

WSU Spokane County Master Gardeners are pleased to announce a series of **Plant Clinics, Gardening Classes and Youth Programs** to be held Saturdays throughout the spring, summer and early fall in Deer Park, Washington.

**North county residents are welcomed and encouraged to bring their various gardening questions and problems to the Deer Park Library for answers and gardening advice. A series of classes, taught by experienced Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteers and Extension Educators, will provide gardening tips, share techniques and advice learned through experience and supported by university research.**

There is no cost for these classes, but pre-registration is required. **Note: Classes may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment 2 days prior to the day of class.**

Call Janet Smith @ 276-9870  
to register.

**All classes and clinics held  
at the**

**Deer Park Library  
Conference Room**

208 S. Forest Avenue  
Deer Park, WA 99006



To view free publications on all gardening subjects:  
[www.spokane-county.wsu.edu/spokane/eastside](http://www.spokane-county.wsu.edu/spokane/eastside)

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**WSU Master Gardeners**

**Deer Park**

**PLANT CLINIC**

**&**

**Gardening**

**Classes**

**Growing Vegetables**

**in Raised Beds**

**Soil Preparation**

**Fuchsias**

**Native Plants**

**Youth Programs**



**Washington State University  
Spokane County Extension**

## Gardening Classes

**Saturday, April 11**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Care and Feeding of Fuchsias**  
Speaker: Mike Altman

With an email address that includes fuchsian, Mike Altman is the local expert on fuchsia culture, care and overwintering these delicate specialty plants.

**Saturday, April 18**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Native Plants and Wildlife**  
Speaker: Eva Lusk

A local favorite, Eva's yard is a designated Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary due to her passion for using native species. A joy to listen to, Eva will convince you of the overall benefit of using native plants in a garden.

**Saturday, May 9**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Soil and Basic Gardening Practices**  
Speaker: Penny Simonson

Learn the basics you need for preparing a garden. Penny will outline some simple steps to take to ensure gardening success.

**Saturday, May 16**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Vegetable Gardening in Raised Beds**  
Speaker: Susan Mulvihill

You will be amazed to learn what Susan manages to grow in a raised bed. To provide optimum growing conditions that you can control, consider investing in a raised bed garden.

**Saturday, June 6**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Carpenter Ants**  
Speaker: Dr. Laurel Hansen

Local ant expert will help you identify and deal with carpenter ants.

## Plant Clinic Schedule

**Saturdays**

**10 am - 12 noon**

**April 11 & 18**

**May 9 & 16**

**June 6, 13, 20 & 27**

**July 11, 18 & 25**

**August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**September 12, 19 & 26**

**October 3, 10, 17 & 24**



## Youth Gardening

**Saturday, June 20**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
All About Seeds



**Saturday, July 11**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
The Three Sisters:  
Squash, Beans and Corn Plants



**Saturday, August 22**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Pollinators/Bees



**Saturday, September 19**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Garden Insects:  
The good, the bad and the ugly!



**Saturday, October 17**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Trees - Why They Change Color



The Master Gardener program evolved as an arm of WSU Extension in 1973, in response to a great influx of questions regarding home gardens - overloading Extension Agents throughout the state. In response, WSU began training volunteers to answer gardening questions from homeowners, and teaching sustainable methods. What started as a grassroots effort right here in Washington grew throughout the United States. By using research-based information from our land grant universities, environmental stewardship and water conservation is now practiced throughout our nation.

There are 125 active Master Gardeners in Spokane County. A Plant Clinic and Resource Center is staffed by volunteers 5 days per week March through October, where residents can bring plant material and problems for identification and diagnosis. Our community programs include working with youth - teaching them how food grows, and helping them understand good nutrition; working with the elderly or those with limited capabilities - encouraging them to continue gardening using adaptive tools and methods; and with adults young and old who have either just moved to this area or are novice gardeners - teaching them what best to grow based on our climate and weather conditions.

To further support a sustainable living concept and maximize our limited resources, Master Gardeners showed us the need to offer our services in the north part of the county - serving our mission twofold: residents of that part of the county would not have to travel to Spokane to receive gardening advice and education; Master Gardeners who reside further north could fulfill their volunteer requirement and remain closer to home.