



Cascade Gardener 2015 Class Catalog

Cascade Water Alliance is offering free gardening classes to help you have beautiful, healthy landscapes while using water efficiently. Cascade's members are the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, and Tukwila; Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and Skyway Water and Sewer District. Please use the links below to pre-register through Brown Paper Tickets, or for assistance, call 1.800.838.3006.

Food Gardening

Grow Your Own Food Forest

Kimberly Leeper & Jacqueline Cramer, Landscape professionals and permaculture designers / educators

Learn how to incorporate fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, and flowers by mimicking a forest. This class will take you beyond planting annuals to incorporating trees, shrubs, and perennials that bear fruit year after year. Key food forest concepts, basic site preparation steps, and examples of plants to create your own food forest will be covered. You'll have an opportunity to see a sheet-mulching demo and a variety of plants you can use for your own food forest.

- Saturday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80th St, Redmond
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887695
- Saturday, March 14, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Squak Mountain Nursery, 7600 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887726

Sustainable Veggie Gardening

Ladd Smith, Co-owner of In Harmony Landscape Services

Growing your own organic food is a fun and delicious way to garden in the Pacific Northwest. Vegetables, berries, and fruit trees need special care to thrive, but your time and energy will pay off with great tasting, nutritious, home-grown food. Best of all, food crops can be incorporated into your existing landscape, large or small! This class will teach you how to make your yard produce great food.

- Saturday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Avenue SE, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887730
- Saturday, March 7, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
The Gray Barn Garden Center, 20871 NE Redmond-Fall City Road, Redmond
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887736

- Saturday, March 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
21 Acres – 13701 NE 171st Street, Woodinville
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887747

Secrets of Companion Planting in Your Edible Garden

Carey Thornton, Seattle Tilth

Everything in the garden is connected! Instead of combining plant varieties that compete with each other for water and nutrients, learn how to choose communities of plants that grow well together and encourage each other's growth. In this class, we will discuss characteristics of your annual and perennial food crops, and how to group them together into mutually beneficial plant communities for maximizing space and harvest. We will explore the permaculture concept of "guilds" and use nature as a model.

- Thursday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/889157
- Thursday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District, 1510 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887755

Plants and Landscapes

Flora of the Pacific Northwest

Susie Egan, Owner of Cottage Lake Gardens, Master Gardener

Discover the treasure trove of beautiful native plants that not only support local biodiversity but also provide shelter and food for our local wildlife. Let Mother Nature do all the work and leave you with time to simply enjoy it. Transform your urban lot into a glorious natural paradise with native plants.

- Saturday, February 21, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Squak Mountain Nursery, 7600 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887760
- Thursday, March 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
21 Acres – 13701 NE 171st Street, Woodinville
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887764

Native Splendor in the Garden

Emily Bishton, Landscape designer and environmental educator

Learn about Pacific Northwest native plants that are beautiful, easy to care for, and thrive in our unique climate and soil conditions. We'll focus on plant selections for a variety of growing conditions including challenges such as dry sun and shade, how to use native plants as the foundation for a new landscape or incorporate them into an existing landscape, and maintenance practices that keep them healthy and growing strong.

- Thursday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Blakely Hall, 2550 NE Park Drive, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887918
- Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887934

Water-wise Gardening

Jessi Bloom, Owner and lead designer of N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes

Celebrate the rain with this class! Learn how to take advantage of the abundant spring rainfall to get us through the drier summer season. Jessi will focus on managing water to our benefit for our gardens and seeing rain as a benefit, rather than a problem. Topics include building beautiful rain gardens, collecting rain water, taking advantage of naturally moist soils, and learning how to manage water efficiently on your site.

- Thursday, April 2, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887951>

The Un-thirsty Landscape – How to enjoy a lush garden with lower water bills

Marianne Binetti, Radio host, author, columnist

Learn the secrets of more drama with less drinking by choosing the right plant material and some professional landscaping tips that cut back on not just water use but maintenance as well. This class showcases fantastic foliage plants, shrubs for adding year-round interest, and container gardens that survive on rainfall alone. Learn the secrets of having a colorful flower garden that blooms without extra water.

- Thursday, February 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887955
- Saturday, March 14, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80th St, Redmond
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887959

Native Plants – Combining Beauty with Water Conservation

Peggy Campbell, Horticulturist

Native plants add color and texture, and thrive in our Northwest gardens. Learn favorites for seasonal beauty and wildlife attraction. Discover how proper soil preparation, mulching, and watering will help your plants grow, save water, and reduce your summer maintenance.

