



2018 Whidbey Gardening Workshop Registration

Section 2

Lunch Selection Menu (Optional) Check one box.
Cut off date for ordering February 22nd. Price \$12

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest Salad Platter w/Southwest Flank Steak & Southwest Quinoa GLUTEN FREE*
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<p>Note: OHHS Wildcat Catering is NOT a gluten free facility. While they try to insure GF items are gluten free, they are produced in a commercial kitchen where gluten is present.</p>	

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LUNCH (Optional) \$12.00 _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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950 Northwest 2nd Ave., Oak Harbor WA 98277
From the South: Take SR 525 to SR20 north toward Oak Harbor; turn left onto Swantown Rd. Turn right on Heller St. Turn right on 2nd Avenue.
From the North: Take SR20 south. Turn right on Whidbey Ave. Turn right on NW 1st Ave. Turn left on NW 2nd Ave.



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Whidbey Gardening Workshop

Choose from Over 50 Classes!

Whether starting out or looking for new ideas, you'll find classes in garden design, maintenance, specialized gardens and growing fruits and vegetables, and learn more about gardening in our Pacific Northwest region.



Keynote Speaker Dan Hinkley

Internationally recognized plantsman, author, plant collector and lecturer. "From There to Here: Perennials, Shrubs, Vines and Trees for the Maritime West"

Saturday March 3, 2018
Oak Harbor High School
Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island, WA

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About the Whidbey Gardening Workshop

The 30th Annual Whidbey Gardening Workshop provides gardening advice and education in gardening practices to gardeners from beginner to advanced in Island County and the greater Puget Sound region.

The Workshop is produced and presented by the Island County Master Gardener Foundation which supports the Master Gardener Program to provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship based on research at Washington State University and other university systems. The Master Gardener Program is a program of WSU Extension.

Registration Information

Registration **opens on January 14, 2018** and **closes on February 25**. Register early to get your first choice classes. Tickets are \$45 in advance and include 3 classes and Keynote. Also available is a Lunch for advance purchase, as well as special rates at three Oak Harbor hotels. Tickets at the door are \$50.

You are officially registered when your Registration form and fee are received. You will receive a confirmed registration email/phone call. Registration forms are also accepted in person at the WSU Extension office in Coupeville. Refund requests must be received by February 25. For more Information:

whidbeygardeningworkshop.org

or call (360) 240-5527



Whidbey Gardening Workshop Schedule

8:00-9:00am Registration Packets
Browse the Vendor Marketplace and Educational Displays

9:00-10:15am Welcome and **Keynote** - Dan Hinkley

10:15-10:45 Break and Browse
Get a Cup of Coffee
Visit the Vendor Marketplace
Get your Raffle Tickets
Speaker book signing

10:45-12:00pm **Session A** Classes

12:00-1:00 Lunch
Pre-ordered lunches in the Cafeteria. Brown bag lunches permitted. Water available. Please bring re-usable water bottle.

1:00-2:15pm **Session B** Classes

2:15-2:30pm Shop the Vendor Marketplace

2:30-3:45pm **Session C** Classes

3:45-4:30pm Raffle Winners Posted
Shop the Vendor Marketplace



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Section 1

If registering for two people, each registration form must be completed separately. You may include payment for both in your check.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs: _____

Workshop Choices. For each of the three class sessions, list your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices in the boxes below, using the Class Code (e.g. A1,C10) found next to the Class title.

CHOICE	SESSION A	SESSION B	SESSION C
First			
Second			
Third			

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE, THEN DETACH, ENCLOSE PAYMENT AND MAIL

Whidbey Gardening Workshop 2018 Classes and Instructors - Choose one class from each of three Sessions **A-B-C**

A1 25 Tips to Make You a Better Gardener *NEW* You may be new to gardening in the Pacific Northwest or an experienced, long-time resident, but there might be tips and skills that can increase your success. Our gardens are always evolving and changing, as well as our interests, needs and abilities. Here are some ideas that will help you be a better, smarter gardener. **Diana Wisen** has lived in the Puget Sound area all of her life, became a WSU Master Gardener in 1991 and has been a MG trainer, Speakers Bureau chairman and educational outreach instructor much of that time.

