

# **Member's Own Garden Tour 2024—It's a Wrap!**

Photos and text by Jenny Mansfield

This year there were four wonderful gardens that were toured by many Master Gardeners on June 10, 2024. The gardens were all a work in progress and the individuals were passionate about what they created and shared so many educational elements with us. They explained how they started, what and why they did certain things, what they would have done sooner or later, successes, failures and shared their future visions.

We began the tour at **Canyon Blooms Petals for Patients** in Cowiche Canyon. This working flower farm was started in 2020 in memory of Dr. Kara Lolley's dear friend and has morphed into an amazing oasis of beautiful annuals, perennials, evergreens and shrubs that are used to create floral bouquets to those in hospice, long term care nursing facilities, women's shelters and other spaces where anxiety is prevalent. This working farm germinates seeds indoors with a special blend of potting soil, using a soil mold to create their own "pot" without plastic that has an indentation to sow seeds and spreading a thin layer of vermiculite to reduce growth of mold on soil. All plants are bottom watered. They plant a succession of plants for continuous source of flowers. They even took on the daunting task of planting over 20,000 bulbs to make spring bouquets on site. There is a list of flowers on a board to assist in their planning. There are pigs and goats on site which eat all the leftover flowers and stems and their manure is then used to fertilize the flower beds after being composted. A resident duck also lives on the farm and wanted to join the tour. There are

dozens of volunteers cutting buckets of flowers, buckets are dated and stored in a cooler room, volunteers come in early morning to create up to a 100 bouquets each day, volunteers make up cards, volunteers box up vases and volunteer drivers deliver to designated locations across the valley. This is nonprofit organization and they created over 4,000 floral bouquets last year. Canyons Blooms recently purchased additional property across from their current location to further expand their vision in growing more flowers.



Soil mold to create their own "pot" without plastic



Some of the beautiful bouquets produced at Canyon Blooms!



Lindy's Heritage Garden. Pollinators love it!

The next garden we toured belonged to **Lindy Sheehan**, who began in 2021 by immediately removing all landscape fabric and black plastic. She brought in quality soil and nearly 16 yards of wood chips, spreading them herself, wheel barrow by wheel barrow. I think she said 100 loads. A large elm tree stump was ground down and Lindy created a garden filled with Blanket Flower, Purple coneflower, Bigleaf Lupine, Rocky Mountain and Firecracker Penstemon, Lewis Flax, Showy Milkweed, Indian Ricegrass and Snow Buckwheat and was recently certified as a Heritage Garden. We were fortunate enough to view lady beetles hatching on the underside of leaves while we were there

# Master Gardeners Garden Tour

Garden tour continued

and the child came out from all of us. Lindy had a chain link fence removed and she cut down arborvitae using a rented chain saw. The stumps were ground up into mulch and volunteer sunflowers are now growing contentedly along the borders and throughout her garden. She replaced the arborvitae with a white picket fence obtained for free in Prosser. She took the old fence sections apart, sanded, cut, rebuilt and painted them white. Lindy also designed and constructed her raised beds for her tomatoes, onions, garlic and shallots from galvanized metal roofing, lumber and decorative corner brackets. She purchased additional metal water troughs filled with more vegetables that gives everything a cohesive look. There is an abundance of vegetables growing in raised beds of recycled materials and we saw firsthand, her green thumb by tasting green peas and getting a free lupine plant to take home with us. Lindy grows nearly all her vegetables by seed and what she doesn't eat fresh, she preserves. She will be entering her produce at the Central Washington State Fair this fall and won many ribbons last year. Look for her entries at the fair. In her back yard she already has plans for a winter garden and the area is plotted out for a future project. Another great gardening idea was a bean trellis she created using a metal post from the chain link fence that had



Lindy's reclaimed fence and raised beds

been removed, an old metal wheel belonging to her father and a chandelier set on top demonstrating her creativity and resourcefulness. And to top it off, she repurposed wood ammunition boxes and bolted them to the railing on her deck, filled with bright annuals and herbs. Certainly no lack of energy in this gardener. See Lindy go and go and go.



