

Scoop o' Dirt

Yakima County Master Gardener News

August 2024



Children's Day in the Garden

As gardeners, we all know what happens when we plant a seed: With a little luck, and some work on our part, something grows.

In June, members of the 2024 intern class were working on our newly adopted Children's Garden at the Ahtanum Demonstration Garden. Several members were wondering how to get their required Youth hours and someone suggested we organize a "welcome to the garden" event. It didn't take long for that idea to take root and start sprouting.

We settled on Tuesday, July 16, for a 2-hour event designed for preschool to elementary age children. We wanted it fairly low-key, but with lots of ways for the kids to interact with garden themes. We chose a weekday so it wouldn't conflict with other Master Gardener classes and so volunteers would not have to give up a weekend day. We also decided the best place to gather would be the shady lawn on the west side of the Demonstration Garden. As July 16 turned out to be in the middle of a long heat wave, that was a lucky decision.

Interns who chose to participate quickly made plans. Beekeepers **Paulien Hallett** and **Susan Karstetter** photographed the queen bee and the hive so participants could get a good look at the all-important pollinators. They provided honey samples and craft activities. Veteran **Suzann McFeat** volunteered to introduce participants to worm composting. Intern **Kelly Klingman** helped as kids got to see the worms in action and to take a few worms home. Suzann also contacted Tree Top, which donated juice and applesauce packs to hand out as snacks. Veteran **Beatrice Reiss** and intern **Steve Kuhn** introduced the kids to the berry patch, where raspberries, blackberries and currants are growing. Steve also brought cherries for tasting. Interns **Lindy Jenkins-Sheehan** and **Marguerite Kirby** helped kids plant sunflowers and beans, thanks to a

generous donation from Lindy's employer, Ace Hardware, and also from veteran **Phyllis Pugnetti's** seed bank. Intern **Deb Sundlee** brought her artistic talents and guided art projects for tablefuls of eager kids. Intern **Laura Gavaglio** assembled a little library of garden-themed books and read stories to the participants. Veterans **Annette Olson**, **Julie Hunziker**, and **Angela Galbreath** and interns **Karen Troianello** and **Gina Ortloff** welcomed participants and handed out paper bags to decorate, a garden scavenger hunt sheet, and snacks.

After visiting all the stations, families were invited to stroll through the garden to see what was growing.

Attendance was 21 youth and 14 adults. Five veterans helped out the 10 interns and the interns are very grateful for their help and guidance. In addition, the Demonstration Garden co-leaders and regular work crew were very supportive as we planned the event. The event was publicized in the Yakima Herald-Republic's events calendar and in a notice with the Master Gardener column. Many attendees said that is where they heard about the event. We also posted the flyers throughout the library system and on social media. Those working at the Farmers Market booth also displayed the flyer for us. Next year, we'd like to tap into more Master Gardener contacts to reach more people.

So what's next? The event was fun enough that it might be a self-seeding perennial event. What we'd like to do is schedule it early enough to be included on the Master Gardener Teachable Moments bookmarks, and perhaps hold it earlier in the summer to beat the heat.

While there are many things we can do to improve the event, it really was a good example of the reasons many of us joined Master Gardeners: A community service centered on gardening and a chance to work with many good people.

Children's Day Photos

Photos by Marguerite Kirby



Laura, the consummate librarian, read to the kids from a variety of books.



Lindy, Karen, and Angela welcome families.



Marguerite and her grandkids enjoyed each station.



Lindy helps Gina and her granddaughter plant seeds.



Steve talked to the kids about berries and showed them the berry patch.

***Don't Forget!! Picnic in the Park
Wednesday, August 7th at noon by the Red Barn
Bring a dish to share.***

Children's Day Photos



Annette helps Laura and grandkids.



Paulien and Sue (behind presentation board) talk about honeybees.



Beatrice chats with Renee Holwegner and grandchildren.



Debbie guided the kids in a drawing project.



Suzann, with Kelly's assistance, talked worm composting with a hands-on activity.

Plant/Answer Clinic Corner

by Lindy Sheehan

Question of the month: Are these aphids on my flowering plant and what are these crystals?

