

## Children's Activities Start at 1:00 pm



### May 5: Becoming Weather Wise

Join us as we learn about the weather all around us. We will measure the weather at Jack's House rain or shine. Make your own mini weather station so you can check the weather at your house too!

### May 19: Planting a Garden and Using Greenhouses

Where is the best spot for your garden? What plants go where? Make a mini-greenhouse and learn how greenhouses help extend our growing season

### June 2 : Stepping through Mr. McGregor's Garden

Peter Rabbit is being mischievous again! Hear his story, plant some veggies for Mr. McGregor's garden and make stepping stones for the path.



### June 23: Planting a Rainbow

Come plant a rainbow garden complete with a pot of gold

### July 14: Beautiful Butterflies



Where do butterflies come from and what do they do as they flit around? Learn about their life-cycles and how to identify their caterpillars. Learn what plants they need to survive.

### July 28: Slug University

Have a slimy good time learning about slugs!



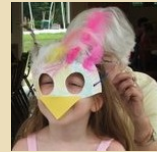
### August 11: Bats in our Garden

Learn why bats are good for our gardens and make your own bat house

### August 25:

#### Wild World of Backyard Birds

Learn to be a bird detective by identifying types of beaks, feet, feathers, and songs. Find out how to attract urban birds to your garden. Contribute to science by taking part in Project Feeder Watch



### September 8: Veg Out



What to do with those wonderful veggies? Make vegetable soup and vegetable critters!

### September 22: Good Nite Garden

It's time to plan for putting the garden to bed. Join us for a garden harvest and a look at what comes next including making leaf mold, cover crops, tool care and seed saving.



## Master Gardener Demonstration Garden

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## WSU Pierce County Extension Master Gardeners

# 2012 Summer Puyallup Demonstration Garden Events

### GARDEN TALKS

You are invited to join the Master Gardeners at the Saturday morning (10 am) summer garden talks weekly from May 5<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>.

The talks are free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

At the Jack and the Beanstalk Garden; a place where magical things happen! Free Children's Programs two Saturdays each month from May to September. No pre-registration required. All classes begin at 1:00 pm and are approximately 1.5 hours.

### PROBLEM SOLVER CLINIC

We answer gardening questions and identify plants, insects and weeds; from 9 am to 1pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

# Garden Talks 2012: start at 10 am

## **May 5: Companion Gardening**

Carolyn Brand, PC Master Gardener  
Companion planting is about which plants help each other. Find out the gardening combinations to control pests and increase yields.

## **May 12: The New Square Foot Garden**

Bill Rigby, PC Master Gardener  
Learn all of the advantages: user friendly and can be located anywhere. It's economical & efficient: grow twice as much in half the space.

## **May 19: Growing Vegetables**

Lloyd Tharp, PC Master Gardener  
A long time vegetable grower will share his expertise about vegetables we can grow in the Pacific Northwest.

## **May 26: Companion Gardening Part II**

Carolyn Brand, PC Master Gardener  
The right combination of vegetables, herbs and flowers to save space, and provide weed and pest control.

## **June 2: Designing Containers**

Karen Hegarty, PC Master Gardener  
Container gardening adds color and interest to small spaces in your garden's design. Learn easy guidelines for beautiful container garden displays.

## **June 9: Herb Gardening**

Patti McFerran, PC Master Gardener  
How to grow and use your own kitchen herbs.

## **June 16: Butterflies and More**

Victoria Farnsworth, PC Master Gardener  
Not only do brightly colored butterflies contribute aesthetically to any yard, but they are also effective crop and flower pollinators. Learn what plants attract butterflies to your garden.

## **June 23: Summer Pruning**

Pamela Draper, Master Gardener  
W. Cascade Fruit Society, Plant Amnesty  
Pruning Trees, Fruits and Ornamentals is not hard. You will learn when to cut, where to cut and what tool you should use.

## **June 30: Using Native Plants**

Bonne Holbrook, PC Master Gardener  
Native plants are increasingly used for water-wise landscaping and their ability to attract wildlife. Learn how to use native plants.

## **July 7: Clematis**

Laura Watson, KC Master Gardener  
Learn how to grow beautiful clematis that will bloom year after year.

## **July 14: Day Lilies**

Bill Havens, PC Master Gardener  
Daylilies are rugged, adaptable, vigorous perennials that endure in a garden for many years with little or no care. You will learn how to hybridize these beauties.

## **July 21: Living with Lavender**

Deb Bronken, PC Master Gardener  
Learn the differences between the many varieties of lavender; and how to grow, care for and use them.

## **July 28: Saving the Harvest**

Do you know when to harvest and how to save it? We will discuss canning, freezing and drying your harvest produce with a panel of experts.

## **August 4: Concrete Leaf Art \***

Jan Pittman, PC Master Gardener  
Learn to make a Hypertufa or Concrete leaf that you can use to make a garden fountain.  
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## **August 11: Composting in Small Spaces**

Nancy Mantey, PC Master Gardener  
Learn from a composting expert how to compost whether you live on a small lot or five acres.

## **August 18: Hardy Fuchsias**

Lloyd Tharp, PC Master Gardener  
Hardy Fuchsias are a great addition to NW gardens. These summer blooming shrubs are easy to grow with little maintenance.

## **August 25: All About Weeds**

Irene Reed, PC Master Gardener  
Weeds are many home gardeners' biggest enemy. Learn some tips on how to turn your garden into a weed-free zone.

## **Who are we?**

WSU Pierce County Master Gardener's is a program of WSU Pierce county Extension in which volunteers receive research-based training with a commitment to share their knowledge with the community