Arborvitae about to be repurposed



The third garden we toured belonged to **Greg Uberuaga**, who began a huge transformation in the front yard just three years ago. His son built a garden structure surrounding his front entry door offering privacy and a shaded covering to enjoy the front paradise. This structure had ferns and hostas planted on the north side and they were quite lush and beautiful. The yard was planted with a variety of perennials in raised beds, some of which had reseeded and fit perfectly into the garden. There were several yucca plants in bloom as well as bright poppies and daisies. Many large sized planters were strategically placed throughout the landscape and the front walk next to the street was filled with blue flax, looking happy and at home. So many beautiful perennials found a forever home here.

Walking around to the back of the property was quite a surprise. There were many beds filled with lots and lots of peppers, which Greg had grown from seed indoors.

He shared that he had started them too early so they had struggled a bit when planted outside but they looked healthy the day we were there. Volunteer sunflowers had sprouted alongside the back fence and they were quite tall already, a sure sign of happiness. It was so enjoyable to see the variety of plants grown with loving care, stakes used to support growth, pots here and there, his eagerness to share with all of us, his attention to detail, plans on making hot salsa. It was so obvious he loved growing things and his plants all looked healthy. Thank you Greg for sharing your ideas and garden with us. (Photos of Greg's yard on next page)

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Greg's rich, lush and expansive gardens.

Our fourth and final garden was that of **Ana Vil-lasenor**. If you know anything about Ana, she just gets things done so move out of the way now. She has literally transformed her front yard in just one short year. Last year she removed all the lawn from her front property and created a nice space filled with plants. And this year, she decided the 17 year old boxwood hedge had to be removed along the front driveway and leading up to her home. Just a few weeks prior to the garden tour, in came the heavy equipment and out went the boxwoods. What a transformation!! Along the side corner she created a Heritage Garden and it was recently certified, with a nice sign planted in the ground. Native plants are small this year but each year they will become much larger. A thick layer of mulch has been spread throughout the property to retain moisture and prevent weeds from sprouting. In the backyard we were greeted with a large storage shed, stamped concrete patio, a chicken coop built by Ana and her famous



Ana sharing about her garden transformations.



Ana's Heritage Garden

trailer refurbished into her creative studio. It was such a relaxing area, perfect for entertaining and Ana was such a great host.

Thank you to Dr. Lolley, Lindy, Greg and Ana for such a wonderful educational garden tour. A lot of hard work and planning went into each unique garden and we all enjoyed your efforts. Next year the garden tour take us to Selah where 5 or 6 Master Gardeners have committed to being hosts. Look out 2025...here we come. Sheila Gunderson and Jenny Mansfield, Garden Tour Co-Leaders

Did you miss picking up your **2024 directory**? I'll be placing one last order July 10. Reach out to me if you did not get your 2024 directory to get on the order list.

Reminder: Directories come out in February and are passed out each week at class through April.

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In Copenhagen now they let grass grow and plant wild flowers in public places and of course weeds grow, too! Beatrice Reiss photo and text.

# Plant Answer Clinic Corner

by Lindy Sheehan

At our clinic meeting last week we talked about having a Plant/Answer Clinic Question of the Month for each newsletter. We talked about calling it the "Clinic Corner". Here is our question and answer of the month for the July newsletter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Each month we at our Plant/Answer Clinic will share a question we received from a client and our responses. Each question will include the resources that lead to our responses and possible solutions. We thought it would be fun and informative as well as useful in some of your own gardens.

## Client Question of the month:

I've got thistle growing in my backyard right now! Does anyone have suggestions for things they have tried successfully to eradicate? It has spread since last year and I'd like this to be the last year it gets to be around.

## Clinic Response:

Do you know what type of thistle it is? Can you take a picture of the plant and a close-up of the leaves and email them to us?

Our client sent three photos which we forwarded to Sue Bird, Yakima County Weed Control Board.

**Response from Sue Bird:** (Sue is an expert in the

field of weeds.)

This is Scotch Thistle. You can dig it out by cutting the root 1-2 inches below the surface of soil. This kills that plant.



Photo credits: Client Trinity P. Used with permission from Trinity Potter.

Choose a good surfactant with a broadleaf herbicide is needed, or use 2, 4-D, the herbicide of choice. Both can be purchased at a reputable farm and garden store. Thistles have a hairy surface on their leaves. If you only apply 2, 4-D it will not "stick" to the leaves. Besure to use a surfactant, which are also called surface-acting agents are used in herbicide formulations. The surfactants' role is to reduce the surface tension of water. As herbicide sprays are mainly made of water, surfactants are added help to target the weed instead of falling instantly onto the soil.