A client came into our Plant/Answer Clinic on July 3rd with a flower stem covered in insects and what looked like crystals. He asked us to identify the insect, of which he thought were aphids, and asked what the crystal on the stem was caused from. We could not identify the plant due to the condition it was brought in by the client.

Kim Foster placed the plant stem under the microscope to identify the insects as aphids. What was interesting was that the crystals on the stem looked somewhat like “hard rock candy.” She then took a couple of photos and emailed them to Josh Milnes and Mike Bush, PhD, WA State Department of Agriculture-Plant Protection Division.



Our Clinic question to Josh and Mike: “We had a client bring in this sample today. The major pest looks like aphids, but we have never seen the honeydew crystalize like this. Is there another pest or disease process going on?”

Mike’s reply: “Aphids, it is. Good call. Insect honeydew does crystalize.”

We then gave the client the [Hortsense factsheet](#) on controlling aphids. Those of us at the clinic also learned that insect honeydew can crystalize.

Other Clinic Highlights



A client brought in this interesting red insect they found on their milkweed plant. **Rhonda** and **Julie** took photos of the insect as well as the white globules on the underside of the leaf and sent them to Josh Milnes and Mike Bush for identification. (Photos by **Julie Hunziker**)

On July 22nd, a client called about an infestation of Mormon beetles on his property in the West Valley. Julie’s research pulled up plenty of information on the Mormon cricket, but she had to dig deeper for the Mormon beetle. Later in the day, the client brought in a sample. It was huge, definitely the Mormon cricket. Not a true cricket, it is flightless and can cause great damage to rangelands. Read about them [here](#).



Mormon Cricket.(Photo by Yuqing Zhu of *Idaho Statesman*)

Demonstration Garden

by Annette Olson

The Heritage Garden Program Team visited our Demonstration Garden on July 17 to take a look at our three native beds and to see their progress. Our Native Plant Team was on hand to greet them.

Mikki Boughton, our new Heritage Garden Program Coordinator for Yakima County, visited numerous native gardens in the Yakima area with her team. Mikki has been a school teacher for the past eleven years and has started a new Outdoor Education Program in the Yakima School District.



Mikki Boughton, new Heritage Garden Director

Emily Hamant is headed off to Cornell University in pursuit of her Ph.D. We thank her for all her support and guidance in helping with our native beds! Emily picked up where Kelsi and Kelsey left off, both of whom were instrumental in the design and development of our native beds.

In the photos, the ladies are holding native plant labels provided to YCMG through a grant by their program for our three native beds, primarily for Bed 2, but some additional labels for Beds 1 and 3. We are pleased to now have labels for all of the native plants in our three beds.

The Heritage Garden Team concluded their Yakima visit at the very beautiful and expansive native garden planting at the North Yakima Conservation District offices at 1606 Perry Street. Kelsi Potterf de



From left to right, Kelsey Kelmel, Kelsi Potterf, Mikki Boughton, Emily Hamant.

signed this garden and Brian Schmidt and his team are very proud of their planting that surrounds the entire building. It is well worth a visit!

Mikki Boughton can be contacted at
mikki-boughton@bentoncd.org.

Kelsey Kelmel can be contacted at
kelsey_kelmel@bentoncd.org.

Welcome Mikki!!



Globe Mallow is just one of many native plants found at the Conservation District Office Native Garden

Demonstration Garden

Under the guidance of **veteran Angela Galbreath, Mary Hewitt, intern**, presented a class recently at the Ahtanum Demonstration Garden on the challenges of gardening in Yakima after years of gardening in the Willamette Valley. She provided numerous online resources , which we share here.

Heat

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu> article: "Resources for Managing Heat Waves and Prepare for Heat Waves" (click [HERE](#) to access)

<https://news.okstate.edu/agriculture> article: "Keeping Your Cool in Hot Weather" (Click [HERE](#) to access)

<https://climate.washington.edu> State of Washington climate data (Click [HERE](#) to access)

Water/Irrigation

<http://extension.usu.edu/files/publications/publication/HG-525.pdf> Publication: "Designing a Low Water Use Landscape" (Click [HERE](#) to access)

<http://www.irrigation.org> The Irrigation Association...Turf and Landscape Irrigation Best Management Practices (Click [HERE](#) to access)

www.wateruseitwisely.com (Click [HERE](#) to access)

