

master gardener connection

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Cool Plants, Hot Topics: Be a Pollinator Protector



By Joan Baldwin, Extension Master Gardener and Foundation Board President

Join the WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners at Bellevue Botanical Garden on Sunday, September 14 to learn more about the important role native plants and pollinators can play in your garden. These are some of today's most critical issues in mindful gardening. The

event will feature three talks and many local plant vendors.

We'll also feature a formal ribbon cutting of the new Habitats at Home Demonstration Garden, hosted by a panel of Extension Master Gardeners who were responsible for the garden's development. It's an event you won't want to miss!

Bellevue Demonstration Garden Harvest Festival Returns

By Extension Master Gardener Erica Halford

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the end of growing season at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden Harvest Festival! The event will include a WSU Extension Master Gardener plant clinic, a plant sale, floral bouquets, a photo op display for selfies and family photos, children's activities, and a garden flea market.



While you're there, learn how to make leaf castings, concrete garden edging, lavender products, and how to preserve food. You'll also be able to join a demonstration on sharpening dull pruner blades and enjoy the magical dancing water bowl!

Admission is free to the public and free parking is available in the lot and on the street. **The event will take place Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 155500 SE 16th St. in Bellevue.** We hope to see you there!

Washington Bee Atlas nets 25+ new or rare bee species



By WSDA Staff

After only its first full program year searching for and documenting Washington's native bees and their host plants,

volunteers with the Washington Bee Atlas have discovered many bees never before recorded in the state.

The purpose of the Atlas is to find and document Washington's native bees to better understand what bees are in Washington, which are doing well, and which bees may need conservation support. Anyone over 18 years old is welcome to become a Washington Bee Atlas volunteer.

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PNW Garden Savvy Series 3 is Here!

By Extension Master Gardener Janile Martin

Are you looking for a little garden inspiration? Tired of watering and pulling weeds? I am already making plans for 2026 garden changes as I walk around my yard. Luckily fall is a great time to begin plans for needed yard or garden remodeling and PNW Garden Savvy will be there to help you out!



We kick off Series 3 on September 6 with designer, speaker, and writer Sue Goetz discussing lawn alternatives. Sue will provide you with a practical approach for transforming or downsizing your lawn, creating a sustainable, great looking, no-mow space.

Want to build on what you have? Join Fraser Valley Rose Farm owner Jason Crouch on September 13 for a class on propagation from cuttings, focused on roses and perennials.

Check out the entire schedule of classes, all of which are eligible for continuing education credits for Extension Master Gardeners. We hope to see you Saturdays on Zoom!

[See the Class Schedule](#)

Cultivate Resilience at the 2025 Advanced Education Conference

By Extension Master Gardener Joyce Fraizer

With seven sessions addressing nine program priorities, and the chance to gain unlimited learning and lifelong skills with one simple sign up, the virtual Advanced Education Conference

is not an event you want to miss!

Join us virtually on September 26 - 27 for Cultivating Resilience, the 2025 WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference. Whether you're deepening your expertise or growing your gardening knowledge, the conference offers accessible, high-quality learning for everyone.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Ted And Albert's Excellent Dahlia Adventure

By Extension Master Gardener Sally Bagshaw

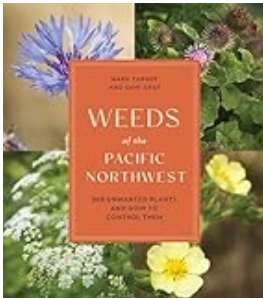
When he was 12 years old, Ted Ederer broke two vertebrae in his lower back playing football. That was in 1953, before the Salk polio vaccine.

While in the hospital, he contracted polio, which caused irreversible damage to his legs. That's what polio does — it's a virus that attacks the nervous system and can cause paralysis in days.

Now 84, Ted lives in the Parkshore Senior Living Community in Madison Park, where he specializes in geraniums in his planter boxes and dahlias in the garden. Ted is a living example of what one man can accomplish with tenacity and support from loving friends and family.



[Read Ted's Story](#)



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection: Weeds of the Pacific Northwest

“Weeds of the Pacific Northwest” may not sound like an exciting book. But look closer at the subtitle: “368 Unwanted Plants and How to Control Them.” Gardeners – these are OUR weeds! Time to get to know them, and how to eliminate them. Or just live with them.

Resembling an oversized field guide, photographer Mark Turner's superb pictures make identifying your culprits quite easy, especially as he provides two or three images for each species.

[Read the Review](#)

Helpful Links

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Visit our [Education](#) page to find more horticulture and home gardening classes available to the public from our Growing Groceries and PNW Garden Savvy series.

Extension Master Gardeners can visit our [Master Gardeners Only](#) page for a full list of approved content eligible for credit toward annual continuing education requirements.

Growing Groceries Workshops

Growing Groceries classes have wrapped up for the season. Visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page to access recordings and to register for future classes.

PNW Garden Savvy

PNW Garden Savvy classes take place on select Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Visit the [PNW Garden Savvy](#) page for more information and to register.

Lovely Lawn Alternatives

Presented by Sue Goetz, horticulturist, garden designer, and speaker
Saturday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

Propagation from Cuttings: A Practical Approach for Roses and Perennials

Presented by Jason Crouch, owner of Fraser Valley Rose Farm
Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

Fall Groundwork in the Natural Garden

Presented by Laura Matter from Seattle Tilth
Saturday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

Miscellaneous

A selection of (CE credit-approved! opportunities coming up in August.

Growing Garlic (Free!)

Presented by EMG Billie Bevers, Cowlitz County Master Gardeners
Tuesday, September 2 at noon | Virtual

No need to register, just pop in at this Zoom link: tinyurl.com/WSUZoomLink

The Best Rarely Propagated Native Plants for Supporting Integrated Pest Management and Biodiversity (Free!)

Presented by Clay Antieau, Washington Native Plant Society
Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual and In-Person

[Learn more and register here.](#)

The Essential Guide to Bulbs

Presented by Jenny Rose Carey, Northwest Horticultural Society
Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Landscaping for Wildlife (Free!)

Presented by EMG Adam Weeks, Cowlitz County Master Gardeners Tuesday, September 9 at noon | Virtual

No need to register, just pop in at this Zoom link: tinyurl.com/WSUZoomLink

Nearby Nature is Good for Us: Here's the Science

Presented by Dr. Kathleen Wolf, Northwest Horticultural Society Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Gardening Under Mature Trees

Presented by Christina Pfeiffer, Northwest Horticultural Society Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Staying Mission Driven 2025 (Free!)

Presented by Jennifer Marquis, Statewide Master Gardener Program Leader Thursday, September 25 at 9 a.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Events & Coming Attractions

MGFKC Board Meeting on Thursday, September 11 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. More information: kingcounty.mastergardenerfoundation.org/board.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722>

Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722

One tap mobile - +12532158782,,88172076722#

Dial in - +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722

The **2025 Kent Hops Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 6 from 12 - 4 p.m. at the Kent Historical Museum at 855 E. Smith St. in Kent.

The **Bellevue Demonstration Garden Harvest Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St. in Bellevue.

The **Virtual 2025 WSU Extension Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference** will take place September 26 - 27. Register at mglearns.mastergardenerfoundation.org/registration

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