## New Booth at Yakima Downtown Farmers' Market



Rhonda Gardenier and Ken Tolonen (top photo) and Ken Tolonen and Steve Kuhn (photo on right) enjoy the new digs at the Sunday market. Photos by Gilbert Plascencia (top) and Debra Kroon (right).

# Demonstration Garden

Recently at the Demo garden we became aware our grafted ornamental mature weeping cherry tree wasn't looking so healthy.

Some samples of affected sticky branches were taken into our clinic. Master Gardeners on the job confirmed what appeared to be Bacterial Canker affecting the top portion of the tree.

After considering our options of chemical or non chemical treatment we decided keeping the tree in that advanced condition, would jeopardize other ornamental fruit trees in our area.

The top of the tree was removed and disposed of per our Hortsense recommendations. After further inspection the trunk (3 inch diameter) was free of cankers and we were able to remove it and consider what new purpose it could have.

Recommendations for a replacement are welcome. Please send your suggestions to me, Mary Kearney.



Photos by Mary Kearney

## Handy links:

Hortsense: <https://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/>

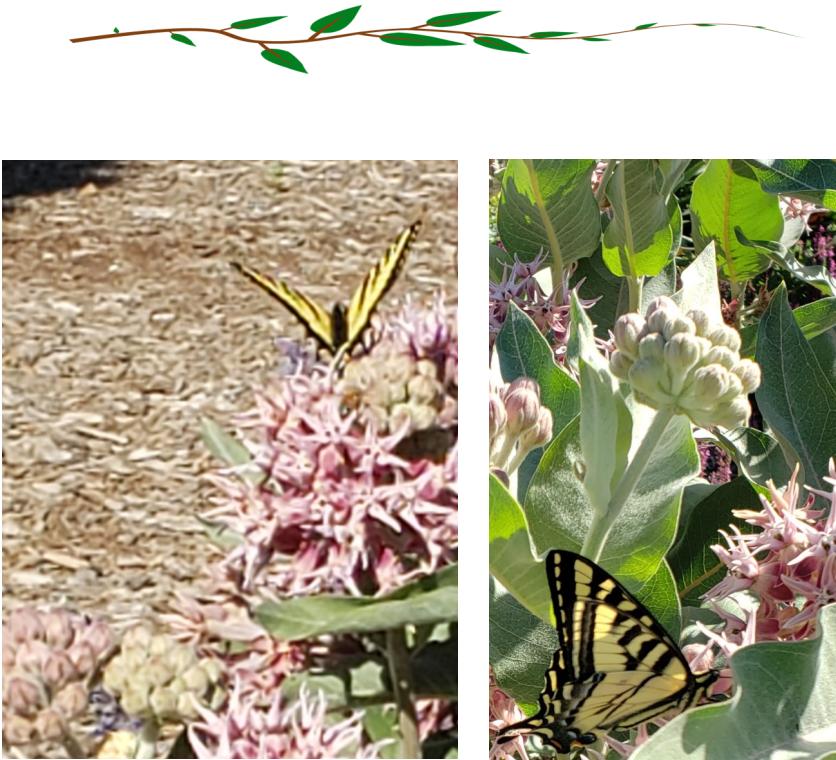
Pestsense: <https://pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/>

Gardening in Washington State: <https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/resources/gardening-in-washington-state/>



Central Washington State Fair team of Ken & Lindy are looking for 3-4 people to help with this year's Master Gardener booth and displays, as well as set-up before the fair.

This year we are adding a separate un-staffed information table. We have a couple of ideas from other counties on the new table and really need your creative input. Please contact Lindy at [lindyk-sheehan@outlook.com](mailto:lindyk-sheehan@outlook.com) or 509-380-2908. Thank You. Cheers, Lindy



Swallowtail on milkweed at demonstration garden. Photos by Mary Kearney

# Floribunda: semi-hardwood cuttings

Submitted by Carol Barany

Passionate gardeners will tell you that some of the most anticipated days in their gardening year are the days set aside for plant shopping. The thrill of visiting a garden store and discovering plants they've never grown before, arrayed like confections in some divine candy store, is what they dream about on long winter nights.

With determination and unflagging stamina, a few have achieved elite status as Olympic-level plant shoppers. To get to the top, they've had to perfect the tricky skill of keeping a straight face while announcing, "Look what I got for only \$15!", as they quickly unload \$200 worth of perennials from the back of the car after another fruitful expedition.

