoticed organisms and discover the fascinating world of lichens.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 12:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
GARDEN 101: GREAT STRUCTURAL PLANTS FOR ALL LANDSCAPES Incorporating Native Plants into Your Garden	Mark Turner—Professional photographer, author, <i>Trees and Shrubs of the Pacific Northwest</i> and owner, Turner Photographics	"Structure" is the term used to cover those plants that give you a great looking garden all year round, no matter what's in bloom. Structure can come from both broadleaf and coniferous evergreen plants and deciduous shrubs with colorful branches. These three seminars cover a range of fabulous plants that provide year-round interest and great structure. Roger Ragusa kicks it off with conifers for dramatic textures and form and a variety of colors, each with distinct attraction. Mark Turner shows you the many beneficial NW native plants that you can tuck into your garden for added beauty and structure. And finally, Gary Lewis will highlight the functional and aesthetic uses of ground covers in the landscape, including tips and tricks for designing with ground covers to take your outdoor space to the next level.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 3:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow

<p>GARDEN 101: GREAT STRUCTURAL PLANTS FOR ALL LANDSCAPES Beyond Arborvitae: Every Garden Needs More Conifers!</p>	<p>Roger Ragusa—General Manager, Wells Nursery</p>	<p>“Structure” is the term used to cover those plants that give you a great looking garden all year round, no matter what’s in bloom. Structure can come from both broadleaf and coniferous evergreen plants and deciduous shrubs with colorful branches. These three seminars cover a range of fabulous plants that provide year-round interest and great structure. Roger Ragusa kicks it off with conifers for dramatic textures and form and a variety of colors, each with distinct attraction. Mark Turner shows you the many beneficial NW native plants that you can tuck into your garden for added beauty and structure. And finally, Gary Lewis will highlight the functional and aesthetic uses of ground covers in the landscape, including tips and tricks for designing with ground covers to take your outdoor space to the next level.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Feb 15 at 2:30 pm / Rainier Room</p>
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<p>Neither a Tulip nor a Daffodil: Overlooked Bulbs</p>	<p>Eric Hsu—Chanticleer plant information coordinator, horticulturist and blogger of <i>Plinth et al</i></p>	<p>Daffodils and tulips are the supermodels for spring flowering bulbs that they eclipse other bulbs worthy of growing. Who has grown or are familiar with Grecian windflowers (<i>Anemone blanda</i>), Ithuiel’s spear (<i>Triteleia laxa</i>), spring starflowers (<i>Ipheion</i>)? With such evocative, poetic names, it’s surprising that they are not more popular. Diversifying our bulb plantings not only extends the season, but support pollinators as these under-utilized bulbs have not been overbred.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Feb 15 at 5:15 pm / Hood Room</p>

<p>GARDEN 101: GREAT STRUCTURAL PLANTS FOR ALL LANDSCAPES Best Ground Covers and Ground Cover Combos for NW Gardens</p>	<p>Gary Lewis—Award-winning owner, Phoenix Perennials and author, <i>The Complete Book of Ground Covers</i></p>	<p>“Structure” is the term used to cover those plants that give you a great looking garden all year round, no matter what’s in bloom. Structure can come from both broadleaf and coniferous evergreen plants and deciduous shrubs with colorful branches. These three seminars cover a range of fabulous plants that provide year-round interest and great structure. Roger Ragusa kicks it off with conifers for dramatic textures and form and a variety of colors, each with distinct attraction. Mark Turner shows you the many beneficial NW native plants that you can tuck into your garden for added beauty and structure. And finally, Gary Lewis will give you a roundup of the best ground covers and dynamic ground cover combinations for different gardens in the Pacific NW. He’ll highlight hot new introductions to the world of ground covers to keep your garden on the cutting edge.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Feb 15 at 3:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
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<p>Scaling Up: Climbers to Try</p>	<p>Eric Hsu—Chanticleer plant information coordinator, horticulturist and blogger of <i>Plinth et al</i></p>	<p>With green spaces valued in urban environments and with the effects of climate change a tangible threat, the beauty and importance of vines has never been more pertinent. They add privacy on fences, and screen outdoor spaces from prying eyes. Through their greenery, vines draw dwellings into the garden. Whether trained well or let untamed, they soften hard edges and give the garden a romantic feeling. Clematis, wisteria, and jasmine are obvious options, but leap forward into sausage vine, wood vamp, and cross vine.</p>	<p>Thursday, Feb 16 at 9:30 am / Hood Room</p>
<p>Ground Covers: Reduce Maintenance, Control Erosion, Improve the Environment, and Beautify the Landscape</p>	<p>Gary Lewis—Award-winning owner, Phoenix Perennials and author, <i>The Complete Book of Ground Covers</i></p>	<p>Ground covers offer a diverse range of beautiful options with a variety of colors, textures, and forms. They can unify a landscape, knit together plantings and hardscape, and add layers of beauty. When replacing lawns they reduce our use of water, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, carbon-based fuels, and transform a yard into a diverse landscape of habitat and food for wildlife. Gary will highlight the uses of ground covers, including tips for designing with ground covers to take your outdoor space to the next level.</p>	<p>Thursday, Feb 16 at 1:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>

Rooting Out Problems Before You Plant	Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD—WSU Horticulture Professor and author, <i>How Plants Work</i> and <i>The Informed Gardener</i>	<p>This seminar will demonstrate the best ways to prepare trees and shrubs for transplanting. Root washing and corrective pruning is different from conventional methods, yet ongoing research demonstrates that this new procedure leads to substantial increases in woody plant establishment and survival. Investing the time to prepare and install trees and shrubs properly will pay future dividends of reduced maintenance and increased plant health for the lifetime of your landscape. Handouts containing the text of the talk will be available to download.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 1:30 pm / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow
Demystifying Botanical Latin	Ross Bayton, PhD—2023 Show Judge, director, Heronswood Gardens, and author, <i>The Gardener's Botanical: An Encyclopedia of Latin Plant Names</i>	<p>For every gardener, whether beginner or professional, understanding botanical Latin, the language of plant names, is both difficult and rewarding. Latin unlocks a world of information about your garden plants, in books and online, and ensures you apply the right care to the right plant. In this seminar, plant taxonomist and gardener Ross Bayton will guide you through some basic principles of botanical Latin, including its history, meanings and pronunciation, revealing some of the fascinating and touching tales behind the names.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 4:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Ecological Gardening and Companion Planting	Charlie Nardozzi—Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, <i>Gardening Complete</i> and <i>No-Dig Gardening</i>	<p>Ecological gardening is a way of gardening that enhances life under the soil and in our gardens. In this seminar you'll discover the key elements of an ecological garden, including garden practices that build healthy soil, preserve pollinators, create habitats for birds and wildlife and protect and enhance plant growth through finding the right plant partners. Charlie will focus on new advice about companion planting, including information on flower, herb and vegetable combinations that have been proven to work. <i>Sponsored by Gardeners Supply Company & Velcro USA.</i></p>	Friday, Feb 16 at 10:00 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
The Latest & Greatest in Meadow Making	Charlie Nardozzi—Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, <i>Gardening Complete</i> and <i>No-Dig Gardening</i>	<p>Come take an all-encompassing dive into the incredible world of meadow making with John Greenlee, an internationally renowned horticultural and design consultant who works with leading landscape architects throughout America and Europe. Here, you will learn to successfully design state of the art meadows that are beautiful and environmentally friendly. During the seminar, John will carefully walk you through how to select, plant and care for plants from around the world.</p>	Friday, Feb 17 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Growing and Propagating a Bevy of Begonias	Ann Amato—Horticulturist and seed propagator at Cistus Nursery and blogger, amateurbotannist.com	<p>Begonias are one of the most beautiful plants in our homes and gardens. From the huge blooms that last all summer in the tuberous group, to the luscious leaves of the indoor and conservatory types. Fibrous-rooted, tuberous, hardy, rhizomatous, and rex begonias, where should a beginner begin? From the easiest begonias to the fussiest, care, propagation, and cultivation tips will be shared for both beginners and advanced growers.</p>	Friday, Feb 17 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage

<p>FINE GARDENING'S GROWING KNOWLEDGE LECTURE SERIES Newer Plants Showing Promise</p>	<p>Richard Hawke—Director of Ornamental Research, Chicago Botanic Garden</p>	<p>New plants are what make every gardener's heart skip a beat. But a lot of the time, that new plant requires a ridiculous amount of care and resources to look decent, if it doesn't die within the first year. Richard Hawke of the Chicago Botanic Garden has spent much of his career trialing plants. Each year he puts new offerings into the test gardens at CBG and monitors their overall performance, determining which are worthy of your hard-earned dollar and which can be classified as unsustainable pitfall plants. Over the past few years Richard has developed a list of newer plants that have done well in the trials—plants that he feels confident enough to recommend to gardeners—and even plant in his own landscape. In this lecture you'll find out about scores of new natives and ornamentals that require little input to perform brilliantly.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room</p>
<p>A Simple Approach and Best Tools for Pruning Most Shrubs and Small Garden Trees</p>	<p>Christina Pfeiffer—Horticulture consultant and educator, ISA certified arborist and co-author, <i>Pacific Northwest Gardening Month-by-Month</i></p>	<p>Pruning shrubs and small trees is very much a science as well as an art. If you've had the frustration of not getting the results you expected after pruning, this invaluable seminar will help you figure out the right tools, the right cuts, and the best timing to get the most out of your garden shrubs with the least amount of effort. Properly pruned trees enhance their beauty and add value to your landscaping. Your shrubs and trees will thank you!</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room</p>
<p>FINE GARDENING'S GROWING KNOWLEDGE LECTURE SERIES Praise and Protection: Why You Should Care About Endangered Plants</p>	<p>Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson—Founders, Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy and Far Reaches Farm</p>	<p>Chances are, you're familiar with nursery owners Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson and perhaps some of the plants they have introduced to the Pacific Northwest and gardeners across the country via their plant explorations abroad. But more recently, the couple has started a nonprofit organization, Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy with goal of preserving botanically important rare and endangered plants. In this lecture you'll learn why conservation efforts like these are important to the world of horticulture and the planet as a whole. Sue and Kelly will also share some success stories of plants that have been fostered at the conservancy and that you might be able to grow in your gardens to further the cause of preservation.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 2:15 pm / Rainier Room</p>
<p>FINE GARDENING'S GROWING KNOWLEDGE LECTURE SERIES Everywhere Plants: Natives That Make Great Supporting Players</p>	<p>Kelly D. Norris—Award-winning plant expert, designer and author, <i>New Naturalism</i></p>	<p>Ecological generalists—plants with broad tolerances to where they root—power the planet. Many of these species lurk in the shadows of traditional gardens or sulk in obscurity on the garden floor. But prevalence is their virtue; they have adapted to a wide range of growing conditions across a considerable geographic footprint. In this immersive class, renowned plantsman Kelly Norris will introduce the audience to a wide range of ecological generalists from North America and explain what makes them important to the ecology of the garden. Participants will learn about varied plant communities, the ecological properties that define them, and how to translate them into gardening practice, as well.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 3:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>

<p>Groundcovers: Great Alternatives to Turf Grass</p>	<p>Kathy Jentz—Award-winning author, <i>Groundcover Revolution</i>, co-author, <i>The Urban Garden</i> and editor/publisher, <i>Washington Gardener</i></p>	<p>Groundcovers are low-growing plants that serve many different purposes in the landscape from limiting weed growth to stabilizing slopes to adding texture to your garden. Kathy Jentz, author of the forthcoming book, <i>Groundcover Revolution</i>, will cover several of these beautiful, hard-working plants and the best kinds to use for your region.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Hydrangea Happiness, Hydrangea Hysteria</p>	<p>C L Fornari—Author, <i>Coffee for Roses</i> and <i>The Cocktail Garden Hour</i> and award-winning co-host, <i>Plantrama Podcast</i></p>	<p>From the blue mopheads and lacecaps to the white panicles and beyond, there’s a hydrangea for every garden. Learn which varieties will live and flower well in your gardens. Find out how to prune those blue-flowering types that bloom on “old wood.” Hear about shorter varieties, and types that do well in pots. Have your Hydrangea questions answered, and discover how to get long-lasting flowers in your yard and garden. From sun to shade, from tall to small, there is a hydrangea for every garden, and attendees will discover the plants that are right for them.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 10:00 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>A Case for Trees: A Positive Solution to the Negative Effects of Climate Change</p>	<p>Dan Lambe—Award-winning Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation and co-author, <i>Now is the Time for Trees</i></p>	<p>Dan Lambe wants to talk trees—how they oxygenate the planet, purify water and air, lower city temperatures, provide habitat, nurture the soul, and provide essential food sources. He will leave you with simple and straightforward tips about how to become a tree lover and, more importantly, a tree planter. He will deliver a simple, powerful, and POSITIVE message: trees are the number one nature-based solution for reversing the negative effects of a changing climate. Each of us can make an impact by planting the world’s most valuable resource.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 1:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Get Free Plants When You Propagate like the Pros!</p>	<p>Charlie Nardozi—Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, <i>Gardening Complete</i> and <i>No-Dig Gardening</i></p>	<p>Many gardeners would love more of their favorite plants, but shy away from the expense. You can save money and still have those plants by propagating them yourself. In this hands-on demonstration, Charlie Nardozi will show the best ways to propagate popular trees, shrubs, houseplants and flowers. Learn plant division, taking and rooting leaf, stem and hardwood cuttings and air layering, along with rooting hormone powders, the best soils, and the watering and light conditions to be successful. It’s fun and easy to get more of your favorite plants when you learn to propagate! <i>Sponsored by Gardeners Supply Company & Velcro USA.</i></p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 1:30 pm / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Light, Water, Action! How to Grow Beautiful Houseplants</p>	<p>Susan Maki—Designer, buyer, and houseplant merchandise manager for Squak Mountain Nursery</p>	<p>Are you new to the houseplant obsession? This seminar is for you! Susan will begin with the basics of light, selection, watering and fertilizing. She’ll help you decipher ambiguous light labels, and really understand and measure your light, so you can best decide where your houseplants should go. She’ll also help you match your plants to your personality and lifestyle—nurturer or neglecter— to better choose your plant family. Finally, you’ll gain an understanding how to care for your plants, which is critical to your success.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 3:15 pm / DIY Stage</p>