Fire

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/emergency/FireResPlants.pdf> article: "Fire Resistant Plants" (Click [HERE](#) to access)

www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev3_020876.pdf Article: "Living with Fire: A Guide for Homeowners" (Click [HERE](#) to access)

<https://www.firewise.org/> National Firewise: A website of national firewise communities. (Click [HERE](#) to access)

Plants

<https://www.planthardiness.ars.usda.gov> Plant Hardiness Zones (Click [HERE](#) to access)

<https://www.yakimaherald.com> Article: "Barany in the Garden: Gardening and the USDA Plant Hardiness Zones" (Click [HERE](#) to access. Subscription needed.)

Hgcd.info Heritage Garden Program (Click [HERE](#) to access)

Soil

<https://pubs.nmsu.edu> Article: "Growing Plants in Caliche Soils" (Click [HERE](#) to access)

Reminder!
Foundation/ Program Meetings
Wednesday, August 14th at 10:30 at the
Red Barn

Master Gardener Mission Statement:
"Engaging university-trained volunteers to empower and sustain communities with relevant, unbiased, research-based horticulture and environmental stewardship education."

Clods of Dirt

Tapteal Native Plants is having a pop-up sale Saturday, Sept. 28th at the Yakima Area Arboretum from 10am-1pm. They will be bringing more than 60 species of native & drought tolerant wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees to sell. They will donate 10% of the proceeds to the Arboretum. If you have ordered from them recently they will be bringing their Yakima customers' plant orders at that same time.

www.taptealnativplants.com



Did you know that when you are viewing the weekly email that lists the weekly activities, you can click on the colored category heading for “Clinic Sign Up,” “This Week,” “Training Opportunities,” “Announcements,” and “Looking Forward” to jump directly to that section in the email? How convenient is that??!!



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)
1/2 or full gallon white bleach bottles

Please feel free to text Jenny at 509 480 8829 or email @ ceeron19@comcast.net with any questions

Art Team

Coming Soon: Fall Garden Sale

ART TEAM IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS 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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
TOMATO FEST 2024
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT
THE RED BARN
MOCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS
AT 12:00 pm
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH



It took many centuries and a circuitous journey over thousands of miles for the tomato to plant itself as the most popular garden crop in America.

After potatoes, tomatoes contribute the greatest amount of nutrients to the American diet and are the most important processed vegetable in the US. The USDA reports that each American consumes close to 20 pounds of fresh tomatoes every year. Let's eat a few more!

Come to Tomato Fest 2024 and celebrate all things TOMATO with fellow Master Gardeners. Bring your favorite pot luck dish that features (you guessed it) tomatoes! You're limited only by your imagination.

As part of our annual tradition, Master Gardeners are encouraged to bring tomatoes for judging. Awards will be given for *Best Tasting Tomato*, *Ugliest Tomato*,

Most Beautiful Tomato, *Sweetest Tomato*, and *Best Tasting Cherry Tomato*.

If you're entering tomatoes to be judged for taste, bring several of each variety, cut into small sections and arranged on a plate. We will provide toothpicks for serving. Come early so we can register your entries before Mocktail Half Hour begins.

During "Mocktail Half Hour", you can sip a cool beverage and nibble a tomato-centric appetizer as you evaluate the tomato entries and vote for your favorites. Lunch will follow.

In addition to Mocktails, the Foundation will provide tableware, rolls and butter, a non-tomato dessert, coffee, and tea. Questions? Call Carol Barany at 901-9018.

Give Pulse Tip of the Month

by Julie Hunziker

There seems to be some confusion about the Program Support category for ***Plant Sale meetings***. Attending a plant sale meeting falls under "**Work before, during, or after the plant sale,**" not "Foundation or Program Meetings" and not "Work on Supportive Teams and Meetings," although it's understandable how members would think that way. This helps us track how much time goes into planning and conducting the plant sale. For the 2024 Plant Sale, over 4,500 hours were donated to the Plant Sale, determined by filtering impacts according to "Work at the Greenhouse," "Work before, during or after the plant sale," and "Work on Art Projects."



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.

Master Gardeners at Home



Kelli Barton found a new friend while tending to her garden.