That being said, it's possible that even greater gardening pleasure can come from starting our own plants, at no cost, with little more than some time and a measure of patience. If you give it a try, be mindful that there are a few basic laws controlling propagation. When a plant is patented, just like any invention, it can't be copied until the patent runs out. It's very likely that the most recently minted cultivars are protected under these laws, but that leaves thousands of others that can be freely reproduced.

Using semi-hardwood cuttings to multiply an array of woody plants is something you can do right now. Think of it as cooking from scratch, except we're making homemade plants.

In the spring, a plant's fresh growth is very pliable and snaps easily when bent. Cuttings can be taken from this 'softwood'. A few months later, growth has slowed, and the wood is firmer, or 'semi-hardwood'. 'Hardwood' cuttings are taken from fully ripened stems that don't bend easily, and are taken from dormant plants after the growing season ends.

From now until early fall, it's time to make semi-hardwood cuttings. Artemesia, barberry, Buddleia, Caryopteris, hydrangea, lavender, mock orange, rose, and Weigela are just some of the plants that will root this way, as well as broad-leaved evergreens like boxwood, laurel, and holly. This is what you need to know before you make your first cut:

**Always take cuttings with a sharp blade** to reduce injury to both the parent plant and the cutting. Dip your cutting tool in rubbing alcohol to prevent transmitting diseases.



Photo courtesy Gardening Australia

**Consider using a rooting hormone**, available at most garden centers. Powder or liquid, these products often contain a fungicide which discourages rotting. To prevent contaminating the entire jar, put a small amount in a separate container for dipping, and discard any leftovers. After dipping, gently tap the cutting to remove the excess.

**Look for healthy, normal tip growth for the best cutting material.** Avoid excessively vigorous shoots as well as weak, spindly growth. Generally, stems the diameter of a pencil and about 4-6" long, with 3-6 nodes (the places where leaves emerge from the stem) root best.

**The rooting medium** should be sterile, have little or no nitrogen fertilizer, drain well enough to provide oxygen, yet retain enough moisture to prevent water stress. Choose perlite, coarse sand, or commercial soilless mixes.



Photo courtesy University of Florida

**Polarity** will ensure that cuttings forms shoots at the end nearest the tip, and roots at the end nearest the roots. Planting cuttings upside down won't change this growth pattern, but could lead to a cutting with its roots in the air and its shoots in the soil. Use a straight cut on one end and a slanted one on the other to tell which end is up.

**The proper sized rooting container** for the cuttings has drainage holes and is small enough that a gallon-sized Ziploc bag will fit over the top.

### **(semi-hardwood cuttings cont.)**

Now you're ready to follow these steps.

1. Remove all leaves from the lower half of the cutting, and remove any flowers or flower buds. The cut on the root end of the stem should be just below a node, at a distance equal to the thickness of the stem at that point. Dip the cut end into rooting hormone, and stick the stem into the medium, burying it deep enough to cover one or two leafless nodes. Tamp the medium so it's in close contact with the buried stem.

2. When sticking the cuttings in the medium, place them far enough apart. Leaves that touch usually rot, so consider trimming the remaining leaves down in size. This could also prevent excessive transpiration through the leaf surface during rooting.

3. Water the container to thoroughly moisten and settle the soil, and pop the plastic bag over the top. This will create a mini-greenhouse with high humidity, which keeps the cuttings from wilting while new roots are being formed. Label.



Photo courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens

4. Place the container in a warm location that receives bright, but indirect sun. Avoid excessive heat build-up. If water droplets form on the inside of the bag, remove it and allow it to dry out before replacing it. Check the rooting medium for moisture every week.

5. When new roots are 1/2 to 1 inch long (usually 4-6 weeks), plant the rooted cuttings in small individual containers filled with a coarse, well-drained soilless mix.

6. Gradually move the plants into more direct light, watering and fertilizing them as needed throughout the remainder of the winter.

After all danger of frost has passed, gradually harden them off outdoors before planting.

Hardwood cuttings are taken anytime in late fall after the plant reaches dormancy, until just before budburst in the spring. It gives a gardener something to do in those grey days of winter. Propagating from hardwood cuttings be the topic of my 8/28 column.

