



## MG Garden Tour: June 17, 2025

Five of our Yakima County Master Gardeners are opening their gardens to fellow MGs on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. It's a great opportunity to see what our friends are doing in their personal gardens; be inspired and offer encouragement.

Meet to carpool at St Timothy's Episcopal Church at 4105 Richey Rd. in Yakima. Please arrive about 8:45 am for a 9 am departure. We plan to start nearby at Laura's garden, drive out to Reggie's, Diana's and Amber's gardens in Selah and end with a sack lunch at Marguerite's

home. Please bring your lunch and items to share if you're inclined.

If possible, please send an email sign-up so we can have an idea how many will be attending. Contact:

Barbara Schmitt — [Ba.schmitt@comcast.net](mailto:Ba.schmitt@comcast.net) or Lucy Stevens— [lucijs900@gmail.com](mailto:lucijs900@gmail.com)

Comments from our garden hosts can be seen on page 6 of our May newsletter. Click [here](#) to access May newsletter.



### JOIN US FOR A GARDEN PARTY!

#### WSU YAKIMA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER DEMONSTRATION GARDEN 20th ANNIVERSARY & 2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



AHTANUM YOUTH PARK  
1000 AHTANUM BLVD  
UNION GAP, WA 98903

SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025  
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Registration opens at 10:00 AM

FREE Demonstrations and Activities for all ages

Prizes and Refreshments



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FOUNDATION  
OF YAKIMA COUNTY



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# ***Program Coordinator***

## ***Plenty of News...***



***Corner***

### ***\*\*\*REGIONAL WATCH PARTY***

You are invited to attend our Regional AEC Watch Party on Friday, September 26. Sign-up early and get the early-bird discount for the conference. Be sure to tick the box to attend the SHARED LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN YAKIMA to join our regional watch party at no additional cost.

We have invited Benton-Franklin and Kittitas Counties to join us! Come join the fun, enjoy a delicious potluck and get lots of CE. Here is the schedule:

- ◆ 9:00 Annual meeting and state awards
- ◆ 10:50 Keynote Speaker Larry Weaner: Living in the Liberated Landscape
- ◆ 12:20 Potluck Lunch
- ◆ 1:00 Session 1: Landscape for Life: Bringing Sustainable Practices to Life in Demonstration Gardens with Deryn Davidson & Katie Dunker
- ◆ 2:40 Session 2: Lesson Plans for Program Priorities with Bryce Batissti

All other sessions can be seen online at [2025 Schedule – WSU Extension Master Gardener AEC](#)  
Stay for all or part of the day.

The AEC conference registration opens June 3rd at \$109 and increases July 1 to \$129.

[Registration – WSU Extension Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference](#)

### ***\*\*\*NEW EXTENSION WEBSITE WITH NEW MASTER GARDENER WEB PAGES***

If you haven't already, check out our new website. Under the 'Programs' tab at the top, select 'Master Gardeners' to see our fresh new look and updated information. A big thank-you to **John Strong** and **Rhonda Gardinier** who worked on creating content for these MG pages. Please direct friends and acquaintances to this website if they are interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer.

### ***\*\*\*MASTER GARDENER APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1***

It's only a month away! Applications will be available on our new county website July 1. The application window for the fall training is July 1 – Aug. 19. No applications will be accepted after August 19. The Meet & Greet will be held at the Extension on Aug. 20 at noon. Please direct interested people to our [website](#) to learn more about our program or have them contact Patty at [patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu](mailto:patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu).

# ***Program Coordinator News***

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## ***\*\*GIVEPULSE UPDATE***

On June 1, GivePulse will put a banner notification at the top of your GivePulse screen to let you know they will be updating their site on July 14. At that point, volunteers will be able to add their time in the 'New View.' This update will include easier ways to filter your continuing education time. At this time, GivePulse will retire (or 'sunset') the Classic View that we now use.

## ***PUBLICATIONS REMINDER***

All posters, flyers, trifold, media postings that are 'outward facing' to the public need to have a WSU logo and non-discrimination clause on them and be approved by the Program Coordinator prior to posting. The WSU logo and Master Gardener spirit mark information are available on our state Master Gardener website; however, the guidelines and color options can be daunting.

Take advantage of our Publication Team and contact Debra Kroon or Julie Hunziker who know how to navigate these regulations as well as our new Canva software for creating posters and flyers that are in compliance with allowed color schemes and logos. Please plan ahead and allow time for the publications team to work on your project.