Guiding Principles

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



Beatrice says she found a heat resistant heirloom lettuce called Amish Deer Tongue. She planted some in March that she is just finishing and replanted about a month ago.



Joan Sousley was surprised to see a seedling emerge from an unused split pot.

Newsletter submissions are due on the 25th of each month. Please send to Julie at 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.

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Floribunda: Hot! Hot! And More Hot!

Submitted by Carol Barany

I'm dreaming of long, soaking rains. The windows are open and it's cool enough for an extra blanket. I listen for hours to the rhythm of raindrops tapping the roof and dripping from the trees. Come morning, the garden shimmers, bright green and fresh and renewed.

Instead, millions of Americans are living under heat advisories as temperatures rise to record breaking levels across the country.

Just how hot is TOO hot for plants? For most, it's around 90 degrees.

Plants keep cool through evaporation of water from their leaves. On a hot, dry day, or after several days with no rain or watering, transpiration causes more water to be lost than is coming in. Dehydrated cells in the leaves and stems can no longer remain erect, and the plant begins to wilt. To avoid wilting, the plant can close its leaf pores to keep water from evaporating. It comes at a price, since open pores are necessary for the uptake of carbon dioxide, critical to photosynthesis. Plants with limited carbon dioxide grow more slowly. Leaves may turn white for lack of chlorophyll.



***Hydrangea suffering from heat stress at
The Oregon Garden in Silverton July 2021.
(Photo by Julie Hunziker)***

Some plants, especially trees, will actually shed some of their foliage in an attempt to conserve water.

While wilting slows the rate of water loss, it causes leaf temperatures to increase. Again, if unfavorably high temperatures persist, this cycle can worsen until a portion or all of the leaf is killed. The tips of leaves on trees and perennials throughout my garden are turning brown and crispy. I have faith that as long as there is some green foliage, the plant should recover.

Some gardeners choose not to remove damaged leaves from a burned plant because they may be shading healthy foliage that could also burn when suddenly exposed. It's not a pretty sight, and it takes strong resolve to step away from the pruners.

Weak and under stress, plants are more vulnerable to disease and insect pests. For example, blossom end rot is common during hot weather in tomatoes, peppers, and squash. Spider mites flourish in high heat.

In excessively hot weather, vegetables can stop producing. Tomatoes, squash, peppers, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, and beans can drop their blossoms, while cool-season crops like lettuce and broccoli will bolt.

What can a gardener do?

– Water your garden early and deeply to give your plants time to absorb the water they'll need to get them through the day. Overhead watering during the hotter parts of the day wastes water because much of it evaporates before it reaches your thirsty garden. However, if heat stress is apparent midday, go ahead and water. Watering at night can lead to powdery mildew, but you may have to take that chance. Feel the soil with your fingers one inch under the surface for containers, and two inches deep for beds. If it's dry, your plants need water. Apply water as close to the root ball as possible. Properly placed soaker hoses and drip irrigation do this best, with the least wasted water.

– The temperature under shade cloth can be 10 degrees cooler, so use it to shelter precious or vulnerable plants. Rig up some sort of frame and spread the cloth over it.

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- Postpone pruning, which can add to plant stress.
 - Move seedlings to a shady spot and wait for cooler weather before you transplant them. I learned this the hard way, when all the divisions I took from a clump of Japanese Forest Grass to line a sidewalk died in 24 hours last week.
 - Stop fertilizing. Plants need even more water to process fertilizer. A sudden flush of nutrients also spurs plant growth at a time when the plant's resources are already stressed.
 - Applying 2-4" of mulch around plants will slow evaporation of soil moisture. On one particularly hot day a few years ago, when the air temperature hit 113 degrees, the soil temperature in a full-sun, unmulched area of our garden was 102 degrees. Over in my dahlia bed, where the soil was covered by 4" of chopped leaves, it was 84 degrees.
 - Even when soil moisture is adequate, extreme air and soil temperatures can damage plants. If possible, move your potted plants into indirect sunlight. I thought my heat-loving tender succulents could handle it, but some were badly damaged or killed by heat and light reflecting off the stucco walls of our house. It's ironic that a few weeks ago, I worried that I had too many tender succulents to take care of.
- In times like these, our concerns are for the most vulnerable members of our community, our animals, and our crops. Do the best you can in your garden, and stay safe.