**Joan Sousley shares this photo from her travels to California, taken at one of the Monarch wintering grounds at Pismo Beach.**

**Mirth in the Garden** The Art Team is looking for donations of any type of garden related items for the **FALL GARDEN SALE**. We are collecting pots, planters, wheel barrows, rakes, hoes, shovels, pruners, hand tools, clean hoses with no leaks, trellis', wire tomato cages, garden décor such as outdoor wall hangings, bird baths, bird houses, patio furniture in good condition, garden boots, stakes, gloves, spreaders, arbors, small chain link wire gates, wagons, etc.

All donations must be clean and not broken. Clean out your garages and sheds, contact neighbors and friends, local business' you visit for donations.

**NO PLANTS, NO CHEMICALS, NO SOIL.**

Please feel free to text Jenny at 509 480 8829 or [ceeron19@comcast.net](mailto:ceeron19@comcast.net) to set up time to meet at Greenhouse. If you have questions whether we can accept your donation, please email me a picture and I'll try to respond. Thank you.

#### **ART TEAM IS LOOKING FOR:**

Scrub brushes with long handles

Goo gone adhesive remover

Sand paper 80 to 120 grit

Colored glass gems flat on one side

Tomato cages (broken and bent ones okay)

Pieces of driftwood

Heart shaped river rocks

Straw hats or baseball type hats with a brim

Overalls, plaid shirts, billowy type dresses

Old work type gloves (not knitted)

Wigs

Jeans (holes and rips okay)



# ***Master Gardeners at Home***

## **The Trials of a Gardener**

*by Julie Hunziker*

It all began with the seed library. Since becoming a master gardener in 2019, I had yet to take Phyllis's seed saving class. This was the year. So much information. So many seeds available. I was game. After having ample success with melons last year, I took home packets of seeds of Model Melon, Honey Rock Melon, and Hale's Best Jumbo Melon. I also picked up some packets of Butternut and Acorn Table Queen squashes. My mouth was already watering in anticipation of what was to come later in August. I plotted where the plants would go in the ground. Trust me, I have the space.

Since I was giving time to the vegetable team, I followed their lead and planted my seeds about the time they planted for the plant sale. I have this wonderful new heated she-shop, so I spread out my trays of seed pots on the counter under the east window, with a couple of the trays on the two heat mats I have. Within a few days, I had all 12 butternut squash seeds sprouting. Then...nothing. Finally, a few acorn squash seeds sprouted, then a few Hale's Best melon seeds. And...nothing more. My heart was sinking. I discussed my situation with Allyn as we set up for the plant sale and we agreed that since it had been at least 10 days, the seeds had probably rotted. Good timing. I picked up several of each variety of melons and a few acorn squash plants the first day of the sale. A few plants were better than none. I took them home to harden them off and wait for the middle of May to be clear of frost before planting.

Imagine my surprise...my delight...my dismay...as those previously ungerminated seeds began to sprout! Oh, my! I now had at least a dozen seedlings of each type of melon and squash. I erected a couple of cattle panels for trellises for the smaller varieties and prepared mounds for the larger varieties. Then, as I prepared to plant, my dear, thoughtful husband mentioned having attempted to grow squash and cantaloupe as a kid and he got nothing. "Isn't there something about not growing squash and cantaloupe together?" Oh, no. There might be something to that. I looked in my books, which said that if the species name is the same, then you shouldn't grow them near each other, at least if you are saving seeds. This year's crop would not be affected, but next year would have hybrid varieties. I was off to my iPad to investigate the species of each. Down the rabbit hole I went. Two hours later, I had rearranged my planting plot. Fortunately, Phyllis was teaching a class at the West Valley Food Garden that week so I was able to confirm with her, but mostly I asked, "How far apart do I need to plant them?" I was taken aback a bit when she said 1000 feet. Oh, dear! I don't have THAT much space! She was conciliatory by encouraging me to plant them all, but just don't donate the seeds back to the library. She also confirmed that she had had problems with seed germination and thought the seeds might be old. So, off I went with my head held high, ready to plant. And plant I did.

Such a feeling of accomplishment. And such a feeling of defeat when I went out the next day and found my Model melon and Honey Rock melon seedlings were toast, uprooted and flattened by the lovely little quail parents making divots in each of the planting holes. Every single one of those melons was laying flat in the dirt, shriveled beyond revival. I thought I liked the quail.

