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CENTER NEWS

Spring is the time of the year when a gardener's fancy turns to: flowers, ferns, bonsai, new plants, and let's get our fingernails 'dirty'! This year, more events than ever will be held at the Center for Urban Horticulture and the Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum. Join us for as many classes, tours, and lectures as possible, and be sure to attend an expanded array of Plant Shows and Plant Sales for new ideas. And start saving your pennies, nickels, and quarters for all those plants you'll surely want to buy. Happy gardening!

—John A. Wott
Professor, Continuing Education

Northwest Horticultural Society

The following events have been scheduled.

April 12, 10:30 a.m., Marco Polo Stufano
Lecture at CUH

Director of Horticulture, Wave Hill, Bronx,
New York

April 26, Tour of Bloedel Reserve, Bainbridge
Island

April 27, 7:30 p.m., Geoffrey Rausch Lecture
at CUH

Landscape Architect, Pittsburgh, PA

May 17, Tour of Vancouver, B.C.'s new Chi-
nese Garden.

Lecture by Duane Pentilla, Senior Landscape
Architect, Seattle Parks and Recreation
Department

June 2, 7:30 p.m., Dr. John Mickel Lecture at
CUH

Fern Curator, New York Botanical Garden

Contact: Maidie Anderson 455-4477

Parking, Cars, Parking

Being too successful always brings problems, and in this case, it means a change in parking regulations for everyone who uses our facility. In order to be responsive to the quiet neighborhood on which we border, the University Parking Division will now encourage the prepurchase of event parking. Each organization will be asked to prepay the necessary charges as part of their fee. Also, all lectures, classes, etc., will include a parking charge. Individuals will still be able to use the ticket spitters when the parking lots are not prepaid. We would urge everyone to park in our lots rather than on the residential streets. We hope our horticultural friends help us keep up the 'good neighbor' policy!

Special Events at CUH

The Early Rhododendron Show and Sale will be held on April 2, noon to 6 p.m. and April 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. See the earliest rhododendrons in flower.

The Washington State Chapter, American Primrose Society stages its annual show and sale on April 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 10, noon to 4 p.m. This year you'll have two days for carefully choosing exotics.

For the first time, the King County Master Gardeners Foundation will hold its Plant Sale here on April 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature lots of bedding plants.

The Puget Sound Bonsai Association will hold its annual display of all types of bonsai on Mother's Day weekend, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Annual Fern Festival will be held on June 3, 1 to 5 p.m. and June 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A featured lecture will be given by Dr. John Mickel, curator of ferns, New York Botanical Garden, on June 2, 7:30 p.m.

Business Is Booming! Volunteers Needed!

More people are visiting the Washington Park Arboretum every month. The Graham Visitors Center is now open every weekend from noon to 4 p.m. We need your help greeting all these visitors! A variety of volunteer positions need filling. Call 543-8800 to find out which position is just right for you!

Miller Library News

The Miller Library will be open several Saturdays this spring so that you can investigate seed catalogs, plant characteristics, and garden designs during the prime gardening season. Thanks to gift funding from Betty Miller, our open Saturdays will be April 16, May 7, and May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Several gift books were received as we went to press: *A Garden for Children* in memory of Colonel James Curry (husband of Jeannine Curry) and *Flowers for All Seasons* in memory of Mr. Bud J. Burnett (husband of Adele Burnett).

In addition, Arboretum Unit #44 presented the Library with a copy of *Gardens of the Heart* after a recent library tour.

Puget Sound Mycological Society

The P.S.M.S. will hold a course on beginning mushroom identification on Tuesdays, April 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24, 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Learn the basic grouping of mushrooms and their use in identification. The fee is \$30 payable to P.S.M.S.

Free identification clinics will be open Mondays in April and May from 3 to 7 p.m. All events will be held at Isaacson Hall, Center for Urban Horticulture. Call 522-6031.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

*One-hour lectures covering a wide range of horticultural interests.

*\$1.00 parking and service fee will be charged for lectures held at the Center for Urban Horticulture; please do not park on the street.

The Plant Enthusiast Second Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Seattle's Street Trees—Can They Survive

April 13 (ARBOR DAY)
by Roger Kjelgren, graduate student, Center for Urban Horticulture

Urban trees are subject to pollution, drought, vandalism, and lousy soil. How do they survive? Mr. Kjelgren will share fascinating observations and practical advice from his study of Seattle's street trees.

Curious Plants of the Tropics

May 11
by Scot Medbury, graduate student, Center for Urban Horticulture

Do you know the largest seed in the plant kingdom? Have you ever eaten a split-leaf philodendron? Mr. Medbury, who formerly worked in the tropics, has a plethora of curious facts on tropical plants.