## ***PLANT A ROW***

Are you planning to plant some extra this year or maybe your garden is always far more than you and your loved ones can handle? Get involved in Plant a Row and take your produce to a local food bank. Contact ***Sarah Judd*** or ***Kelly Klingman*** for food bank locations that work best for you.

**POUNDS DONATED:** Please use the Plant a Row form available from Kelly or Sarah, as the success of this program will be measured by the pounds donated to the local food banks. Turn in the Plant a Row form at the end of the growing season. At the end of the growing season, they will total the pounds donated for a grand total of donated produce from our group. We need your pounds donated!

**GIVEPULSE CREDIT:** Your GivePulse hours will be entered by the GivePulse team using your filled out form. For every 10 lbs. donated, you will earn 1 hour volunteer time up to 10 hours maximum.

## ***AEC Financial Aid***

It's not too early to be planning for the annual Advanced Education Conference held in late September. The Master Gardener Foundation of Yakima County is offering \$100 scholarships on a first-come, first served basis to Yakima County Master Gardeners who would like to participate in the 2025 AEC. If you are interested in receiving this financial benefit, please email a copy of your proof of registration to Gilbert Plascencia at [treasurer@yakima.mastergardenerfoundation.org](mailto:treasurer@yakima.mastergardenerfoundation.org) and request the scholarship.

***Reminder!***  
***Foundation/Program***  
***Meetings***

***Wednesday, June 18th@10:30***  
***Ahtanum Youth Park Red Barn***

***"A weed is a plant that has  
mastered every survival skill  
except for learning how to  
grow in rows." – Doug Larson***

# ***Plant Sale 2025***

## ***It's a Wrap!***

Lots of great comments about our plant sale on our Facebook page. Thank you to Kelly Klingman for posting lots of great videos to promote the sale! And thank you to all of our hard workers!!

### **Rebecca Brown**

A great experience this morning. Best layout and organization I have seen for the Sale. Well done MG folks.! Only one suggestion, if you can shorten the line for the tally tables that would be great. Otherwise I was most impressed. Thanks for all you do!

### **Tina Guyton**

Yakima Master Gardeners granted this morning is the busier of days to shop & the pay line was long, it did move quickly. You all were very efficient in keeping people moving, paying & exiting parking. Very well run machine. Thank you to all the volunteers that work so hard to put this event together. 🙏

### **Nicki L. Garcia**

Wonderful..Thank you so much!

### **Lori Vance**

Thank you!! We enjoyed our visit this morning and will enjoy our beautiful plants & flowers.

### **Susan Lippincott**

Love this sale!! Thank you, Master Gardeners, for all your work!

### **Peggy Mills**

Thank you!

### **Cindy McBurnie**

I was there this morning before 8:00 and some plants were already gone , wow. The sale has become very popular!

### **Tracy Harden**

Been there, bought that! LOL

### **Kimm Ward**

It was a great sale- thanks for all your hard work!

### **June Wentz**

Thank you for all of your hard work

### **Jordan Davis**

Thanks so much to all the volunteers and staff for their hard work. I came both days and am so excited to expand my garden!

### **Sheila Mortenson Tegen**

I wish I could have made it there!

### **Sue Gregson Ford**

I finally made it this year and you all definitely didn't disappoint! I'm anxious to get going on the planting and helping to beautify my gardens. Thank you all for your amazing knowledge, talent, and tireless work.



***Late Friday morning...still plenty of plants available for the diligent shoppers.***



***The sun grew warm but the counters kept on task.  
(Photos by Julie Hunziker)***

# ***Plant Sale Action***



***The checkout/counting line grew long in the morning, but was down to a manageable flow by 10:30.***



***Beatrice Reiss and Sue Uhlmann worked well together while tabulating one of the biggest orders of the day.***



***Shoppers and MGs alike wander the sea of plants.***



***The counters, like Joann Davis, managed to work through the busy morning and enjoyed the steady flow later in the day.***



***Would Laura be the last customer of the sale?  
No...it was Debbie Sundlee!***



***The  
End!***

***(Photos by Julie H  
and Karen T.)***

# Youth Team

It was a successful kick-off to the Youth Table at the Farmer's Market on May 25th. The Seed Starting CD project at the Youth table at the Farmer's Market saw nearly 60 kids start sunflower seeds in CD cases that day. (Photos by **Kelly Klingman**)