Facility Lead Needed

I have made the decision to step away from my role as Facility Co-Lead at the Red Barn effective December 31st. 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

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Patricia Ratzlaff

Rays of Sunshine

I bumped into Janet Jones this last week. I am sad to report that she is moving this next week...to Florida! Her daughter will benefit from her being close by. Janet served as Foundation secretary for two years and could be seen in the greenhouse during the leadup to the plant sale each year. Thanks, Janet!! You will be missed.



I don't know who needs to hear this, but you're a great gardener. That plant really should have tried harder.

~Author Unknown

Continuing Education Opportunities

WSU Master Gardener Workshops: August

On **Tuesdays** at 12:00 pm WSU Master Gardeners present weekly on-line **free** programs. No need to register, just pop in. Connection information (YOU MUST HAVE A ZOOM ACCOUNT!! Sign up for a **free** account at zoom.us), then join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/7756056320?pwd=RzVxbTI0dXpyUjJiSDdsWnJuTXdydz09>

This month's workshops focus on activities for youth.

8/6: Bee-friendly Water Gardens-For children and the young-at-heart! Learn how to transform your yard so that it invites and supports pollinators like bees. Join **WSU Master Gardener Tracy Morgan** as she shows you how to make a bee-friendly garden providing them with an inviting habitat.

8/13: Composting for Kids-Each year, thousands of tons of kitchen scraps, lawn clippings, and waste from gardens end up in landfills. Join **WSU Master Gardener Tracy Morgan** as she shows you an easy way to make a composter that turns your organic materials into soil.

8/20: Mini-greenhouses-Greenhouses are used because they stay warm inside during the cold months of winter. Join **WSU Master Gardener Tracy Morgan** as she shows you how to make a mini greenhouse that provides an environment for plants protecting them from extreme weather conditions.

8/27: Making a Bug Hotel-Good insects often need safe spaces to shelter, hide from predators and raise their young. Join **WSU Master Gardener Tracy Morgan** as she shows you to build a bug hotel in your garden or outside area. They'll create warm, dry spaces that will attract different creepy crawlies to your yard.

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2nd and 4th Thursday of each month: Clallam County: **Green Thumb Education Series**
(Find this podcast in your device's app store)

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8/22: WSU State Master Gardeners: Staying Mission Driven (via Zoom)

Join Staying Mission Driven meetings to hear directly from Jennifer Marquis and other WSU Extension faculty and staff about important Master Gardener Program news and updates and WSU news and updates. These meetings offer networking opportunities and provide a space for volunteers from across the state to discuss project ideas and share best practices for delivering on the WSU Master Gardener Program purpose.

Click [HERE](#) for information.

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King County: Growing Groceries Harvest to Fall classes

Click [HERE](#) for information. (\$7.50/class)

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Oregon State University Master Gardener Series: Vegetable Gardening

Regularly \$45 but FREE for a limited time. Click [HERE](#) for information.

2024 Demonstration Garden Classes

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

2024 WVFG Garden Classes

Date	Topic	Presenter
Sept 21st	Rotating Crops/Cover Crops	Melody Westmoreland



GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

“Adapting to Our Changing Climate”

Building a better world, one yard at a time!

October 26th @ PNWU, Terrace Heights

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](#) [here](#).



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.

Ask our Foundation Board about financial assistance.

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: 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.*

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

*A SEED
planted today
is a GIFT
for tomorrow*



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We use knowledge to empower healthy and resilient communities, but what if we could do more?

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is raising \$1.5 million to hire a horticulture professor fully dedicated to the Program and to the volunteers who give their time and talents.

Learn how your gift will support a greener, healthier Washington when you give to the WSU Extension Master Gardener Endowed Chair Fund.



To support this campaign, scan the QR code or visit mastergardener.wsu.edu/how-to-donate

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 hr 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



Master Gardener Venue Work Seasons

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August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Heirloom Garden 8-11	2 Plant Clinic 9-12/1-4 WVFG 8-11	3 Heirloom Garden Class: <i>Organic Gardening Practices</i>
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