Vines for Your Landscape

June 8
by Pat Roome, landscape designer and WSU Master Gardener

There's nothing like a vine to soften the harsh aspects of your garden—ugly walls, fences. Learn how to select the right vine for your situation, how vines attach themselves, and how to properly train a vine.

Plants and Gardens of the World Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

April 18
by Meg Anderson and Kristen Shepherd, Alaska Coalition

The coastal plain of the ANWR is the only such ecosystem still intact. This severe but spectacular landscape is home to diverse plant and wildlife populations—caribou, wolves, musk oxen, grizzlies. 108 species of birds return here each summer.

When the Country Came to Live in the City

May 16
by Dr. Linda W. Rutland

In the first century B.C., Lucullus established the first of Rome's great private parks, which combined elements of architecture, landscaping, and even animal preserves. Discover how they influenced the life of Rome's populace.

The Royal Botanic Garden at Kew

June 20
by Sheila Walters, WSU Master Gardener

Experience one of Britain's great gardens in its early summer splendor, and tour the new Princess of Wales Conservatory. This is a must for anyone traveling to the U.K. this summer.

The Master Gardener Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

Horticultural Fallacies

April 8
by Van Bobbitt

Do you fertilize your lawn in the early spring? Put gravel in the bottom of flower pots to improve drainage? These and other common gardening practices may be harmful to your plants.

Perennials for Shady Spots

May 13
by Mary Robson

What can you grow around rhododendrons and other shade-loving shrubs? Learn to bring intriguing foliage texture and flowering beauty to the dimmer corners of your yard. A book list is included.

New Home Landscape Design

June 10
by David "D.C." Clausen

Can you really transform that muddy lot into a lush garden? Find out how to properly plan your landscape and avoid costly mistakes. Plot plans, plant selection, and walkways will be discussed.

Brown-Bag Garden Talks First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Usually held at the HUB; call for details.

Enjoy these FREE informal lectures, walks, and demonstrations during your lunch hour. Jointly sponsored by the Center for Urban Horticulture and the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

Tips for a Greener Lawn

April 6
by Hal Harrison, WSU Master Gardener

Tomatoes on the Porch: Container Vegetable Gardening

April 20
by Mary Robson, WSU Master Gardener

Annuals for Summer Color—Plant Now!

May 4
by Lynn Meyer, WSU Master Gardener

Pruning Rhododendrons

May 18
by David Zuckerman, Washington Park Arboretum

Tour of the Medicinal Herb Garden

June 1
by Scot Medbury, Friends of the Medicinal Herb Garden

Campus Tree Walk

June 15
by Van Bobbitt, Center for Urban Horticulture

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				8 a.m. CUH* Skagit Valley Tour 31		Noon-6 p.m. CUH* Early Rhododendron Show & Sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Miller Library Open 2
9 a.m.-6 p.m. CUH* Early Rhododendron Show & Sale 1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 3	7 p.m. CUH NW Orchid Society 4 7:30 p.m. CUH King County Iris Society		12:10 p.m. HUB Lawn Tips 6 7 p.m. CUH* Natives 7:30 p.m. CUH Seattle Rhododendron Society	7 p.m. CUH* Perennials 7	7:30 p.m. CUH Horticultural Fallacies 8	WPA Arbor Weekend 9 9 a.m. CUH* Bonsai 11 a.m.-4 p.m. CUH Primrose Show & Sale
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1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 17	7 p.m. CUH Arctic Wildlife Refuge 18		12:10 p.m. HUB Container Vegetables 20	9 a.m. CUH* Mercer Island Garden Tour 21 7:30 p.m. CUH Chrysanthemum Society		9 a.m. CUH* Bonsai 23 9 a.m. WPA* Pruning 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CUH Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale
10 a.m.-2 p.m. CUH Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale 1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 24	6 p.m. CUH Puget Sound Bonsai Association 25	CUH Hort Field Day 7 p.m. CUH* Ferns 26	10 a.m. WPA Explorers' Walk 27 7:30 p.m. CUH N.H.S. LECTURE Geoffrey Rausch	7 p.m. CUH* Ferns 28		9 a.m. CUH* Bonsai 30

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1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 1	7 p.m. CUH NW Orchid Society 2		Noon-7 p.m. WPA AF Plant Sale 4 12:10 p.m. HUB Annuals Lecture 7 p.m. CUH* Herbs 7:30 p.m. CUH Seattle Rhododendron Society	10 a.m.-2 p.m. WPA AF Plant Sale 5 7 p.m. CUH* Perennials	Noon-9 p.m. WPA Late Rhododendron Show 6	9 a.m. CUH* Bonsai 7 10 a.m.-5 p.m. CUH* Annual Bonsai Exhibit 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CUH Miller Library Open 1-7:30 p.m. WPA Late Rhododendron Show
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1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 15	7 p.m. CUH When Country Came to City 16		12:10 p.m. HUB Rhody Pruning 18	8 a.m. CUH* Wildflower Tour 19 7:30 p.m. CUH Chrysanthemum Society	7:30 p.m. CUH Primrose Society 20	10 a.m. CUH* Rock Garden 21 10 a.m. WPA* Thirstless Garden 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CUH Miller Library Open
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JUNE

			8 a.m. CUH* Whidbey Island Tour 1 12:10 p.m. Herb Garden Tour 7:30 p.m. CUH Seattle Rhododendron Society	7:30 p.m. CUH* N.H.S. LECTURE 2 Dr. John Mickel	1-5 p.m. CUH N.H.S. Fern Festival and Sale 3	9 a.m.-noon CUH* Container Landscaping 4 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CUH N.H.S. Fern Festival and Sale
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1 p.m. WPA Sunday at One Tour 26						

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Skagit Valley Flower Tour

Brilliant fields of floral color, fine nurseries, and bulb demonstration gardens await spring visitors to the Skagit Valley. Join us on this mid-week tour of the Skagit Valley as the tulip fields reach full bloom.

YOUR LEADER: Van Bobbitt

DATE: Thursday, March 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FEE: \$35 (includes transportation)

Northwest Native Plants

Get acquainted with Northwest native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Discover how so many plants combine beauty with low maintenance. See these plants in a beautiful private garden and in the arboretum; notice how well they combine with rhododendrons, camellias, and other "exotics."

INSTRUCTOR: Gayle Walters

DATES: Wednesday, April 6, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays April 9 and 16, 10 a.m. to noon.

FEE: \$20

A Perennial A-B-C

The use of perennials in gardens is growing in popularity, yet getting started can be daunting. In this basic course learn soil preparation and where to find good perennial plants. Discover how to combine perennials with spring bulbs and annuals and add perennials to established shrub borders.

INSTRUCTOR: Mary Robson

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

FEE: \$10

Beginning Bonsai

Learn the aesthetics and the techniques of this ancient Japanese art form. In this hands-on workshop students may begin a bonsai from a new nursery plant or restyle a bonsai they already own.

INSTRUCTOR: Jane Nelson

DATES: Saturdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 9 to 11 a.m.

FEE: \$45

Spring Care, Summer Watering—Secrets to a Beautiful Lawn

Learn the fundamentals necessary to make your lawn attractive and healthy. Lecture and handouts will cover proper watering techniques to conserve water yet maintain a lush lawn. Discover how to solve problems such as compaction, thatch accumulation, poor drainage, disease and pest problems.

INSTRUCTOR: Ciscoe Morris

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

FEE: \$10

Mercer Island Tour

Come with us as we visit beautiful private gardens in their full spring bloom. Transportation will be provided from the Center for Urban Horticulture, with pick-ups in Bellevue and Mercer Island (by special arrangement).

TOUR LEADERS: Van Bobbitt and Rebecca Johnson

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FEE: \$13 (includes transportation)

Spring Wildflower Tour

Travel over Stevens Pass and visit Wenatchee's Ohme Gardens—an alpine garden in a natural setting high above the Columbia River. Return through Blewett and Snoqualmie Pass and follow our native wildflowers as they emerge from the winter snow.

TOUR LEADER: Jan Pirzio-Biroli

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FEE: \$35 (includes transportation & fees)

The Thirstless Garden

Contrary to popular belief, the Puget Sound Basin is not bathed in continuous rain—the drought of 1987 was a prolonged version of our typical summer rainfall pattern. This class will explore some easy and useful ways to free yourself from a thirsty garden. The morning session will focus briefly on the climate and water availability in the Puget Sound Basin and then cover appropriate soil conditioning and maintenance techniques. The second half of the class will delve into the array of trees and shrubs, and techniques for using them, that are well suited for water conserving gardens in the Pacific Northwest.

INSTRUCTORS: Timothy Hohn, curator, and Christina Pfeiffer, horticulturist, Washington Park Arboretum

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FEE: \$17

Introduction to Rock Gardens

Discover how alpine and rock plants can add beauty to even the smallest space in your garden. A tour to a private garden will follow an introductory lecture on easy-to-grow rock garden plants.

INSTRUCTOR: Rosina McIvor

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to noon

FEE: \$10

Renovating Trees and Shrubs

Wondering what to do with your overgrown trees and shrubs? This beginning workshop will teach you how to improve the health, appearance, and flowering of trees and shrubs through proper renovation. Following an introductory lecture, you will practice renovating a shrub and a small tree.

INSTRUCTOR: Phil Renfrow

DATE: Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon

FEE: \$15

REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses—Preregistration Required

COURSE	FEE	NAME(S)	TOTAL
			\$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$_____

Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment; classes fill rapidly, so register early.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received seven days or less from first class meeting have a \$2 handling fee deducted. No refunds after first class meeting.

NAME _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State ZIP Code

Mail payment and registration to:
 Urban Horticulture Courses, GF-15
 University of Washington
 Seattle, Washington 98195

A Gift of Learning: Give a gift certificate in the amount of one of the courses. Call Jan Davis for details (545-8033).

Hardy Ferns for Northwest Gardens

Learn about the wide variety of hardy ferns that can be used in Northwest gardens. Class includes slide lecture of the available ferns, their culture, uses and selection. The second session will focus on propagation, including a demonstration of how to collect and sow spores. Participants will receive ferns from a hands-on crown division lesson.

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Jones

DATES: Tuesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 28, 7 to 9 p.m.

FEE: \$15

Herbs for Your Garden

Learn to grow, harvest, preserve, and use herbs. If you are just starting, this class is an ideal overview. If you have some herb gardening experience, there are countless tidbits to be picked up. This class covers all applications of herbal lore—culinary, medicinal, aromatic, decorative, dyeing, companion planting, and cosmetic. A field trip will allow you to see, touch, smell, and taste these herbs on a working herb farm.

INSTRUCTOR: Diana Vaughn

DATES: Wednesdays, May 4 and 11, 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, 2 to 4 p.m.

FEE: \$25

For the Experienced Perennial Gardener

Learn the what, where, and how with unusual perennials. Difficult-to-find perennials cultivars will be featured. Find out where to find them, how to propagate them, and how to use them in your garden. Examples will cover ground covers, climbers, bog and water-side plants.

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Buckles

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 7 to 10 p.m.

FEE: \$13

Hanging Basket Workshop

Discover how to plant, establish and maintain a colorful hanging basket. In this hands-on workshop, you will create eye-catching displays—one basket for sun and one for shade. Materials provided.

INSTRUCTOR: Peggy Campbell

DATE: Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to noon

FEE: \$25

Whidbey Island Garden Tour

Visit the Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens which are managed by the Rhododendron Society. See an iris fancier's garden—200 varieties should be near peak bloom. And enjoy the island's rural atmosphere and scenic beauty.

TOUR LEADER: Van Bobbitt

DATE: Wednesday, June 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FEE: \$35 (includes transportation & fees)

Landscaping with Containers

Bring your patio to life! Small spaces require creative use of plants and containers to create an environment of beauty, privacy, and serenity. Learn how to landscape entrance courts, patios, terraces, courtyards, porches, and balconies with appropriate trees, shrubs, and flowers in containers.

INSTRUCTOR: Pat Campbell Kush

DATE: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to noon

FEE: \$15



Phonathon

Hearty thanks to all of you who responded to the Urban Horticulture/Arboretum phonathon in the fall. Phonathon pledges totalled \$14,468, and as of February 10 we have received \$13,083 in fulfillment of those pledges, with several gifts still to be completed in installments. Add to that an equipment grant of \$8500 from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, a direct result of Dr. Tukey's pre-phonathon letter, and you'll see how significant a boost the phonathon has given us in equipping the new Douglas Conservatory and caring for the Arboretum plant collections.

Below is an honor roll of phonathon donors who have given or pledged \$100 or more as of February 10. They will help us celebrate the opening of the Douglas Conservatory at a party this spring. Once more, our thanks for all gifts large and small.

R. David Adams
John Anderson
Rodney and Sue Bailey (Evergreen Services Corp.)
Susan and Ronald Bean
Vickie Beres (Custom Signs)
Tom Berg (Berg's Landscaping)
Elizabeth and Lyman Black
Archie Bloom

Jacelyn and Alex Boschok
Mae Claypoole
William and Leah Collins
Patricia Danford
Bruce Dees
Rosamond Dennison (Flowers by Roz)
Arthur Dome
Terry Eckman
Enid and Leonard Eshom
Dr. Charles Evans
Christine and Bjorne Hansen
Bill Harlan (Eastside Spraying Service)
Jun Koh Harui (Town & Country Nursery)
Jan Hurley
James and Dorothy Hussey
Margaret Irwin
Robert Johnson (Emerald Turfgrass Farms)
Don and Betty Kennedy
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Ted and Melissa Lagreid
Eileen MacDonald
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Robert and Kathleen Warne
Patricia Way
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Robert and Betty Wing
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