**Kelly, Reggie, and Jenny display pea sprouts in cd cases donated by many Master Gardeners.**



**Reggie helps a youth with the seeds-in-a-cd case project.**



## Guiding Principles

**Act Respectfully**

**Lead Supportively**

**Adaptability**

**Work Together**

**Always Learning**

**Emphasize Quality**

**Communicate Effectively**

**Be Honest**

**Take Responsibility**

# ***Demonstration Garden***



***Deb Moucka and her husband, Gary, made two new benches for our bistro area. They are absolutely gorgeous!! We are so excited and so very thankful! Pictured L to R: Darrell, Lori, Sue, Reggie, Joan, Carol, Renee, Gary, Diana, Deborah, and Steve (Kelli B.)***



***There's a new tenant in the Ahtnanum Demonstration Garden. (Sue Schauer)***



***At the back side of the garden, Darrell shows how reproductive Quack grass can be. (Photo by Karen T.)***



***A misty morning in the garden at Ahtanum. (Kelli B.)***

# WVFG Garden



**John Strong** kicked off classes at the West Valley Food Garden with a session on drip irrigation. Nearly 30 people brought umbrellas and braved the natural irrigation to hear John's informative talk.



*Left (photo by Kelly K): An ootheca, praying mantis egg case, found at the WVFG recently. I'm sure many of have seen them around our gardens. In fact, there was quite the excitement two years ago when Diana Pieti espied a casing in the throes of hatching (photo by Julie H).*



**Baby mantids**



Kelli B. reported that this guy was found in the Ahtanum DG while we were digging to transplant some bulbs. We reached out to Laura Willett and she said to get in touch with Josh Milnes. Skip took the instar to Josh who in turn shared with Chris. They "believe" it is a variety of Asiatic beetle that we've not seen in this area yet. Long story short, Josh came to the garden on Friday and we dug a lot of holes looking for more but, luckily, didn't find any. He said the next step will be to place a lighted trap in the garden as they feed at night and we'll try to capture one. Josh was incredibly grateful that we had turned the bug over to him and says that's one of the main reasons he is impressed

with master gardeners because when we find something weird in our gardens, we share the information. He and Chris are going to continue studying the instar (which has been euthanized) but encouraged us to keep an eye out for any chewing/damage to plants... especially roses.

## ***GivePulse Tip of the Month***

by Julie Hunziker

**Beware!!** With the upcoming switch to “New View” in GivePulse, it is imperative that impacts be up to date. When the switch is made July 14th, impacts previous to that time will not be accepted, meaning the system will not be able to process those impacts. No, that does not mean that impacts already entered will be lost. Please enter all of your impacts asap. That’s a warning to those of you who like to wait until December to enter your year’s worth of impacts.



**Reflection of the month: “Planted beans; Weeded, weeded, weeded”**  
listed under Demonstration Gardens/Wk at WVFG.

**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.**

## ***Looking for Continuing Education?***

Local Resources:

- \* **Arboretum Classes** (There’s one on April 2nd)
- \* **Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Classes** (Every Saturday in a different Garden)
- \* **Master Gardener Yard Tours** (June 17th)
- \* **Enrichment Classes** (January and February...they’ve passed, but look for them in 2026)

Online Resources:

- \* Evergreen Thumb Podcast (WSU Master Gardeners)
- \* WSU Extension Master Gardeners Virtual AEC (Sept 26th-27th, recordings available online until 2/6/26)  
Register [here](#).
- \* Oregon State University (Free webinars the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon)
  - [Discover nature’s secrets with iNaturalist](#) (June 10) Register [here](#)
- \* Cowlitz County Master Gardeners Online classes [here](#). Most Tuesdays at noon.

**REPORT JAPANESE BEETLE**



**AGR.WA.GOV/BEETLES**

### ***Be on the Look Out!***

Have you seen this pest? Thousands of Japanese beetles have been found in Yakima, Benton, and Franklin counties. If you spot this pest, take a photo and report it at [agr.wa.gov/beetles](http://agr.wa.gov/beetles).

See it? Report it! Japanese beetles are destructive, invasive pests that attack over 300 types of plants. Snap a photo and report at [agr.wa.gov/beetles](http://agr.wa.gov/beetles).

# ***Master Gardeners at Home***

**Deborah Moucka** is tickled to report that her home garden was certified as an Heritage Garden last week. This is it's first summer, so it's still growing and she will be adding more plants this fall. Mikki Boughton from the Conservation District said it passed all of the criteria. It's based on a beautiful design created last year by Emily Hamant from the Conservation District, before she left for advanced studies at Cornell University. Next year it will be out of its sleep/creep stage and be more fulsome. Because it's near the street, neighbors come by and want to know about it. Deborah says it's been really fun.



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## ***In Memoriam***

**Lucille Meyers** passed earlier this month. Her passing caused me to take a run down memory lane. When I joined our MG program in 2003, Lucille was the individ-

ual that really stood out for me. She became an MG the year before. Happy, cheerful, with a ready smile. You could find Lucille showing up at every activity, ready to go. The really fun part was she always dressed up for the activity. When I first saw her at the Arboretum Pullin' of the Greens many years ago, she wore a flower-festooned straw hat and her garden

tools were gussied up, too. They seemed to shine with the fancy bows and flowers she tied on them. Now, who wouldn't want to rake or hoe with a classy tool like that?

Lucille seemed to feel every occasion to gather was another reason for a party. Her all-in, so good to see you spirit oozed from her with each encounter. Lucille exemplified the "Suit Up and Show Up" attitude this program and foundation are built on. She will be missed by many MG friends. Her service will be held Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 am at the LDS Church at 1414 S. 72nd Avenue in Yakima.

~ **Debra Kroon**



A memorial service for Maia Middlestaedt will be held Saturday, June 14th from 2-5 pm at the Ahtanum Youth Park Red Barn. Family would love to see you there and share happy memories with you. Please let Betsy Hunt know if you plan to attend so they can plan accordingly. She can be reached at (509)654-8017 or email at [betsyh784@gmail.com](mailto:betsyh784@gmail.com). You can also search for Betsy Hunt on Facebook and leave a message for her there. Maia loved the Master Gardener program and it would be great to see our group represented.



## ***Rays of Sunshine***

We keep in mind several of our members who have some ongoing health issues:

- \* **Gini Obert** continues her recovery from knee surgery. It was good to see her at the recent Foundation/Program meeting
- \* Also, **Jenny Mansfield** is recovering at home from her back surgery.
- \* **MaryLou Calhoon** received news that her cancer has returned.
- \* **Sally Mayo's** daughter passed after suffering a fall and subsequent brain bleed.
- \* Shelly Oshie is recovering from surgery to repair a severed tendon in her wrist.

# *Floribunda: Worm Composting*

by Carol Barany

In nature, the tough and resilient composting worm, *Eisenia fetida* (red wriggler), is working. In this case, 'working' means eating garbage.

Indigenous in most parts of the world, you'll find it in piles of manure (or any organic waste), quietly converting the mess into a glorious-for-the-garden, humus-like material known as vermicompost.

Vermicompost's water soluble components provide exceptional nutrients, while the undigested organics improve soil's texture and water holding ability. In her class last month, "Outdoor Worm Composting", Master Gardener Phyllis Pugnetti showed us how wigglers can compost large amounts of kitchen and yard waste in an outdoor pile. (I WROTE THIS IN 2015!!) I know, we've all heard that red wigglers must live indoors in plastic bins, but tell that to the worms who've been doing just fine without our help for eons. And tell that to Phyllis, who's been using this method for years.

And it's not just Phyllis. According to the *Manual of On-Farm Vermicomposting and Vermiculture* by Glenn Munroe of the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada, "the compost worm has the capacity for very rapid reproduction. This is an evolutionary necessity for a creature whose natural environment is extremely changeable and hazardous and whose natural supplies of food are of the "boom or bust" variety. All of these characteristics make *E. fetida* the natural choice for those who wish to do their vermicomposting outdoors, year-round, in climates with harsh winter conditions".

When wigglers have bedding, food, adequate moisture and oxygen, and protection from temperature extremes, they'll get to work. Any sheltered and shaded location, near the kitchen and a water source for convenience, can become a worm composting center.

**BUILD A PILE** For bedding, Phyllis suggests dry, organic carbon materials such as shredded paper, leaves, or chopped straw, with small amounts of pine needles and saw dust. Lay the bedding directly on the soil, in an area at least 12" wide and 4-5" deep. The piles, traditionally windrow shaped, can be any shape that best suits your space. Phyllis started with a pile 3' wide that will ultimately be 8-10' long. Remember that worms breathe through their skin, and if the bedding is too dense to begin with, or packs too tightly, worms can't breathe. If their skin dries out, the worm dies, so the bedding should feel like a moist sponge, but never soggy. Water

the pile, especially in hot weather, whenever it feels dry.

**FEEDING TIME** Wigglers have enormous appetites, devouring at least half their weight in food each day. Dump kitchen scraps, green or brown shredded leaves, yard waste, paper napkins, and coffee grounds on the pile and cover with an additional 4-5" of bedding. As you accumulate more waste, continue to build the pile until it reaches 18" in height (worms don't like going higher), and this is not a compost pile; it's a worm pile. Avoid yard waste that's been treated with pesticides or herbicides, glossy magazine paper, meat or dairy products, woody sticks, weeds that have gone to seed, diseased plants, and cat, dog, or pig manure. When the pile reaches 18", start layering the food and bedding in another pile directly beside the first, and continue to move away from the first deposits. The worms will migrate to the food. Depending on weather conditions, the amount of food, and the number of worms, in about 6 months, you'll find vermicompost at the start of the pile, ready to use. Worms have transformed the buckets of waste and bedding into something that looks like crumbly chocolate cake.



**PROTECT FROM TEMPERATURE EXTREMES** *Eisenia* can survive being partially encased in frozen bedding and will only die when they're no longer able to eat. Their cocoons (in favorable conditions, wigglers produce 3 cocoons/week, with 3-10 eggs/cocoon) can also survive extended periods of deep freezing. Compost worms move within the piles according to the season. In winter, when the pile's heat from decomposition is higher than outside temperatures, the worms will be found at the warmest level of the pile. Look for them on the south-facing side of piles in the winter and on the opposite

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**(Worm Composting, continued from previous page)**

side in the summer. They can survive temperatures in the mid-90s, but prefer a range in the 70s. If their environment gets too hot, they'll try to move to a cooler location. If they can't, they'll die, so moderate the amount of green materials you add to the pile. The bigger the pile, the more insulating protection it provides. Use bags of leaves or a tarp to preserve heat in the winter.

Got worms? Get them from a worm composting friend, attract them into your garden, or buy them online. Munroe's complete manual can be found at <http://oacc.info/DOCs/VermicultureFarmersManualgm.pdf>. Read it and get composting.

**Master Gardener Mission Statement:**

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

WSU Yakima County Extension ~ Master Gardener Program

## Become a Master Gardener!

### 2025 REVISED SCHEDULE

- ☐ **APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1**  
[Contact Us | Yakima County | Washington State University](#)  
with notice of acceptance/denial by end of August
- ☐ **MEET & GREET – required**  
Wed. August 20, 12:00 – 1:30  
Includes info on Registration
- ☐ **ORIENTATION LUNCHEON**  
Wed. September 10, 12:00 – 2:00
- ☐ **ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE & 6 IN-PERSON HANDS ON LABS**  
Oct. 1, 2025 – March 11, 2026
- ☐ **COST: \$275**  
Partial scholarships available

Meetings and most in-person county labs will be held at the Extension office:  
**WSU Extension**  
2403 S 18th St. Ste 100, Union Gap, WA

**Meet & Greet**  
Wed. Aug. 20  
12:00 – 1:30

Contact Master Gardener Program Coordinator  
Patty Ratzlaff  
[patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu](mailto:patty.ratzlaff@wsu.edu)  
for more information

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## WE WANT YOU—

To think about becoming a member of the Writer's Guild by contributing an article for submission to the Yakima Herald Republic. You do not have to be a professional writer; you just need to be willing to tell a story and put it down in writing. Well, it does have to have something to do with gardening here in Central Washington, but other than that it is your story to tell.

Some possible topics to write about are: what's happening in your garden right now; how did you design the layout of your garden; what are your favorite plants to grow; who got you into gardening in the first place; what challenges have you faced in the garden; what has been your most successful garden adventure; what is the best thing about gardening for you; and the list goes on and on. You are only limited by your imagination!

Each article needs to be about 700-750 words long and if you have a photo to go along with the article even better. If you are worried about things like punctuation and grammar, we can help you with that. If you think your writing is not polished enough, we can help with that too. You just need to be willing to try – and think about this, you will enjoy a bit of local fame when you see your name in print!

Please contact **Carol Barany** or **Melody Westmoreland** and we will help you get started; we would love to add you to our team.

~ Melody Westmoreland

### **MG Program Priorities**

**Local Food**

**Pollinators**

**Wildfire Preparedness**

**Water Conservation**

**Clean Water**

**Climate Change**

**Nearby Nature**

**Plant Biodiversity**

**Soil Health**

# ***Garden Classes***

## ***2025 Demonstration Garden Classes***

Date	Topic	Presenter
June 14th	Growing Figs & Pomegranates in the Yakima Valley	Avery Richardson
June 28th	Small Space, Large Bounty	MG Allyn Perkins
July 12th	Falling in Love with Herbs	MG Carol Barany
July 26th	Grasses: Build Habitat and Create Year-Round Interest	MG Debra Kroon
Aug 9th	Pruning, Tree ID, & Firewise	Arborist Sean Tait
Aug 23rd	Grow, Dye-Wearable Art From Plants	MG Renee Holwegner
Sept 13th	Winter Garden, Deciduous Forest, Tree & Shrub Data Project **A MG/Yakima Area Arboretum collaborative class, to be held at YAA	Karl Graf, YAA Board Member

## ***2025 Heirloom Garden Classes***

Date	Topic	Presenter
June 7th	Seed Saving	MG Phyllis Pugnetti
July 5th	Mycology and Soil Health	MG Terry Travis
Aug 2nd	Planting for a Winter Garden	MG Phyllis Pugnetti
Sept 6th	Fall Tool Maintenance	MB Rick Russell

## ***2025 WVFG Garden Classes***

Date	Topic	Presenter
<del>June 21st</del>	<del>Planting for Pollinators</del>	<del>MG Debra Kroon</del>
July 19th	Food Forests	MG Diana Pieti
Sept 20th	Gardening to Help Native Bees	MG Don Flyckt

# **Yakima County MG Leaders**

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

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

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

**Perennials:** Carol Barany/Melody Westmoreland

**Herbs:** Diana Pieti/Diane Berthon

**Hanging Baskets:** Mary Hewitt/Shellie Oshie/Cathy Penny

**Vegetables:** Don Flyckt/ Beatrice Reiss

**Art:** Jenny Mansfield/Mary Hewitt/Debbie Sundlee

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

**Demonstration Gardens:**

**Ahtanum:** Sue Schauer/Skip Brockman/Kelli Barton

**Classes:** Annette Olson/Sue Schauer

**Heirloom Garden:** Sally Mayo/Reggie Sanderson/Sarah Judd

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

**Youth Program:** Kelly Klingman/Jennifer Harris

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

**Publications:** Julie Hunziker/Debra Kroon/Rhonda Gardinier/Steve Kuhn

**Social Media:** Kelly Klingman

**Garden Tour:** Jenny Mansfield/Lucy Stevens/ Barbara Schmitt

**Facilities:** Reggie Sanderson/Mary Kearney

**Advisory Board:** Debra Kroon/John Strong/Melody Westmoreland/Michelle Murphy

## ***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



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](https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/how-to-donate)

**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.**

## **Foundation Board**

**President:** Rick Russell

**Vice President:** Dick Larson

**Treasurer:** Gilbert Plascencia

**Secretary:** Carrie Chicken

**Members at Large:** Beatrice Reiss/Steve Kuhn

**Past President:** Dan Fortier

**Program Coordinator:** Patricia Ratzlaff



# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4	3 <b>Demonstration</b> Garden 8-11	4 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4  <b>Demonstration</b> Garden 8-11	5 <b>Heirloom</b> Garden 8-11	6 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4  <b>WVFG</b> 8-11	7  <b>Garden Class</b> <i>Seed Saving</i> 10-11 <b>Heirloom DG</b>
8  <b>Yakima</b> <b>Herald</b> <b>Article</b>	9 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4	10 <b>Demonstration</b> Garden 8-11	11 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4  <b>Demonstration</b> Garden 8-11	12 <b>Heirloom</b> Garden 8-11	13 <b>Plant Clinic</b> 9-12/1-4  <b>WVFG</b> 8-11	14  <b>Garden Class</b> <i>Figs/</i> <i>Pomegranates</i> 10-11
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