A2 Pet Friendly Gardening *NEW* Does your dog do the diggy do? Does your cat squash your petunias? Are you wondering whether what they are nibbling will cost you a vet bill? This class provides ideas for making your garden a place where you can enjoy your pet's company rather than worry about what they are destroying of your hard work. We'll also explore what plants are most likely to pose a health risk to your furry family members.

Kate Rowan's family moved to Whidbey in 2009 with their energetic and beloved Brittany Spaniel, Suzie, who has adapted to Kate's gardening penchant by becoming an expert vole and field mouse digger. Alas, this has not been healthy for young roots in Kate's garden. So she has been collecting advice from numerous sources, and will share what she has learned.

A3 Island County Groundwater, Is There Enough Water for Your Garden You will learn about the genesis and function of our aquifers and aquitards. You will also learn about the risks to our water resources, such as contamination and over use, and how government agencies work to protect our water resources. The class will provide details regarding local groundwater availability and issues. **Doug Kelly** moved to Island County in 1996 as the county's first hydrogeologist and is licensed in Washington as a Geologist and Hydrogeologist.

A4 The Fragrant Garden *NEW* Gardens should appeal to all senses. A garden with seductive fragrance would be a place of love and romance. Nurseryman, plant collector, and landscape designer Everett Chu will offer a show-and-tell session on the use of many plants for all-season enjoyment. **Everett Chu** is a certified professional horticulturist and ecoPRO sustainable landscape professional. He is the owner and landscape designer/builder of Azusa Farm and Gardens in Mount Vernon, a WSU Skagit County Master Gardener and NW Flower and Garden Show garden creator.

A5 Permaculture Techniques for the Backyard Garden *NEW* The goal of permaculture is to minimize inputs and maximize relationships between plants, animals, environment and people. Learn the basics of "system thinking" to create efficient and abundant gardens that integrate human needs with the natural ecosystem. **Carey Thornton** teaches classes and workshops as part of Tilth Alliance's Community Education team on topics including organic gardening, composting, food preservation and permaculture.

A6 Keeping Up in the Garden I: Small Trees and Shrubs A two-part class for enthusiastic gardeners who want to simplify their garden work so they can spend more time outside relaxing. The focus is on choosing and planting great plants with multi-season interest that don't require a lot of maintenance.. Many of these plants have the additional bonus of requiring less water for their upkeep. Trees and shrubs create the backbone of the garden and if chosen correctly they are easy to maintain. **June Davis**, CPH, is a garden consultant with 25 years in the nursery industry. As Sales Manager for Skagit Gardens, she worked with breeders to introduce new plants to the market.

A7 The Finer Points of Garden Design *NEW* Using proven design strategies, we will explore and discuss subtle ways to bring new and interesting dimensions to the garden and to make the most of your landscape whatever its size. **Frank Simpson** is Executive Director and Garden Manager at Meerkerk Gardens. He holds a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture with over 40 years of experience as a landscape professional and instructor.

A8 Bring Design Into Your Garden *NEW* Large or small, complex or simple, gardens are still guided by a balanced design. Learn about good structural plants to create the bones for a garden which features low maintenance or fussier plants depending on your desire. **Mary R. Fisher** is a nursery owner and garden designer for the past 32 years. She has Horticulture schooling with Dan Hinkley and a BFA degree from California Collage of Arts and Crafts.

A9 Late Winter Jewels - Hardy Plants That Shine in Winter *NEW* Hardy flowering and foliage plants that brighten the garden in winter. John Christianson will bring in plants to showcase the winter garden possibilities. **John Christianson** has owned Christianson's Nursery, near La Conner, for 28 years, known for its extraordinary selection of plants. NW Flower & Garden Show winner "Peoples Choice Award".

A10 Ornamental Grasses for Year Round Interest *NEW* This class will provide an overview of the types of grasses, where you might want to use them and why. **Vanca Lumsden** has been a gardener for most of her life, was owner and operator of a wholesale aquatic nursery, and partner in a retail nursery specializing in the unusual in OR. She and partner have been awarded the Founders Cup twice for their display gardens at the NW Flower&Garden Show.

A11 Pots with Pizazz - How to Plant Containers for Year-round Interest *NEW* This class will provide tips and tricks for creating high-interest container designs that dazzle all year round. **Tobey Nelson** has a BS in Landscape Horticulture and over 20 years designing, installing and maintaining gardens. Tobey Nelson Events and Design services include garden design, coaching and floral design for special occasions and weddings.