<p>Growing Anemones, Ranunculus, Peonies and Dahlias</p>	<p>Anne Long—Owner, The Dahlia House, Skagit Valley</p>	<p>Dahlia House owner Anne Long will share everything you need to know to grow these popular spring and summer cut flowers. The following information will be covered for each variety listed: best time to plant for growing zone 7 – 8; ideal growing conditions (temperature, sun exposure, wind consideration, when to water); soil preparation and amendments; season extension; effective staking and corraling techniques (for peonies and dahlias); harvesting and vase life extension; identifying and controlling pests. This year will be your best ever for growing these fabulous florals!</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 10:00 AM / DIY Stage</p>
<p>The Three Basic Pruning Cuts (and How to Use Them)</p>	<p>Allen Taylor—Award-winning founder and lead arborist, Conservation Tree Care</p>	<p>Pruning is both an art and a science. A well-pruned tree or shrub both enhances its beauty and its value to a landscape. An entire world of tree pruning all comes down to the three basic cuts: Removal cuts, reduction cuts, and heading cuts. People spend their whole careers just learning where and when to use these three basic cuts. We will delve into what these cuts look like, where to use them, and where to not use them.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 10:30 am / Hood Room</p>
<p>Training Young Trees for Future Health and Beauty</p>	<p>Christina Pfeiffer—Horticulture consultant and educator, ISA certified arborist and co-author, <i>Pacific Northwest Gardening Month-by-Month</i></p>	<p>The most important pruning for training young trees can be quickly done with hand tools, yet it is often overlooked until much later, when the pruning options and efforts are much more difficult. Learn how to nip those potential problems in the bud with five basic steps for inspecting the structure of a young tree and how to prune early for future structure and long-term beauty.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Why Every Garden Needs Conifers</p>	<p>John J Albers—Creator of Albers Marcovina Vista Gardens, and author, <i>Growing Conifers: The Complete Gardening and Landscaping Guide</i></p>	<p>To meet the challenges of climate change, today’s gardeners want a sustainable garden that last without excessive use of resources or maintenance, while providing habitat for wildlife. Gardeners can achieve this by incorporating long lived, drought tolerant, and adaptable conifers that support wildlife, yet require little care once established. Dr. Albers, scientist, and garden expert, will show you how to select, design with, and use these aesthetically and functionally versatile plants in your landscape.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 3:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Be the Boss of Your Bareroots and Bulbs: Learn Planting Tips and Techniques</p>	<p>Sean and Allison McManus—Co-owners of Spoken Garden, co-authors of <i>The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers</i>, and YouTube channel hosts</p>	<p>Don’t let bareroot plants or bulbs intimidate you this spring. Learn from Sean and Allison how to confidently handle and plant bareroot perennials like Itoh peonies, coneflowers, and more. You’ll also learn bulb planting techniques and ideas to level up your bulb game with “Lasagna” layered bulb containers for both spring and summer flowering bulbs. Take away planting skills, like bulb planting depth, handling, and tools, to help your plants thrive this spring and summer.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 3:15 pm / DIY Stage / Book Signing to follow</p>

Fabulously Fragrant Garden Plants	Richie Steffen—Executive Director, Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden and co-author, <i>Plant Lover’s Guide to Ferns</i>	Flowers and Foliage are nice to have, but fragrance can bring your garden to the next level. The memories and places that fragrance can invoke give your garden emotional depth. Learn about some of the best plants for fragrance in the garden as well as some tried and true fragrant plants that will thrive in your garden.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 4:30 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
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Category 2
Solving Design Challenges with Style: Artistic Inspiration for Every Garden

Title	Speaker	Description	Date
Four Steps to Create a Fire-Smart Landscape	Toni Gattone—Award-winning speaker and author, <i>The Lifelong Gardener</i>	The western half of the U.S. is at a turning point. How do you adapt your landscape to be fire-smart and climate-resilient? What can you do to design a healthy, aesthetically pleasing landscape, while creating a defensible barrier from fire for your family and home, along with safety for firefighters? Discover the essential things to plan and maintain a fire-safe landscape and “harden” your home for protection, plus plant choices to avoid, tasks to do, and tools to get the job done.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 9:30 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Designing for Theme: Unifying Space, Architecture and Plants	Danilo Maffei, CPLD, PCH, FAPLD—2023 Show Judge, founding principal, Maffei Landscape Design	Few other design principles can deliver a more impactful garden experience than creating a compelling theme. Explore the design process and learn from case studies on how to create captivating, thought-provoking and memorable garden spaces that are built around an organizing, storytelling principle.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room
School of Rock: Creating Your First Rock Garden	Ross Bayton, PhD—2023 Show Judge, director, Heronswood Gardens, and author, <i>The Gardener’s Botanical: An Encyclopedia of Latin Plant Names</i>	The Heronswood Garden is famed for its dramatic herbaceous borders and lush woodland garden, but over the last two years, we have begun to build an epic rock garden in our parking lot. Join garden director Ross Bayton on a journey of creation as he guides you through the building process, providing tips on construction, soil selection and best plant picks.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Nature As Gardener: Working with Natural Process for Beauty and Reduced Maintenance	C. Colston Burrell—Garden designer, photographer, lecturer and award-winning author, <i>Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide</i>	Picture-perfect plant combinations make for beautiful gardens, yet keeping every plant in its place is a lot of work. If you grow native and site adapted plants, and long to lower your maintenance time and budget, this seminar is for you. Learn tips and techniques for working with Mother Nature to create a beautiful, reduced maintenance garden by augmenting and editing. Using layering, under planting, free seeding perennials and annuals, and a little benign neglect, you can reduce the amount of time spent working in your garden.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow

Climate Change in Your Garden: Building Resilience Now	Kim Stoddart—U.K. garden journalist and co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> Sally Morgan—U.K. co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> and author, <i>The Healthy Vegetable Garden</i>	<p>Join the U.K.'s Sally Morgan and Kim Stoddart for a look at how climate may bring extreme weather challenges, changing seasons and greater risk of pest and disease in U.S. gardens. How will this affect trees, bulbs, flowers, shrubs and edibles on the ground for everyone? This is a solution focused presentation with accessible, savvy ideas and inspiration to help gardeners make their outside spaces more climate resilient for the future (water conservation, storm water management, soil management, looking at plant selection and much more besides). The importance of soil, encouraging wildlife for biodiversity and natural pest control and many more hands-on easy-to-employ ideas.</p>	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 6:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Edible Growing for Person, Plate and Planet	Kim Stoddart—U.K. garden journalist and co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> Sally Morgan—U.K. co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> and author, <i>The Healthy Vegetable Garden</i>	<p>With the myriad of challenges we now face, growing some of your own food is arguably more important than ever. With an emphasis on building resilience in the gardener as much as the garden, this seminar will look at simple but effective ways to work with the natural world to grow truly planet-friendly food year-round. Designed for gardens of all sizes, this is satisfying and effective grow-your-own edible gardening that boosts confidence, success, saves time and also lowers your carbon footprint overall.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 10:45 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Finding Common Ground: Good Communication is Like Mycorrhizal Fungi	Arit Anderson—2023 Show Judge, BBC 'Gardeners World' presenter and co-founder, Sustainable Landscape Foundation	<p>Arit Anderson is a British garden and landscaper designer, but she also presents on TV, writes for magazines, has a podcast and is co-founder of the Sustainable Landscape Foundation. A well-known figure in the UK garden media, Arit wants to share why she has a passion for communication and how she is using it to inspire gardeners and landscape professionals to think and be greener. Just like mycorrhizal fungi helps plant communicate, she will share her experience on why talking and collaborating is crucial for the future health of gardens and planet.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room
Garden Design Makeovers for a Changing Climate	Sue Goetz CPH, EcoPro—Owner, Creative Gardener and author, <i>Complete Container Herb Gardening</i> and <i>A Taste for Herbs</i>	<p>Wet winters, dry summers, heat domes, and atmospheric rivers, whatever the terminology—how does all this fit the puzzle of garden design? Learn tips, techniques, and stylizing for the real world. Healthy soil, drought-tolerant plants, micro-climates, rain gardens, no lawns, and more! Before and after makeover ideas for sustainability and adaptability.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 6:30 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow

The Latest & Greatest in Meadow Making	John Greenlee–Founder, Greenlee Nursery and author, <i>The American Meadow Garden</i> and <i>The Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses</i>	Come take an all-encompassing dive into the incredible world of meadow making with John Greenlee, an internationally renowned horticultural and design consultant who works with leading landscape architects throughout America and Europe. Here, you will learn to successfully design state of the art meadows that are beautiful and environmentally friendly. During the seminar, John will carefully walk you through how to select, plant and care for plants from around the world.	Friday, Feb 17 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Climate Change in Your Garden: Building Resilience Now	Kim Stoddart–U.K. garden journalist and co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> Sally Morgan–U.K. co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> and author, <i>The Healthy Vegetable Garden</i>	Join the U.K.’s Sally Morgan and Kim Stoddart for a look at how climate may bring extreme weather challenges, changing seasons and greater risk of pest and disease in U.S. gardens. How will this affect trees, bulbs, flowers, shrubs and edibles on the ground for everyone? This is a solution focused presentation with accessible, savvy ideas and inspiration to help gardeners make their outside spaces more climate resilient for the future (water conservation, storm water management, soil management, looking at plant selection and much more besides). The importance of soil, encouraging wildlife for biodiversity and natural pest control and many more hands-on easy-to-employ ideas.	Friday, Feb 17 at 12:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Layering for a Dynamic and Beautiful Garden	Laura Watson–Master Gardener, Master Pruner and ‘Clemaniatic’	One of the most important elements of a beautiful and dynamic garden is layering. Learn how to layer a garden by staggering foreground, middle-ground, and background to create an alluring and satisfying landscape. Principals involved include repetition, scale, flow, depth, contrast, and focal points. Laura’s easy speaking style and great photos will help you learn how bring layering principals into your garden.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 12:00 pm / Hood Room
Water-Savvy Garden Design	Karen Chapman–Owner, Le Jardinnet, award-winning co-author, <i>Fine Foliage, Gardening with Foliage First</i> and author, <i>Deer-Resistant Design</i>	Rather than pining for the “greener grass” on the other side of the proverbial fence, learn to make the most of what you have while conserving both water and your time. This seminar will discuss how to maximize your garden’s potential by assessing the site conditions, determining key design criteria, then combining suitable plants with similar needs for a professional look that balances beauty and efficiency with good stewardship.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Gardeners vs the Apocalypse: 10 Ways Your Garden Can Fend Off the End of the World	Greg Butler,BLA, ATA–Designer, educator and owner, <i>Design of the Times</i>	Are you tired of waking up in the morning, checking the news, and feeling overwhelmed? Fight back by learning how your garden can stave off the apocalypse blues. Even a small garden can help slow climate change, enhance wildlife habitat, and improve our physical and mental well-being. Every little action we take matters, and time and effort spent in the garden is the best antidote for a world gone crazy.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 1:30 pm / Hood Room

Category 3

Small Spaces and Indoor Gardens: Patios, Containers and Houseplants

Title	Speaker	Description	Date
School of Rock: Creating Your First Rock Garden	Ross Bayton, PhD—2023 Show Judge, director, Heronswood Gardens, and author, <i>The Gardener’s Botanical: An Encyclopedia of Latin Plant Names</i>	The Heronswood Garden is famed for its dramatic herbaceous borders and lush woodland garden, but over the last two years, we have begun to build an epic rock garden in our parking lot. Join garden director Ross Bayton on a journey of creation as he guides you through the building process, providing tips on construction, soil selection and best plant picks.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Big Dreams, Small Garden: Creating Something Extraordinary in an Ordinary Space	Marianne Willburn—Award-winning blogger, <i>GardenRant.com</i> and author, <i>Tropical Plants and How to Love Them</i> and <i>Big Dreams, Small Garden</i>	If you’re struggling with a difficult outside space, you are not alone. In a challenging housing market, many gardeners are realizing they may be in their current home longer than they envisioned. However, by breaking down the process of garden creation into manageable sections, shifting our perspective and cultivating a sense of contentment, we can create the garden that lives inside of us—right where we are. Marianne will share inspiration, design tips, and real-life gardens to get you excited about your outside space—no matter what it is.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 1:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Scaling Up: Climbers to Try	Eric Hsu—Chanticleer plant information coordinator, horticulturist and blogger of <i>Plinth et al</i>	With green spaces valued in urban environments and with the effects of climate change a tangible threat, the beauty and importance of vines has never been more pertinent. They add privacy on fences, and screen outdoor spaces from prying eyes. Through their greenery, vines draw dwellings into the garden. Whether trained well or let untamed, they soften hard edges and give the garden a romantic feeling. Clematis, wisteria, and jasmine are obvious options, but leap forward into sausage vine, wood vamp, and cross vine.	Thursday, Feb 16 at 9:30 am / Hood Room
Grow Ordinary Food in Extraordinary Ways	Donna Balzer—Horticulturist and author, <i>Gardener’s Gratitude Journal</i> and <i>No Nonsense Vegetable Gardening</i>	Is your garden in a townhome, condo or small space? Then it is time to start growing ordinary food in extraordinary ways. Using inventive methods to grow outdoor lemons in the Pacific NW, potatoes in bags or strawberries in rain gutters, Donna opens your mind to these novel ideas. Want to eat strawberries for breakfast in spring, or enjoy your own year-round lemons? With food costs rising, considering novel approaches to growing food is a valuable asset to yourself and your family.	Thursday, Feb 16 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
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Light, Water, Action! How to Grow Beautiful Houseplants	Susan Maki—Designer, buyer, and houseplant merchandise manager for Squak Mountain Nursery	Are you new to the houseplant obsession? This seminar is for you! Susan will begin with the basics of light, selection, watering and fertilizing. She'll help you decipher ambiguous light labels, and really understand and measure your light, so you can best decide where your houseplants should go. She'll also help you match your plants to your personality and lifestyle—nurturer or neglector— to better choose your plant family. Finally, you'll gain an understanding how to care for your plants, which is critical to your success.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 3:15 pm / DIY Stage
100% Success with Your New Vegetable Garden	Bill Thorness—Author, <i>Cool Season Gardener</i> and <i>Edible Heirlooms</i> and Master Gardener	New home? Tired old lawn? Bitten by the gardening bug? Want to provide healthy home-grown food for your family? Great! There are tried-and-true ways to start a vegetable garden and have success in the first year and beyond. Author and Master Gardener Bill Thorness provides a guide from the ground up: creating new beds, building soil, acquiring the most essential tools and gear, creating a planting plan, choosing the right crops, joyfully tending your garden, and feeding yourself and others from the bountiful harvest.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 11:00 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Spring Edible Garden Planning for Small Spaces	Christy Wilhelmi—Award-winning blogger, <i>Gardenerd</i> and author, <i>Gardening for Geeks</i> and <i>Grow Your Own Mini Fruit Garden</i>	Do you struggle with finding room for everything you want to grow in your veggie garden? Learn Christy's invaluable process that you can repeat season after season to plan your vegetable garden ahead of time. Discover tried and true methods for tracking progress and crop rotation, as well as tricks of the trade for making the most of every square inch. You will reap a bountiful harvest with some spring garden planning!	Sunday, Feb 19 at 12:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow

Category 4

Growing Resilience: Soil, Sustainability, Garden Health and Water Conservation

Title	Speaker	Description	Date
Four Steps to Create a Fire-Smart Landscape	Toni Gattone—Award-winning speaker and author, <i>The Lifelong Gardener</i>	The western half of the U.S. is at a turning point. How do you adapt your landscape to be fire-smart and climate-resilient? What can you do to design a healthy, aesthetically pleasing landscape, while creating a defensible barrier from fire for your family and home, along with safety for firefighters? Discover the essential things to plan and maintain a fire-safe landscape and "harden" your home for protection, plus plant choices to avoid, tasks to do, and tools to get the job done.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 9:30 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Nature As Gardener: Working with Natural Process for Beauty and Reduced Maintenance	C. Colston Burrell—Garden designer, photographer, lecturer and award-winning author, <i>Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide</i>	Picture-perfect plant combinations make for beautiful gardens, yet keeping every plant in its place is a lot of work. If you grow native and site adapted plants, and long to lower your maintenance time and budget, this seminar is for you. Learn tips and techniques for working with Mother Nature to create a beautiful, reduced maintenance garden by augmenting and editing. Using layering, under planting, free seeding perennials and annuals, and a little benign neglect, you can reduce the amount of time spent working in your garden.	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow

Climate Change in Your Garden: Building Resilience Now	Kim Stoddart—U.K. garden journalist and co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> Sally Morgan—U.K. co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i> and author, <i>The Healthy Vegetable Garden</i>	<p>Join the U.K.'s Sally Morgan and Kim Stoddart for a look at how climate may bring extreme weather challenges, changing seasons and greater risk of pest and disease in U.S. gardens. How will this affect trees, bulbs, flowers, shrubs and edibles on the ground for everyone? This is a solution focused presentation with accessible, savvy ideas and inspiration to help gardeners make their outside spaces more climate resilient for the future (water conservation, storm water management, soil management, looking at plant selection and much more besides). The importance of soil, encouraging wildlife for biodiversity and natural pest control and many more hands-on easy-to-employ ideas.</p>	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 6:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Edible Growing for Person, Plate and Planet	Kim Stoddart—U.K. garden journalist and co-author, <i>The Climate Change Garden</i>	<p>With the myriad of challenges we now face, growing some of your own food is arguably more important than ever. With an emphasis on building resilience in the gardener as much as the garden, this seminar will look at simple but effective ways to work with the natural world to grow truly planet-friendly food year-round. Designed for gardens of all sizes, this is satisfying and effective grow-your-own edible gardening that boosts confidence, success, saves time and also lowers your carbon footprint overall.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 10:45 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Maybe Finding Common Ground: Good Communication is Like Mycorrhizal Fungi	Arit Anderson—2023 Show Judge, BBC 'Gardeners World' presenter and co-founder, Sustainable Landscape Foundation	<p>Arit Anderson is a British garden and landscaper designer, but she also presents on TV, writes for magazines, has a podcast and is co-founder of the Sustainable Landscape Foundation. A well-known figure in the UK garden media, Arit wants to share why she has a passion for communication and how she is using it to inspire gardeners and landscape professionals to think and be greener. Just like mycorrhizal fungi helps plant communicate, she will share her experience on why talking and collaborating is crucial for the future health of gardens and planet.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room
What Your Food Ate: The Roots to Human Health Begin in the Soil	Anne Biklé-Biologist, science writer and co-author, <i>What Your Food Ate</i> and <i>The Hidden Half of Nature</i> David R. Montgomery, PhD-Award-winning University of Washington professor and co-author, <i>What Your Food Ate</i> and <i>The Hidden Half of Nature</i>	<p>We know that what we eat matters to our health, but one aspect remains underappreciated—what the plants and animals that land on our dinner plates eat. It turns out that the roots of human health begin in the soil, with how we grow crops and raise livestock. Weaving history, science, and visits with innovative farmers reveals the links between soil health and human health become clear, and practices to improve soil health come into focus. Whether you are a conventional, organic, or regenerative gardener, everyone can improve their practices to improve their soil health.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow

Garden Design Makeovers for a Changing Climate	Sue Goetz CPH, EcoPro—Owner, Creative Gardener and author, <i>Complete Container Herb Gardening</i> and <i>A Taste for Herbs</i>	Wet winters, dry summers, heat domes, and atmospheric rivers, whatever the terminology—how does all this fit the puzzle of garden design? Learn tips, techniques, and stylizing for the real world. Healthy soil, drought-tolerant plants, micro-climates, rain gardens, no lawns, and more! Before and after makeover ideas for sustainability and adaptability.	Thursday, Feb 16 at 6:30 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Ecological Gardening and Companion Planting	Charlie Nardozi—Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, <i>Gardening Complete</i> and <i>No-Dig Gardening</i>	Ecological gardening is a way of gardening that enhances life under the soil and in our gardens. In this seminar you'll discover the key elements of an ecological garden, including garden practices that build healthy soil, preserve pollinators, create habitats for birds and wildlife and protect and enhance plant growth through finding the right plant partners. Charlie will focus on new advice about companion planting, including information on flower, herb and vegetable combinations that have been proven to work. <i>Sponsored by Gardeners Supply Company & Velcro USA.</i>	Friday, Feb 16 at 10:00 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
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Groundcovers: Great Alternatives to Turf Grass	Kathy Jentz—Award-winning author, <i>Groundcover Revolution</i>, co-author, <i>The Urban Garden</i> and editor/publisher, <i>Washington Gardener</i>	Groundcovers are low-growing plants that serve many different purposes in the landscape from limiting weed growth to stabilizing slopes to adding texture to your garden. Kathy Jentz, author of the forthcoming book, <i>Groundcover Revolution</i> , will cover several of these beautiful, hard-working plants and the best kinds to use for your region.	Friday, Feb 17 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow

What Your Food Ate: The Roots to Human Health Begin in the Soil	Anne Biklé- Biologist, science writer and co-author, <i>What Your Food Ate</i> and <i>The Hidden Half of Nature</i>	We know that what we eat matters to our health, but one aspect remains underappreciated—what the plants and animals that land on our dinner plates eat. It turns out that the roots of human health begin in the soil, with how we grow crops and raise livestock. Weaving history, science, and visits with innovative farmers reveals the links between soil health and human health become clear, and practices to improve soil health come into focus. Whether you are a conventional, organic, or regenerative gardener, everyone can improve their practices to improve their soil health.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
A Case for Trees: A Positive Solution to the Negative Effects of Climate Change	Dan Lambe—Award-winning Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation and co-author, <i>Now is the Time for Trees</i>	Dan Lambe wants to talk trees—how they oxygenate the planet, purify water and air, lower city temperatures, provide habitat, nurture the soul, and provide essential food sources. He will leave you with simple and straightforward tips about how to become a tree lover and, more importantly, a tree planter. He will deliver a simple, powerful, and POSITIVE message: trees are the number one nature-based solution for reversing the negative effects of a changing climate. Each of us can make an impact by planting the world’s most valuable resource.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 1:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Water-Savvy Garden Design	Karen Chapman—Owner, Le Jardinnet, award-winning co-author, <i>Fine Foliage, Gardening with Foliage First</i> and author, <i>Deer-Resistant Design</i>	Rather than pining for the “greener grass” on the other side of the proverbial fence, learn to make the most of what you have while conserving both water and your time. This seminar will discuss how to maximize your garden’s potential by assessing the site conditions, determining key design criteria, then combining suitable plants with similar needs for a professional look that balances beauty and efficiency with good stewardship.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Composting for a Bountiful Garden and Planet	Christy Wilhelmi—Award-winning blogger, <i>Gardenerd</i> and author, <i>Gardening for Geeks</i> and <i>Grow Your Own Mini Fruit Garden</i>	Composting is one of the best ways to build better soil, solve pest problems, and grow more vibrant plants year after year. Learn the difference between hot and cold composting, how to do both, and why composting makes a difference for both people and planet. Find out what you can really put in that bin, how to use the finished product, and how to get over the “ick” factor in the process.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 5:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
Saving Nature One Yard at a Time	David Deardorff, PhD—Award-winning co-author, <i>Saving Nature: One Yard at a Time</i> and <i>What’s Wrong With My Houseplant?</i>	What if we could save nature one neighborhood, one project, one yard at a time? We can, even if our yards are under street trees, in a community garden, or in the rough of a golf course. Discover how native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs are perfectly adapted to our local climate, and how they provide the best habitats for wildlife, including native bee species. All of us can help save nature. It’s easy, fun, and educational for the whole family as well as a huge benefit to Mother Nature.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 6:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow

100% Success with Your New Vegetable Garden	Bill Thorness—Author, <i>Cool Season Gardener</i> and <i>Edible Heirlooms</i> and Master Gardener	New home? Tired old lawn? Bitten by the gardening bug? Want to provide healthy home-grown food for your family? Great! There are tried-and-true ways to start a vegetable garden and have success in the first year and beyond. Author and Master Gardener Bill Thorness provides a guide from the ground up: creating new beds, building soil, acquiring the most essential tools and gear, creating a planting plan, choosing the right crops, joyfully tending your garden, and feeding yourself and others from the bountiful harvest.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 11:00 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
The Regenerative Garden: Small Scale Permaculture for the Home Garden	Stephanie Rose—Award-winning author, <i>The Regenerative Garden</i>, <i>Garden Made</i> and <i>Garden Alchemy</i> and founder of <i>GardenTherapy.ca</i>	A regenerative garden is so much more than sustainable. It's more than resilient. Learn how and why you should transform your garden into a self-sustaining ecosystem that follows the path of nature. Stephanie will share the key components of a regenerative garden, including how to turn your space into a functioning ecosystem and help you become a better, more eco-conscious gardener.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 12:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Gardeners vs the Apocalypse: 10 Ways Your Garden Can Fend Off the End of the World	Greg Butler, BLA, ATA—Designer, educator and owner, <i>Design of the Times</i>	Are you tired of waking up in the morning, checking the news, and feeling overwhelmed? Fight back by learning how your garden can stave off the apocalypse blues. Even a small garden can help slow climate change, enhance wildlife habitat, and improve our physical and mental well-being. Every little action we take matters, and time and effort spent in the garden is the best antidote for a world gone crazy.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 1:30 pm / Hood Room

Category 5

Fresh Picked: Edible Gardening, Urban Farming and Culinary Delights

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What Your Food Ate: The Roots to Human Health Begin in the Soil	Anne Biklé- Biologist, science writer and co-author, <i>What Your Food Ate</i> and <i>The Hidden Half of Nature</i>	We know that what we eat matters to our health, but one aspect remains underappreciated—what the plants and animals that land on our dinner plates eat. It turns out that the roots of human health begin in the soil, with how we grow crops and raise livestock. Weaving history, science, and visits with innovative farmers reveals the links between soil health and human health become clear, and practices to improve soil health come into focus. Whether you are a conventional, organic, or regenerative gardener, everyone can improve their practices to improve their soil health.	Thursday, Feb 16 at 1:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow

<p>Grow Ordinary Food in Extraordinary Ways</p>	<p>Donna Balzer—Horticulturist and author, <i>Gardener's Gratitude Journal</i> and <i>No Nonsense Vegetable Gardening</i></p>	<p>Is your garden in a townhome, condo or small space? Then it is time to start growing ordinary food in extraordinary ways. Using inventive methods to grow outdoor lemons in the Pacific NW, potatoes in bags or strawberries in rain gutters, Donna opens your mind to these novel ideas. Want to eat strawberries for breakfast in spring, or enjoy your own year-round lemons? With food costs rising, considering novel approaches to growing food is a valuable asset to yourself and your family.</p>	<p>Thursday, Feb 16 at 4:00 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Sowing Hope: Grow More Food Across Three Seasons</p>	<p>Meg McAndrews Cowden—Author, <i>Plant Grow Harvest Repeat</i> and founder, The Modern Garden Guild</p>	<p>Accelerating your spring garden sparks a cascading effect across the entire growing season. Learn why and how to maximize spring productivity—and followed by a productive summer and fall garden too. With succession planting the right seeds at the right time, we can all grow more food for longer, the very thing our planet needs.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 10:45 am / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Creative Vegetable Gardening: How to Get More Joy Out of Growing Food</p>	<p>Kelly Smith Trimble—Editor, writer and author, <i>The Creative Vegetable Gardener</i> and <i>Vegetable Gardening Wisdom</i></p>	<p>Between square-foot style and the ubiquitous rectangular wooden raised bed, vegetable gardens are often the last to be considered creative. But creativity fuels the resourceful spirit a vegetable gardener needs to be successful—and to have fun! We'll explore inspiration from other types of gardening, from perennials to permaculture, to find ideas that help us break outside the box and discover more creativity, connection, and joy in the practice of growing food.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 1:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Weird Vegetable Problems: Abiotic Disorders and How to Prevent Them</p>	<p>Susan Mulvihill—Author, <i>The Vegetable Garden Problem Solver Handbook</i> and <i>Vegetable Garden Pest Handbook</i>, and garden columnist for Spokesman Review</p>	<p>Vegetable gardeners are all too familiar with insect pests and plant diseases. But what about the frustrating problems that are either caused by the weather or something we did or did not do? Author Susan Mulvihill discusses blossom-end rot, sunburn, fruit cracking, bolting, leaf roll, and bitterness. Most of these disorders are preventable. Learn the simple steps you can take in your garden to eliminate or greatly reduce the chance they will become a problem.</p>	<p>Friday, Feb 17 at 5:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>What Your Food Ate: The Roots to Human Health Begin in the Soil</p>	<p>Anne Biklé- Biologist, science writer and co-author, <i>What Your Food Ate</i> and <i>The Hidden Half of Nature</i></p>	<p>We know that what we eat matters to our health, but one aspect remains underappreciated—what the plants and animals that land on our dinner plates eat. It turns out that the roots of human health begin in the soil, with how we grow crops and raise livestock. Weaving history, science, and visits with innovative farmers reveals the links between soil health and human health become clear, and practices to improve soil health come into focus. Whether you are a conventional, organic, or regenerative gardener, everyone can improve their practices to improve their soil health.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 11:30 am / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>

<p>GARDEN 101: TAKING YOUR EDIBLE GARDEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL What's for Dinner? Dealing with Unwanted Critters in the Garden</p>	<p>Susan Mulvihill—Author, <i>The Vegetable Garden Problem Solver Handbook</i> and <i>Vegetable Garden Pest Handbook</i>, and garden columnist for <i>Spokesman Review</i></p>	<p>Edible gardening is more popular than ever and continues to evolve. Gardeners are thinking outside the box, experimenting with layering and succession planting, and discovering new strategies to deal with pesky wildlife. Here are three edible gardening authors and experts to help you get the most from your edible gardens. Susan Mulvihill will help you discover methods for determining which critter is causing you problems, how you can take action, and share an array of creative and practical strategies you can implement to make your garden less appealing to them. Kelly Smith Trimble unboxes the edible garden, helping you break out of boxy and boring gardens to discover more creativity, connection, and joy in the practice of growing food. And Meg McAndrews Cowden will inspire you with practical planting schedules and tips to push the envelope of your growing season, bringing diversity within and across your growing seasons to extend your garden's bounty beyond what you thought possible</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 2:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>GARDEN 101: TAKING YOUR EDIBLE GARDEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL Unboxing The Edible Garden: How to Grow Outside the Lines</p>	<p>Kelly Smith Trimble—Editor, writer and author, <i>The Creative Vegetable Gardener</i> and <i>Vegetable Gardening Wisdom</i></p>	<p>Edible gardening is more popular than ever and continues to evolve. Gardeners are thinking outside the box, experimenting with layering and succession planting, and discovering new strategies to deal with pesky wildlife. Here are three edible gardening authors and experts to help you get the most from your edible gardens. Susan Mulvihill will help you discover methods for determining which critter is causing you problems, how you can take action, and share an array of creative and practical strategies you can implement to make your garden less appealing to them. Kelly Smith Trimble unboxes the edible garden, helping you break out of boxy and boring gardens to discover more creativity, connection, and joy in the practice of growing food. And Meg McAndrews Cowden will inspire you with practical planting schedules and tips to push the envelope of your growing season, bringing diversity within and across your growing seasons to extend your garden's bounty beyond what you thought possible</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 3:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>

GARDEN 101: TAKING YOUR EDIBLE GARDEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL Layering Succession in the Food Garden	Meg McAndrews Cowden —Author, <i>Plant Grow Harvest Repeat</i> and founder, The Modern Garden Guild	Edible gardening is more popular than ever and continues to evolve. Gardeners are thinking outside the box, experimenting with layering and succession planting, and discovering new strategies to deal with pesky wildlife. Here are three edible gardening authors and experts to help you get the most from your edible gardens. Susan Mulvihill will help you discover methods for determining which critter is causing you problems, how you can take action, and share an array of creative and practical strategies you can implement to make your garden less appealing to them. Kelly Smith Trimble unboxes the edible garden, helping you break out of boxy and boring gardens to discover more creativity, connection, and joy in the practice of growing food. And Meg McAndrews Cowden will inspire you with practical planting schedules and tips to push the envelope of your growing season, bringing diversity within and across your growing seasons to extend your garden’s bounty beyond what you thought possible	Saturday, Feb 18 at 3:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
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Raised Bed Gardens: Keeping Your Veggies—And Your Family—Healthy	Linda Chalker-Scott , PhD—WSU Horticulture Professor and author, <i>How Plants Work</i> and <i>The Informed Gardener</i>	Raised bed gardening is increasingly popular, especially for gardeners with limited growing space or contaminated soil. This seminar will present the science-based nuts and bolts of raised bed gardening: how to select the proper materials, what to use as planting media, and how to manage soil fertility, weeds, and pests in environmentally friendly ways. Handouts containing the text of the talk will be available to download.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 4:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow
Category 6			
Sharing the Earth: Attracting Beneficial Pollinators and Living with Wildlife			
Title	Speaker	Description	Date
Beauty and the Bees: A Different Way of Looking at Garden Design	Deborah Trickett — Award-winning container designer and owner, <i>The Captured Garden</i>	Time was when we wanted to design gardens that were beautiful. Planting trees, shrubs, and perennials together to create a space that was aesthetically pleasing was the goal. Now we know better. Colony Collapse Disorder and the plight of pollinators have made us aware that we do not garden alone. We need to be designing landscapes and gardens with a mindful eye to the environment around us. Join garden designer and beekeeper Deborah Trickett, owner of The Captured Garden, as she shows you how with a few tweaks we can create spaces that are not only beautiful but beneficial to bees and other pollinators.	Friday, Feb 17 at 6:45 pm / Hood Room

<p>Developing an Orchard Mason Bee Habitat in our Urban Landscape</p>	<p>James Ullrich—Owner, Knox Cellars Mason Bees</p>	<p>This demonstration covers developing a backyard sanctuary for our invaluable native pollinators—Orchard Mason bees. Jim will cover all the Mason bee's needs, including proper housing, housing location, and plants to assist in the success of bringing Mason bees into one's yard. He'll also review the life cycle of the Mason bee, and the maintenance requirements of your colony during the pollination process, and how to harvest, clean the cocoons and store them.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage</p>
<p>Saving Nature One Yard at a Time</p>	<p>David Deardorff, PhD—Award-winning co-author, <i>Saving Nature: One Yard at a Time</i> and <i>What's Wrong With My Houseplant?</i></p>	<p>What if we could save nature one neighborhood, one project, one yard at a time? We can, even if our yards are under street trees, in a community garden, or in the rough of a golf course. Discover how native wildflowers, trees, and shrubs are perfectly adapted to our local climate, and how they provide the best habitats for wildlife, including native bee species. All of us can help save nature. It's easy, fun, and educational for the whole family as well as a huge benefit to Mother Nature.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 6:00 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife</p>	<p>David Mizejewski—Naturalist at National Wildlife Federation and author, <i>Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife</i></p>	<p>One of the joys of gardening is creating a beautiful, natural space that you and the local birds, butterflies and other backyard wildlife can enjoy. National Wildlife Federation naturalist and TV host David Mizejewski will show you how to create a thriving wildlife habitat garden that provides the four components of habitat using native plants and sustainable gardening practices. He'll also tell you how to get your garden recognized as an official "Certified Wildlife Habitat."</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 18 at 6:30 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>GARDEN 101: BIRDS AND BEES AND BATS, OH MY! The Joy of Attracting Birds to your Garden</p>	<p>Daphne Legg—Bird enthusiast and award-winning store manager, Wild Birds Unlimited</p>	<p>As we clearcut our forests into fields of cement and high-rises, we are destroying habitat for wildlife. But we all share the planet with wildlife, so we must do more to make up for the habitat destruction. Here are three experts to show you how you can best attract, cohabitate, and enjoy a myriad of wildlife in your garden. Daphne Legg will help you discover the best ways to attract songbirds to your garden, using plants, food, water, nesting boxes and more. Thyra McKelvie shows you why the gentle solitary bees are critical pollinators for food and ecosystems and are fast becoming the new bee to host in your yard. And don't miss NWF Naturalist David Mizejewski as he shares a myth-busting talk about bees, wasps, snakes, bats and other so-called "scary" garden wildlife, explaining their natural behaviors, why they're important, and how to avoid any problems with them.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 2:00 pm / Rainier Room</p>

GARDEN 101: BIRDS AND BEES AND BATS, OH MY! Learn How to Successfully Host Mason Bees	Thyra McKelvie–Pollinator Program manager at Rent Mason Bees	<p>As we clearcut our forests into fields of cement and high-rises, we are destroying habitat for wildlife. But we all share the planet with wildlife, so we must do more to make up for the habitat destruction. Here are three experts to show you how you can best attract, cohabitate, and enjoy a myriad of wildlife in your garden. Daphne Legg will help you discover the best ways to attract songbirds to your garden, using plants, food, water, nesting boxes and more. Thyra McKelvie shows you why the gentle solitary bees are critical pollinators for food and ecosystems and are fast becoming the new bee to host in your yard. And don't miss NWF Naturalist David Mizejewski as he shares a myth-busting talk about bees, wasps, snakes, bats and other so-called "scary" garden wildlife, explaining their natural behaviors, why they're important, and how to avoid any problems with them.</p>	Sunday, Feb 19 at 2:30 pm / Rainier Room
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Category 7 See It, Learn It, Do It: Practical Insights to Grow Your Own Gardening Skills			
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Orchids 101: Everything You Need to Know to Grow Gorgeous Orchids Like a Pro	Joe Grienauer–Orchid expert and owner, Emerald City Orchids	<p>Joe will help you get orchids that you treasure with this great hands-on demonstration. He'll cover basic orchid background, cultural requirements, (light/temp/water/etc.), fertilization, and pest/disease control and reblooming. He'll review greenhouse vs. window vs. artificial light growing techniques, how to initiate flowers on a healthy plant, which orchids are best for newbies, demo orchid repotting and mounting an orchid to a piece of wood. Even brown thumbs can grow orchids if you learn the basic techniques!</p>	Wednesday, Feb 15 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage

Rooting Out Problems Before You Plant	Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD—WSU Horticulture Professor and author, <i>How Plants Work</i> and <i>The Informed Gardener</i>	<p>This seminar will demonstrate the best ways to prepare trees and shrubs for transplanting. Root washing and corrective pruning is different from conventional methods, yet ongoing research demonstrates that this new procedure leads to substantial increases in woody plant establishment and survival. Investing the time to prepare and install trees and shrubs properly will pay future dividends of reduced maintenance and increased plant health for the lifetime of your landscape. Handouts containing the text of the talk will be available to download.</p>	Thursday, Feb 16 at 1:30 pm / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow
Growing and Propagating a Bevy of Begonias	Ann Amato—Horticulturist and seed propagator at Cistus Nursery and blogger, <i>amateurbotannist.com</i>	<p>Begonias are one of the most beautiful plants in our homes and gardens. From the huge blooms that last all summer in the tuberous group, to the luscious leaves of the indoor and conservatory types. Fibrous-rooted, tuberous, hardy, rhizomatous, and rex begonias, where should a beginner begin? From the easiest begonias to the fussiest, care, propagation, and cultivation tips will be shared for both beginners and advanced growers.</p>	Friday, Feb 17 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage
A Simple Approach and Best Tools for Pruning Most Shrubs and Small Garden Trees	Christina Pfeiffer—Horticulture consultant and educator, ISA certified arborist and co-author, <i>Pacific Northwest Gardening Month-by-Month</i>	<p>Pruning shrubs and small trees is very much a science as well as an art. If you've had the frustration of not getting the results you expected after pruning, this invaluable seminar will help you figure out the right tools, the right cuts, and the best timing to get the most out of your garden shrubs with the least amount of effort. Properly pruned trees enhance their beauty and add value to your landscaping. Your shrubs and trees will thank you!</p>	Friday, Feb 17 at 1:30 pm / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow
Developing an Orchard Mason Bee Habitat in our Urban Landscape	James Ullrich—Owner, Knox Cellars Mason Bees	<p>This demonstration covers developing a backyard sanctuary for our invaluable native pollinators—Orchard Mason bees. Jim will cover all the Mason bee's needs, including proper housing, housing location, and plants to assist in the success of bringing Mason bees into one's yard. He'll also review the life cycle of the Mason bee, and the maintenance requirements of your colony during the pollination process, and how to harvest, clean the cocoons and store them.</p>	Saturday, Feb 18 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage
Get Free Plants When You Propagate like the Pros!	Charlie Nardozi—Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, <i>Gardening Complete</i> and <i>No-Dig Gardening</i>	<p>Many gardeners would love more of their favorite plants, but shy away from the expense. You can save money and still have those plants by propagating them yourself. In this hands-on demonstration, Charlie Nardozi will show the best ways to propagate popular trees, shrubs, houseplants and flowers. Learn plant division, taking and rooting leaf, stem and hardwood cuttings and air layering, along with rooting hormone powders, the best soils, and the watering and light conditions to be successful. It's fun and easy to get more of your favorite plants when you learn to propagate! <i>Sponsored by Gardeners Supply Company & Velcro USA.</i></p>	Saturday, Feb 18 at 1:30 pm / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow

Composting for a Bountiful Garden and Planet	Christy Wilhelmi—Award-winning blogger, <i>Gardenerd</i> and author, <i>Gardening for Geeks</i> and <i>Grow Your Own Mini Fruit Garden</i>	Composting is one of the best ways to build better soil, solve pest problems, and grow more vibrant plants year after year. Learn the difference between hot and cold composting, how to do both, and why composting makes a difference for both people and planet. Find out what you can really put in that bin, how to use the finished product, and how to get over the “ick” factor in the process.	Saturday, Feb 18 at 5:15 pm / Hood Room / Book signing to follow
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Growing Anemones, Ranunculus, Peonies and Dahlias	Anne Long—Owner, The Dahlia House, Skagit Valley	Dahlia House owner Anne Long will share everything you need to know to grow these popular spring and summer cut flowers. The following information will be covered for each variety listed: best time to plant for growing zone 7 – 8; ideal growing conditions (temperature, sun exposure, wind consideration, when to water); soil preparation and amendments; season extension; effective staking and corralling techniques (for peonies and dahlias); harvesting and vase life extension; identifying and controlling pests. This year will be your best ever for growing these fabulous florals!	Sunday, Feb 19 at 10:00 AM / DIY Stage
The Three Basic Pruning Cuts (and How to Use Them)	Allen Taylor—Award-winning founder and lead arborist, Conservation Tree Care	Pruning is both an art and a science. A well-pruned tree or shrub both enhances its beauty and its value to a landscape. An entire world of tree pruning all comes down to the three basic cuts: Removal cuts, reduction cuts, and heading cuts. People spend their whole careers just learning where and when to use these three basic cuts. We will delve into what these cuts look like, where to use them, and where to not use them.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 10:30 am / Hood Room
Training Young Trees for Future Health and Beauty	Christina Pfeiffer—Horticulture consultant and educator, ISA certified arborist and co-author, <i>Pacific Northwest Gardening Month-by-Month</i>	The most important pruning for training young trees can be quickly done with hand tools, yet it is often overlooked until much later, when the pruning options and efforts are much more difficult. Learn how to nip those potential problems in the bud with five basic steps for inspecting the structure of a young tree and how to prune early for future structure and long-term beauty.	Sunday, Feb 19 at 11:45 am / DIY Stage / Book signing to follow

<p>The Regenerative Garden: Small Scale Permaculture for the Home Garden</p>	<p>Stephanie Rose—Award-winning author, <i>The Regenerative Garden</i>, <i>Garden Made</i> and <i>Garden Alchemy</i> and founder of <i>GardenTherapy.ca</i></p>	<p>A regenerative garden is so much more than sustainable. It's more than resilient. Learn how and why you should transform your garden into a self-sustaining ecosystem that follows the path of nature. Stephanie will share the key components of a regenerative garden, including how to turn your space into a functioning ecosystem and help you become a better, more eco-conscious gardener.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 12:30 pm / Rainier Room / Book signing to follow</p>
<p>Be the Boss of Your Bareroots and Bulbs: Learn Planting Tips and Techniques</p>	<p>Sean and Allison McManus—Co-owners of Spoken Garden, co-authors of <i>The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers</i>, and YouTube channel hosts</p>	<p>Don't let bareroot plants or bulbs intimidate you this spring. Learn from Sean and Allison how to confidently handle and plant bareroot perennials like Itoh peonies, coneflowers, and more. You'll also learn bulb planting techniques and ideas to level up your bulb game with "Lasagna" layered bulb containers for both spring and summer flowering bulbs. Take away planting skills, like bulb planting depth, handling, and tools, to help your plants thrive this spring and summer.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb 19 at 3:15 pm / DIY Stage / Book Signing to follow</p>