

10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Cabin  
Fever**  
Gardening Symposium



Saturday  
**March 30**  
2019

Back  
to our  
**Roots!**

CenterPlace ■ Spokane Valley

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**\$65** for 4 sessions, lunch included (\$60 Foundation members)



Check in ■ Coffee, tea & fruit 7:30

## Morning Session I 8:30 - 9:45

### **Carol Newcomb Create Your Dream Garden with Roses, and more!**

We'll explore stunning rose gardens from across the world and learn how to incorporate roses and their complimentary plants into our own gardens. Be inspired by the eye candy in this presentation. Carol is the owner of Northland Rosarium, a family-owned business located 10 minutes southwest of downtown Spokane, and has been propagating roses since 1992.

### **Laren Sunde The Dirt on Good Soil**

Are you curious about your soil - is it healthy? How do you find out? What can you do to improve it? Learn about tests you can do at home and where and when to get professional help. Easy and inexpensive ways to improve your soil will be shared. Laren has been gardening for almost 30 years, becoming a Master Composter/Recycler in 2006 and a Master Gardener in 2008.

### **Beth Mort Applying Permaculture to Your Landscape**

Learn the basics of Permaculture in order to gain a better understanding of your unique landscape. Produce higher yields, incorporate edibles into your landscape, create a pollinator garden, or simply increase its beauty - no matter what size property you have. Beth runs Zinnia Designs, permaculture-focused garden design to help people produce more food on any size lot, and Snapdragon Flower Farm, which produces cut flowers for the public and to floral designers.

## Morning Session II 10-11:15

### **Pat Munts Plants for Pollinators**

It's one thing to know who our pollinator friends are; it's another to know what they like to eat so they will stay around. We'll cover region-appropriate and native plants, tips on where to plant them and how to successfully get them started. Learn about providing shelter and ideal nesting spots. Pat has been a gardener for over 35 years and is co-author of "Northwest Gardener's Handbook" with fellow Master Gardener, Susan Mulvihill.

### **Ken Bevis Neighborly Wildlife**

In a fun-filled presentation, Ken will share stories, anecdotes and information on how to live in harmony with our wildlife friends. Listen to bear songs and maybe even learn a bird call or two! Ken is a forest stewardship biologist who helps private landowners with forestry management questions and concerns. He currently works with the DNR Small Forest Landowner Office.

### **Marilyn Lloyd Vertical Vegetable Gardening**

Growing plants on a vertical surface has many advantages: more sunlight, simplified watering, improved air circulation and easier harvesting. Several methods for growing vegetable crops up, not out, will be presented, as well as suggested vegetables for vertical growth. Marilyn is a retired cytogeneticist (chromosome analyst). She trained as a Master Gardener in 2008.

Lunch ■ Visit our vendors!

## Afternoon Session III 12:45 - 2

### **Mark Stiltz Rabbits & Rodents & Deer, Oh My!**

Up to a new challenge, Mark moved from the city to the countryside a few years ago, and has experienced life with gophers, rabbits, and deer. What can be done so that a gardener can live peacefully with the creatures that consume some, most or even all of what's been planted? Mark, a Master Gardener since 2004, will present his successes and failures, and tactics to help protect your landscape.

### **Guy Gifford Protecting Your Home & Landscape from the Next Wildfire**

We will explore the HIZ—Home Ignition Zone—as well as the other defined zones surrounding your home. Certain types of plants either are recommended, or should be avoided, for fire safety. Learn what usually ignites a structure fire. We will also discuss native plants and how they have adapted to wildfire. Guy is a Fire Prevention and Firewise Coordinator and an Assistant Forester for the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources.

### **Ben Kappen Trees & Shrubs — Beyond Planting**

Ben has worked in tree care in Spokane for over 20 years, and will guide us in finding practical, healthy solutions to ensure the success and longevity of our trees and shrubs. Ben currently works as a certified arborist for Bartlett Tree Experts, and is an adjunct instructor for Spokane Community College.

## Afternoon Session IV 2:15 - 3:30

### **Jeff Wood Vermiculture: Earthworms for Compost and Gardens**

Most gardeners know that worm castings enrich your soil. Some earthworms are best suited for gardening while others are suited for composting. You'll learn how Vermicompost makes high power organic fertilizers that can feed all of your plants at a fraction the cost of most fertilizers, and how Vermiculture can help you create an organic, self-sustaining gardening system. Jeff owns and operates Marlé Worm Growers in Otis Orchards.

### **Diane Stutzman Drought Tolerant Plants for the Home Landscape**

Most gardeners who've been at it for a while realize that conditions constantly change, with some of them becoming more extreme. Drought-adapted, western and midwestern native plants can contribute to a beautiful, healthy and more sustainable landscape. Diane owns Desert Jewels Nursery in Spokane.

### **Steven Nokes Propagation: It's Easier Than You Think!**

All gardening begins with a single tip of green pushing its way through soil. Whether you're aiming to germinate rare varieties, preserve existing specimens or reduce costs, this presentation will guide you through several different horticultural principles. Steve has been gardening over 37 years, he has six greenhouses and has been a Master Gardener for 32 years.

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