A12 Why and How to Grow & Propagate Peonies This class will introduce a wide array of peony forms, varieties and characteristics not familiar to many home gardeners, and show how to propagate peonies to increase enjoyment of these much admired plants. **Bill Cromley** is a grower of peonies for over 25 years and a Master Gardener.

A13 Pest Management (Vertebrates) - Recognizing, Understanding and Living with Them in Your Garden *NEW* Learn about some of the vertebrate animals that live in and around our gardens and suggestions for dealing with wildlife conflicts. **Dave Pehling** is a WSU Extension assistant, zoologist and diagnostician at WSU Snohomish County office.

A14 Sustainable Principles in the Garden & Orchard In this class Gary Ingram will demonstrate how he manages his large organic orchard and vegetable garden using his farm animals and how they all tie together. **Gary Ingram** is a past Master Gardener in Kitsap County and a certified arborist who has practiced organic principles for his 17 years in professional landscaping.

A15 Introduction to Plant Propagation In this class basic vegetative plant propagation will be demonstrated, including building of a small plant propagation chamber for the home. A review of the basic rules of starting seed at home for Spring plantings will be covered. **Deb Mitchell** has been a Master Gardener since 2007 and has a BS in Horticulture from the Midwest, meaning very little of it was applicable to the Pacific NW. Since the pursuit of plant knowledge is a basic skill set of a Master Gardener, she has gleefully pursued knowledge and experience in this more than friendly environment.

A16 Eating from Your Garden Year Round With our temperate maritime climate and a little work and inventiveness, it is possible to get vegetables year round. Learn when to start cold weather crops, how to protect them from frost, and which varieties are best suited for cold season growing, **Linda Bartlett** is the co-owner of Rosehip Farm and Garden on Whidbey Island, a small diversified organic farm that produces and sells food 11 to 12 months of the year. She and her team of young farmers produce high quality vegetables for their CSA, Famers Markets, on-site farm stand and sale to local restaurants.

A17 Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening: Soils and Season Extension *NEW* Learn to maximize the production of your small garden, bed by bed. Creating more fertile soil can make all the difference. Your favorite vegetables will flourish, if cultural requirements are met first and foremost. **Anza Muenchow** has a passion for growing food and engaging children and adults in knowing how good food is produced. She is SNAP-ED Coordinator for WSU Extension Island County, where she develops classes and programs to teach and explore all things horticultural. She also has a small farm on south Whidbey and sells at local markets and her farm stand.

A18 Tricks of the Trade: Gardening Made Easy If you aren't getting the results you've expected or if you think you are working too hard, you need this class. **Dave Thomas** has over 60 years of gardening experience and has been "field boss" of The Lord's Garden for over 21 years and is an Island County Master Gardener.

Whidbey Gardening Workshop 2018 - Classes and Instructors -Choose one class from each of three Sessions A-B-C

B1 Pruning Basics NEW In this class you will learn how to improve your pruning results through matching plant growth characteristics and pruning objectives with the right tools, pruning cuts and timing. **Christina Pfeiffer** is a horticulture consultant and educator with over 35 years experience in landscape horticulture. She is an ISA Certified Arborist and co-author of Pacific Northwest Month-by-Month Gardening.

B2 Introduction to Drip Irrigation, How to Do It, What You Need, What You Don't Need NEW A brief introduction to the principles and practices of Low Volume, Low Pressure irrigation (DRIP). Basic principles of design for general landscape, garden and raised bed watering will be covered, and the benefits and drawbacks of different emitter types. **Jeff Thompson** is a Master Gardener and owner of an irrigation company specializing in the design of drip irrigation and teaches Low Volume Irrigation at Edmonds Community College and Snohomish County Extension.

B3 Establishing a 4 Season Cutting Garden on Whidbey Island It can be difficult to know which plant varieties will do best in the many micro-climates and soil conditions that exist on your property. This class will help you plan a garden for gorgeous cut flowers and foliage throughout the year.

Melissa Brown and Benjamin Courteau operate Flying Bear Farm in Langley where they grow a diversity of flowers and shrubs to supply their full service floral studio.

B4 The Sinister Garden ... Deadly Charms In Your Landscape NEW There's a dark side of nature, despite all the abundance of food, flowers, fruit and other useful substances that plants provide. Some of the most poisonous plants are growing in our home landscapes perhaps, unbeknownst to you. Learn practical tips to protect your family. **Diana Wisen** has lived in the Puget Sound area all of her life, and became a WSU Master Gardener in 1991 and has been a MG trainer, Speakers Bureau chairman and educational outreach instructor much of that time.

B5 Secrets of Companion Planting NEW Did you know that some plants grow better together? Improve the health and productivity of your garden by choosing plants that work together as companions, rather than compete for resources. **Carey Thornton** teaches classes and workshops as part of Tilth Alliance's Community Education team on topics including organic gardening, composting, food preservation and permaculture.

B6 Keeping Up in the Garden II: Perennials, Grasses, Ground Covers and Annuals This is a two-part class for enthusiastic gardeners who want to simplify their garden work. In part one we looked at the backbone plants, trees and shrubs, now we turn our focus on the embellishments that provide texture, color and seasonal interest. **June Davis, CPH**, is a garden consultant with 25 years in the nursery industry. As Sales Manager for Skagit Gardens, she worked with breeders to introduce new plants to the market.

B7 Renovating the Overgrown or Uninteresting Yard In this class the process for changing your yard and how to do it will be discussed. **Pat Roome** has been a landscape designer in the Seattle area for many years and now consults and designs home landscapes. She is a founding member of the Bellevue Botanical Society and was involved in the creation of the Master Gardener Bellevue Demonstration Garden.

B8 Sustainable Design: Using Beauty To Protect Water Resources NEW Learn how rain gardens function to sustainably treat polluted storm water and recharge groundwater while providing an aesthetically pleasing landscape feature. Design elements and resources will be discussed. **Matt Zupich** is a Natural Resource Planner with the Whidbey Island Conservation District. His primary focus is assisting landowners to plan and implement practices that protect and enhance water resources.

B9 Care of Rhododendron NEW This class will cover the care and history of Rhododendrons, from propagation to pruning and everything in between. **Susie Reynolds** is the Nursery Manager for Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens and has been there for 21 years. Meerkerk provides classes on rhododendron care and propagation and sells plants to meet your gardening conditions.

B10 Gardening From the Ground Up NEW So you are beginning the great adventure of creating a new garden - or soon will be. This class will give you a way to start, some things you will need to know, some things you will need to learn about yourself and your site. The instructor has created several gardens and made some mistakes that maybe you won't have to. **Vanca Lumsden** has been a gardener for most of her life, was owner and operator of a wholesale aquatic nursery, and partner in a retail nursery specializing in the unusual, and has been awarded the Founders Cup twice for their display gardens at the NW Flower & Garden Show.

B11 Great Northwest Roses NEW Are your roses diseased and looking like something out of Morticia Adams garden? Explore some great disease resistant varieties perfect for Pacific Northwest gardens. **Eric Studebaker** is the rose buyer and Nursery Manager at Venture Out Nursery. He is a lazy gardener who refuses to spray his roses.

B12 Building a Garden for Pollinators NEW Faced with a new garden full of sun and no plants but a scruffy lawn, I decided to make it as sustainable and pollinator friendly as possible. So began the transformation from lawns and dirt to bugs and blooms, while also building in features to protect Puget Sound. It wasn't long before I abandoned pollinator lists and instead began visiting nurseries to let the pollinators select the plants they liked. Two years to maturity and endless visitors of beneficials, pollinators and the drama as they fight over the plants while I drink my morning coffee. **Sharon Collman** was one of the founding members of the WSU Master Gardener Program in 1973. She has taught classes on integrated pest management, plant problem diagnosis, insect ID and insect appreciation, and beneficial insects in the landscape throughout the PNW, in Canada and England. She has authored over 75 publications and received numerous awards for her educational programs.

B13 Composting Using Worms NEW Come learn how fun and easy it is to compost using worms. One of the best parts of composting with worms is that anyone can do it, you don't need a lot of space. Learn how to turn kitchen scraps and other organic materials into a nutritious soil amendment for your gardens. You will also learn pros and cons of different bin styles, worm care, troubleshooting techniques and uses for the finished product. Join us for a wormy good time! **Cori Carlton** has a B.S. degree in Biology and Recreation/Park Administration from Central Michigan University. Since 2009 she has been the Master Recycler Composter and WSU Master Gardener Program Manager in Thurston County.

B14 Zero to 100! Deliberate Garden Design-Towards Wellness Through the Years NEW You or loved ones are getting older? Someone you care about is blind? Has dementia? In a wheelchair? Garden design tips with a goal towards optimal health for all ages - zero to 100 - will help you re-define gardening. **Karen Benson**, M.S. Biology, WSU Extension Master Gardener, and lifelong plant lover is a Nurse Practitioner who designs garden spaces and uses plants in her practice to promote wellness.

B15 My Plant Needs Help! Diagnosis and Treatment of Common NW Problems Learn how to diagnose common plant pests and diseases encountered in regional ornamental gardens, and treatment options that are effective and sensitive to our environment. **Marcia Nelson** is an avid, lifelong ornamental and vegetable plant gardener who was 2013 Master Gardener of the Year for Washington State.

B16 Introduction to Basic Fruit Trees NEW Growing fruit trees is like playing chess, you have to think several moves ahead. This class will go over the basics, logic for choosing, growing and pruning your fruit trees. **Deb Mitchell** has been a Master Gardener since 2007. She has a BS in Horticulture from the Midwest, meaning very little of it was applicable to the Pacific NW. Since the pursuit of plant knowledge is a basic skill set of a Master Gardener, she has gleefully pursued knowledge and experience in this more than friendly environment.

B17 Build an Easily Managed Vegetable Garden Learn how to clear land and build a raised bed, fill it with soil and mulch, lay drip irrigation and sow and plant crops. **Pam Mitchell** has used her growing system for 18 years to create healthy soil and increase crop yields using raised beds that can be resized to a small family's needs. She has used these techniques, resulting in less space usage and bigger and longer harvests from her cherry, salad and plum tomatoes.

B18 Great Gardens Without Acreage: Growing Vegetables in Great Small Spaces NEW Want to grow vegetables but don't think you have the space? In this session, you will learn ways to grow abundant crops in very small spaces, including raised beds, containers, and even gutters and wheelbarrows. **Harriet Howell Custer** and **Valerie Rose**, between them, have over 100 years of gardening experience, most of it in small spaces. They are Skagit County Master Gardeners.

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C1 Advanced Pruning Techniques *NEW* In this class you will learn how to correct past pruning mistakes, renovation pruning, structural pruning for young trees and large shrubs, and pruning tips for flowering shrubs and vines. **Christina Pfeiffer** is a horticulture consultant and educator with over 35 years experience in landscape horticulture. She is an ISA Certified Arborist and co-author of Pacific Northwest Month-by-Month Gardening.

C2 Gardening on Whidbey is Different New to Whidbey and challenged by our weather, soil, and wildlife? This class presents methods for responding to these challenges, and a discussion of alternatives recommended by local gardeners with a focus on vegetables. **Annie Thomson** is a horticulture teacher who moved to Whidbey 21 years ago to find she couldn't grow anything. Now after trial and lots of errors, her garden is usually productive, Bambi permitting.

C3 Identifying and Using Native Plants in the Landscape Native plants offer great environmental diversity to your garden landscape. Learn why they are so valuable, how to identify the common ones and how to use them to improve your landscape. **Don Lee** has been a Master Gardener for 28 years, has been involved with Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens for over 20 years, currently serving as President of the Board, and is Co-Chair of the Island County Water Resources Advisory Committee.

C4 Supporting Pollinators in Your Backyard *NEW* Increase the yield of your fruit trees and berry bushes by renting mason bees, one of the first native pollinators to emerge in the spring. Learn about the important role of wild bees in urban ecosystems and how easy it is to host non-stinging solitary bees in your backyard. **Olivia Shangrow** is the lead biologist for Rent Mason Bees. Her research focuses on optimizing resources for wild bees and raising awareness about the necessity for conservation of native insects.

C5 Outsmart Pests: Organic Pest Management *NEW* Improve your garden by managing pests and problems -- without any pesticides. Come learn how to avoid chemicals by using organic practices to manage pest bugs, weeds and diseases. **Carey Thornton** teaches classes and workshops as part of Tilth Alliance's Community Education team on topics including organic gardening, composting, food preservation and permaculture.

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C7 Japanese Garden Design *NEW* Designing a Japanese garden is about expressing our relationship with nature, except with much-magnified intensity. The garden's spiritual, aesthetic, and intellectual contents will be examined; and suitable materials and techniques will be showcased. **Everett Chu** is a certified professional horticulturist and ecoPRO sustainable landscape professional. He is the owner and landscape designer/builder of Azusa Farm and Gardens in Mount Vernon, a WSU Skagit County Master Gardener and NW Flower & Garden Show garden creator.

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C9 Floral Jewelry *NEW* What is floral jewelry?! Learn about this new botanically focused trend, how pieces are made, and the required care. The instructor will have lots of samples on hand, and will demonstrate how she makes them. **Tobey Nelson** has a BS in Landscape Horticulture and over 20 years designing, installing and maintaining gardens. Tobey Nelson Events and Design offers garden design and coaching, floral design for special occasions and weddings and wedding planning.

C10 Beautiful Plant Choices for Dry Summer Landscapes *NEW* Global climate patterns are undergoing change. How can we adapt our plant choices? This class will review some of the many plant choices that have adapted to dry summers. **Frank Simpson** holds degrees in Ornamental Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, and a Masters in Landscape Architecture. He taught Landscape Architecture at California State Polytechnic University and University of CA Los Angeles, where water conservation is central to the curriculum. Frank is now Executive Director and Garden Manager of Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens where his work continues to be centered on design, management and promotion of regionally sustainable landscapes.

C11 Fuchsias and Pelargoniums *NEW* In this class we will talk about the different types of fuchsias and pelargoniums (commonly known as geraniums) and discuss tips for caring for, propagating, wintering plants over to enjoy them for years. **Kevin Jones** has over 30 year's experience, owning his own business, Jordan Nursery in Stanwood, and has a vast knowledge in horticulture, specializing in fuchsias and pelargoniums.

C12 Gardening Myths *NEW* Ever wonder whether that gardening advice you find on the internet or passed down from your ancestors is accurate or not? Have fun and learn the answer in this workshop that doubles as a game! Test your gardening knowledge and find what gardening advice is good, bad or yet to be determined. **Cori Carlton** has a B.S. degree in Biology and Recreation/Park Administration and since 2009 she has been the Master Recycler Composter and WSU Master Gardener Program Manager in Thurston County.

C13 Whidbey Island Soils: How to Maintain and Improve This Precious Resource In this class we will explore the types of soils on Whidbey Island and discuss some techniques to improve soil productivity by employing the soil food web. **Gary Ketcheson** is a retired US Forest Service Hydrologist with 32 years experience managing soil and water resources. He moved to Island County in 2011 and has been a WSU Master Gardener for 5 years.

C14 Water Wise Strategies for Dry Times We will discuss how to manage our soils and water to better deal with our dry summers. Topics include estimating soil water holding capacity, improving soil quality and resistance to drought, and managing storm water to maximize infiltration and retention. **Rob Hallbauer** has been working in the natural resources field on Whidbey Island since 1993. His professional experience includes work with Island County Environmental Health and the Whidbey Island Conservation District, as well as experience in the private sector, designing storm water and septic systems. He is owner of Deciduous Design Services, LLC, where he works with landowners in managing their land and water.

C15 Quality Fruit Every Year *NEW* We will address what it takes to produce consistently high-quality fruit in your yard or on your farm using earth-friendly practices. Bring your questions! **Dan Vorhis** has a B.S. in Agriculture (major in Fruit Horticulture) from Ohio State University, and has worked in this field for over 40 years. He currently grows a variety of fruit with his wife on their small farm in Freeland, WA.

C16 Growing and Pruning Tomato Plants for a Better Harvest *NEW* How to start tomato plants from seed, grow them under lights, plant them out in the garden, and prune them to two vines on a trellis. **Pam Mitchell** has used her growing system for 18 years to create healthy soil and increase crop yields using raised beds that can be resized to a small family's needs. She has also used these techniques, resulting in less space usage and larger harvests from her tomatoes.

C17 The Food Lover's Garden If you ever wondered, "Why grow it if you can't eat it?", then this class is for you. You know the rewards of growing your own food, but you may want to consider: how much, what varieties, how to take advantage of the small space you have for growing, what crops grow best in our climate, and how you can eat year round from your garden. These are the horticultural questions we will address, and will add lots of food prep ideas and recipes.

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