- Thursday, February 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
City of Kirkland Operations & Maintenance Center, 915 8th Street, Kirkland
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887962

Delightful Gardens in Dry Shade – Design and plant ideas for the dry shade of Northwest landscapes

Marianne Binetti, Radio host, author, columnist

Learn how to garden under cedar and fir trees and cope with the roots of big leaf maples. This inspirational class will have you loving the dry shade areas of your garden as you learn about the native and new plant material that thrive amidst tree roots and other dry and shaded sites. Includes dirt-cheap ways to improve your soil and keep down weeds and how to propagate and grow your own plants for problem areas.

- Thursday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Skyway Water & Sewer District, 6723 South 124th Street, Seattle
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887977
- Thursday, April 2, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Blakely Hall, 2550 NE Park Drive, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887989

Wildlife-Friendly Gardening for Beauty and Sustainability

Emily Bishton, Landscape designer and environmental educator

Welcome songbirds, butterflies, and beneficial insects into your yard while conserving natural resources at the same time. Discover how urban wildlife can provide you with year-round natural pest and weed control and better pollination. Learn about design techniques and maintenance practices that can attract and nurture beneficial wildlife in your garden for years to come.

- Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887999

Proven Tips & Techniques for First-Time Gardeners

Peggy Campbell, Horticulturist

Get started with simple and fun tips for a beautiful and low-maintenance garden. Peggy shares basic techniques that are easy on you and the environment. Discover how to keep weeds out, water use low, and have color year-round.

- Saturday, February 21, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, 16600 NE 80th St, Redmond
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888005
- Saturday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Avenue SE, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888009

Sustainable Gardening - A Better Way to Beautiful

Peggy Campbell, Horticulturist

It's possible! Enjoy easy-care plants, fewer weeds, and less watering, without all the chemicals – a healthier garden! Gardening expert Peggy Campbell provides successful techniques and practical tips for transitioning your garden to a sustainable one. Discover how to select plants that will thrive for you.

- Thursday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
21 Acres – 13701 NE 171st Street, Woodinville
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888039

Rain Gardening in the Pacific Northwest

Kimberly Leeper & Jacqueline Cramer, Landscape professionals and permaculture designers / educators

Our region receives abundant rain! Learn how to slow that water down and capture it in your landscape with rain gardens. We will share rain garden techniques and logistics; locating your rain garden, soil considerations, plants that thrive with water fluctuations. Rain gardens benefit our ecosystem and provide many returns; you can feed yourself, wildlife and pollinators. Join a movement that is helping to clean up our waterways, beautify landscapes, and conserve water.

- Thursday, February 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tibbetts Creek Manor, 750 17th Avenue NW, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888043

Irrigation

Rain Barrels and Drip Irrigation - A Perfect Pairing

Carey Thornton, Seattle Tilth, and Dan Borba, Owner of Natural Rain Water

Rainwater is pure, plentiful, and your plants love it. Best of all, it's free! Rainwater harvesting is the practice of collecting and storing rainwater for use in your yard. Drip irrigation is an extremely efficient and effective way to water your plants. This class will teach you how to utilize both technologies to help you save money and keep your landscape looking great!

- Thursday, February 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888046

Lawns

The Un-Thirsty Lawn – Steps to keep your grass green no matter what the weather

Marianne Binetti, Radio host, author, columnist

This class will teach the grass-roots movement towards an improved lawn that will set deep roots and require less water to stay green all summer. Whether you are installing a new lawn or renovating an existing lawn this step-by-step approach will show you how to use less fertilizer and less water for a tough and terrific-looking turf.

- Thursday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District, 1510 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888048

Design

Designing Your Own Northwest Paradise

Jessi Bloom, Owner and lead designer of NW Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes

Landscapes and gardens offer a wealth of benefits if designed and managed well. Using permaculture design, Jessi will teach you how to look at your garden as an ecosystem and explore the possibilities to make your space more sustainable. She will cover building healthy soils, good design and planning, as well as proper maintenance strategies to reduce work while preserving our natural resources. You will see examples of beautiful, permaculture gardens for inspiration.

- Thursday, March 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District, 1510 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888050

Successful Garden Design

Kimberly Leeper & Jacqueline Cramer, Landscape professionals and permaculture designers / educators

We are stewards of the land, and Jackie and Kimberly will provide tools and knowledge to create and care for your garden with ecological benefits. