

2020 Insights into Gardening - Session Descriptions by Time

9:00 – 10:15

Vegetable Garden Planning

Jennifer Klammer, Benton County Master Gardener

Want to boost your home vegetable garden production? Extend your growing season? This hands-on workshop will show how to use graph paper and a planting calendar to create a detailed multi-season plan to maximize your harvest.

Year-Round Pollinator Plants

Janet Magedanz, Benton County Master Gardener

Learn what to grow for a 4-season blooming garden consisting of bulbs, annuals, perennials, and shrubs that provide beautiful blooms for your pleasure and the pleasure and nourishment of pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Four-Legged Garden Pests

Dan Edge, OSU College of Agricultural Sciences

This presentation will cover the biology and management of rodents and rabbits in your landscape and gardens. Some exasperating garden pests like rats, mice, voles, gophers, and rabbits will be discussed.

An Insect Apocalypse?

Gail Langellotto, OSU Department of Horticulture

Insects are critically important to our economy and the environment. This talk will review the latest research related to insect declines: to what degree (if any) are insects in decline, and if so, what can we do about it?

10:30 – 11:45

Fruits in Small Spaces

Jeff Cope, Home Grown Gardens

Growing fruit trees in small yards is challenging. We'll discuss fruit tree varieties, rootstock choices and backyard orchard care to increase pollination and varieties of fruit you can grow, plus extend the fruiting season.

Sustainable Lawn Maintenance

Alec Kowalewski, OSU Department of Horticulture

The presentation will discuss cultural practices of turfgrass management. Primary practices highlighted will include mowing, fertilization and irrigation. Cultivation, inter-seeding and weed management will also be covered.

Hanging with Houseplants

Andrea Shonnard, Shonnard's Nursery

If you're a houseplant lover, this session is for you! Learn about new, fun indoor plants plus get tips for their care, including requirements for light, water, and fertilizer. Be inspired to add more plants to your home!

Building Garden Resilience

Fred Weisensee, Dancing Oaks Nursery

Improve your garden's resilience to climate change with appropriate plant selection while utilizing concepts from regenerative agriculture to enrich soil health and moisture retention.

12:45 – 2:00

Science of Tasty Tomatoes

Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension Service

This session focuses on the art and science of producing the most flavorful tomatoes. We will journey from the field to the laboratory and along the way you will learn practical tips to increase the flavor of your tomatoes.

Pruning Ornamental Shrubs

Joleen Schilling, Chemeketa Community College Horticulture Program

Pruning is important to maintaining healthy shrubs in your home landscape. In this presentation, you will learn the basics of why to prune, when to prune, and how to prune.

Growing Olives in Oregon

Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Service

Olives are an ancient crop but new to western Oregon. There is much to learn about growing olives here. Therefore, this presentation will cover new OSU research and best practices for growing olives in the home garden.

Meadowscaping 101

Amy Bartow, US Department of Agriculture

Come learn about how to create a native meadow in your yard. The presenter will discuss site preparation, design, selection of materials, as well as installation and maintenance.

2:15 – 3:30

Winter Vegetable Gardening

Andrew Billing, Territorial Seed Company

Learn about growing vegetables through the winter and extending the harvest from fall into spring. Topics to be covered: what crops work best, suitable varieties, planting dates and other considerations for the winter garden.

Heathers: Color Year 'Round

Ella May Wulff, Author and Heather Expert

A garden of well-chosen heathers can be colorful all year. The speaker will present a sampling of hardy heathers and explain what is needed to keep these valuable shrubs ornamental garden assets for decades.

Flowers and Bee Nutrition

Priyadarshini Chakrabarti Basu, OSU Department of Horticulture

Malnutrition is a critical factor in bee declines. Diverse floral resources can help mitigate bee nutritional stress. We will discuss the impacts of phytosterols on bees and the diverse pollen resources available to all bees.

Practical Organic Gardening

Darren Morgan, Shonnard's Nursery

Effective organic gardening is more than choices made in the pesticide aisle. It includes how to select, site, and nurture plants for success, and how to prevent and solve pest problems with or without organic pesticides.