I still have plenty of butternut squash, Hale's Best Jumbo Melons, and a few others I picked up at the plant sale and they are taking hold. Now, if I can just keep the squash bugs at bay.

***Reminder!  
Foundation/ Program Meetings  
Wednesday, July 10th at 10:30 at the Red Barn***

## Master Gardeners at Home cont.



### Fourth of July

#### Red, white and blue in the garden

Such an important nonreligious holiday, where we declared independence from Great Britain in 1776 and officially became our own nation. This day became a federal holiday on June 28, 1870 and a paid holiday for federal workers in 1941. Ironically, two of the founding fathers and Presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on July 4<sup>th</sup> and President James Monroe also died on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

A great anniversary festival to celebrate by watching fireworks, waving sparklers or mini flags, hosting a barbecue with great food and drinks, playing backyard games or sports, watching a parade, wearing red, white and blue after the US flag or flying the American flag high in the sky.

Here are a few photos to enjoy for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.



Renee Holwegner's tractor with flag



Diana Pieti's artistic twist on our flag.



Sheila Gunderson's flag



Jenny Mansfield's flag



Ray Yates and Debra Kroon's flags. Bottom flag is a peace flag.

# **Give Pulse Tip of the Month**

*by Julie Hunziker*

## **Impact Editing**

When editing an impact, if you have to change the event (the first drop-down menu), you cannot immediately change the “Reporting Code” in the next box. You must click the green “Update Impact” box, which then takes you to a page showing the impact. Click on “Options” in the upper right corner and select “Edit.” The Reporting Code box will be correct, but subsequent boxes will be blank and you can correctly enter the appropriate information. Be sure to click on the green “Update Impact” box again at the bottom.



Did you know?? You can save the WSU GivePulse website to your homescreen on your phone. To do so, simply open the WSU GP page. Locate and tap the box with the up arrow at the bottom of the screen. Scroll down and tap “Add to Home Screen.” Unfortunately, you will need to log in each time.

**Why be timely in entering your impacts? In case of injury claim, L&I needs a record of activity/work. Also, when applying for grants, our hours matter.**

## **BARGE-CHESTNUT NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN WALK 2024**

You almost can't find a better way to relate to human beings than through their gardens. There's no better way to improve your own garden than to check out someone else's and borrow some of their ideas.

This year marks the fifth annual Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood Garden Walk. On Friday, July 12 from 4:00 -8:00 pm, several gardens in this neighborhood will be open to visit. There is no charge for admission.

Everyone is invited to participate and share. A Garden Walk is all about community, and not about competition. Our dream is that a love of gardening will spread up and down every Yakima block like a seed on the wind.

A list of open gardens will be posted on the Nextdoor events page and the Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood Association Facebook page one week before the event. Feel free to visit every garden on the list, or just a few, in any order you chose. Golf carts and bicycles are welcome.

Are you in the neighborhood and ready to share? We need YOUR GARDEN!!!! If you want to share this year, please contact Carol Barany at 509-901-9018 or Anne Knapp at 509-901-6369.



# More Clods of Dirt



## GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

**“Adapting to Our Changing Climate”**

Building a better world, one yard at a time!

**Save the date - October 26th**



## **Annual Master Gardener Picnic**

**Wednesday, August 7, @ Noon**

This annual potluck is definitely an event to mark on your calendar. Master Gardeners are also great cooks and they bring it to this picnic. Watch for details in June on what category of dish you should bring. We're starting to collect door prizes that MG's might enjoy. Donations appreciated. If you have donations for door prizes please contact Patty Ferguson 509-952-2551.

*Remember to record your impacts in GivePulse in a timely manner. By entering impacts in a timely fashion, we show WSU that we are a viable and active group, engaged in numerous venues in the Yakima Valley. In addition, the data is helpful in applying for grants.*

### **Foundation Board**

**President:** Dan Fortier

**Vice President:** Rick Russell

**Treasurer:** Amber Knox

**Secretary:** Annette Olson

**Members at Large:** Beatrice Reiss  
Sheila Gunderson

**Past President:** Debra Kroon

### **Program Coordinator:**

Patricia Ratzlaff



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# **Help Wanted**

## **Looking for Some Help/It's Time for a Change**

I have made the decision to step away from my role as Facility Co-Lead at the Red Barn effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. It has been fun the past few years, and a great way to meet folks. I am looking for someone who would be willing to step into this position at the beginning of 2025. The duties include the following: holder of the keys for the Red Barn and storage closet; set-up and take-down of chairs and tables;

help with making coffee and setting out snacks as needed; help with A/V set-up as needed. That is pretty much it, except for a few shopping trips during the year to pick up coffee, tea, cups, and napkins. Please contact me with your interest – (509) 907-7894. Thanks.

~Melody Westmoreland

## **Master Gardener Venue Work Seasons**

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Classes at Red Barn</b>												
<b>Classes in the Gardens</b>												
<b>Answer/Plant Clinic</b>												
<b>Demonstration Gardens</b>												
<b>Demonstration Garden (Ahtanum)</b>												
<b>Heirloom</b>												
<b>Kamiakin</b>												
<b>WVFG</b>												
<b>Greenhouse</b>												
<b>Annuals</b>												
<b>Arts</b>												
<b>Hanging Baskets</b>												
<b>Herbs</b>												
<b>Perennials</b>												
<b>Vegetables</b>												

*Newsletter submissions are due on the 25th of each month. Please send to Julie at [jbhunziker@gmail.com](mailto:jbhunziker@gmail.com). Texting photos (portrait format preferred) and brief descriptions are fine, as well: (530)209-4329. Please include your name so that credit can be given to the source.*

### **Master Gardener Mission Statement:**

*“Engaging university-trained volunteers to empower and sustain communities with relevant, unbiased, research-based horticulture and environmental stewardship education.”*

# 2024 Demonstration Garden Classes

Date	Topic	Presenter
July 13th	Invasives New to Central Washington	Sue Bird
July 27th	Challenges of Gardening in the Yakima Valley	Angela Galbreath
August 10th	Exhibiting at the CWSF	Lindy Sheehan
August 24th	Success with Orchids	Mary Brunelle/Nancy Kallenberger
Sept 14th	Success with Natives	Ann Autrey
Sept 28th	Changing Lawn to a Pollinator Haven	Kelli Barton

# 2024 Heirloom Garden Classes

Date	Topic	Presenter
July 6th	Gardening for Greater Self Sufficiency	Phyllis Pugnetti
August 3rd	Organic Gardening Practices	Phyllis Pugnetti
Sept 7th	Improving Soil Content for Gardening	Beatrice Reiss

# 2024 WVFG Garden Classes

Date	Topic	Presenter
July 20th	Enjoying Your Harvest	Diana Pieti
Sept 21st	Rotating Crops/Cover Crops	Melody Westmoreland



Save the Date and baby those tomatoes because the 2024 Yakima County Master Gardener Tomato Fest is coming up on September 25th!

We got tasty tomatoes, biggest tomatoes, ugliest tomatoes, prettiest tomatoes, tiniest tomatoes, oddest tomatoes, most colorful tomatoes—we got 'em all. On a plate or in a dish. Tomato Fest 2024 is not to be missed! Carol and John Barany are your 2024 Tomato Fest hosts.



Photo courtesy Southern Living

# Save the date!



Plan to join our virtual conference  
September 27-28, 2024

Registration opens June 1

**All garden enthusiasts welcome!**



## 2024 Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to announce our 2024 keynote speaker, Rebecca McMackin!

[Learn more](#)



The virtual 2024 advanced education conference, **Gardening in a Changing Climate**, provides **exceptional opportunities** with **high-quality classes and instructors**. WSU Extension Master Gardeners earn continuing education hours improving their ability to teach sustainable horticulture skills across Washington.

The conference features **35 live and recorded classes**, focusing on research-based gardening and environmental stewardship practices, which address nine program priorities and support extension master gardener leadership skills.

The conference is open to the public.

*The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program and Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State intends this virtual platform to provide a harmonious blend of affordability and accessibility that enables conference attendees to benefit from the wealth of research-based knowledge and expertise shared during the event.*

## ***Yakima County Master Gardener Garden Locations***

### **Demonstration Garden (Ahtanum):**

1000 Ahtanum Road, Union Gap  
(by Red Barn)

### **Heirloom Garden:**

1522 South 18th Avenue, Yakima  
(just south of the greenhouses)

### **West Valley Food Garden:**

602 South 123rd Ave, Yakima

### **Kamiakin Gardens:**

1020 Fort Road, Toppenish

## **Guiding Principles**

Act Respectfully  
Lead Supportively  
Adaptability  
Work Together  
Always Learning  
Emphasize Quality  
Communicate Effectively  
Be Honest  
Take Responsibility

***Have you given to the endowment? What a wonderful way to support our outstanding program!***

*A SEED  
planted today  
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# **Program Requirement Reminder**

## **Interns/Trainees:**

- \* **Canvas** online quizzes/final exam (80% average on all quizzes, 80% on final)
- \* **Class:** Attend 14 of 16 in-person classes (make-up classes arranged through Program Coordinator)
- \* **5 -10 minute presentation on a Plant Clinic question** or a research paper of the same.
- \* **40 hours of Volunteer work with the following breakdown:**
  - **Answer/Plant Clinic:** 15 hours plus Clinic Question answered
  - **Greenhouse:** 9 hours
  - **Demonstration Gardens:** 9 hours (3 hours in 3 different gardens of Intern's choice)
  - **Youth Team:** 2 hours
  - **Writer's Guild/Speaker's Bureau (optional):** 1 hour with veteran assistance (counts as 1 hour choice)
  - **5 Hours at Intern's choice**
  - **Record all Volunteer time in online tracking system: GivePulse**

## **Veterans:**

- \* **Continuing Education:** 10 hours
- \* **Volunteer Hours:** 25 hours

## **Emeritus:**

- \* **Continuing Education:** 5 hours
- \* **Volunteer time:** 1 hour



## **Yakima County MG Leaders**

**Answer/Plant Clinic:** Andrea Altmayer/Kim Foster/Kelli Barton

**Greenhouse:** Camille Smith/Skip Brockman/Kelli Barton

**Annuals:** Lorie Harrison/Camille Smith/Deanna Husch

**Perennials:** Carol Barany/Melody Westmoreland/Cathy LeCompte

**Herbs:** Diana Pieti/Diane Berthon/Janice Miller

**Hanging Baskets:** Patty Ferguson/Shellie Oshie/Cathy Penny

**Vegetables:** Don Flyckt/ Allyn Perkins/Beatrice Reiss (emeritus)

**Art:** Jenny Mansfield/

**Plant Sale:** Deanna Husch, Laura Willet, Reggie Sanderson

**Demonstration Gardens:**

**Ahtanum:** Angela Galbreath/Skip Brockman/Kelli Barton

**Demonstration Garden Classes:** Angela Galbreath/Annette Olson

**Heirloom Garden:** Sally Mayo/Janice Miller

**Kamiakin:** Debra Byrd/Rosebud Guthrie/Greg Uberuaga

**West Valley:** Camille Smith/Kelli Barton/John Strong

**Youth Program:** Open Opportunity/Open Opportunity

**Writer's Guild/Speaker's Bureau:** Claudia Steen/Carol Barany

**Publications:** Julie Hunziker/Debra Kroon/Open Opportunity

**Advisory Board:** Andrea Altmayer/Debra Kroon/John Strong/Julie Hunziker/Michelle Murphy

**Note for Interns:** If you are challenged in getting to any of the venues and earning your hours, please contact the team lead. They are often willing to work with you to help you fulfill your requirements.



# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	2 Demonstration Garden 8-11	3 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	4 Heirloom Garden 8-11	5 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4 WVFG 8-11	6 Heirloom Garden Class: <i>Self-Sufficient Gardening</i>
7 <i>Farmer's Market 9-1</i>  Yakima Herald Article	8 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	9 Demonstration Garden 8-10  Plant Clinic Meeting 1-3 At Ext.	10 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4  Foundation/ Program Mtg @ 10:30	11 Heirloom Garden 8-11	12 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4 WVFG 8-11	13 Demonstration Garden Class: <i>New Invasive Plants</i>
14 <i>Farmer's Market 9-1</i>  Yakima Herald Article	15 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	16 Demonstration Garden 8-11	17 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	18 Heirloom Garden 8-11	19 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4 WVFG 8-11	20 WVFG Class: <i>Enjoying your Harvest</i>
21 <i>Farmer's Market 9-1</i>  Yakima Herald Article	22 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	23 Demonstration Garden 8-11	24 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	25 Heirloom Garden 8-11	26 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4 WVFG 8-11	27 Demonstration Garden Class: <i>Challenges in Yakima</i>
28  <i>Farmer's Market 9-1 (Youth Team)</i>  Yakima Herald Article	29 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4	30 Demonstration Garden 8-11	31 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4			



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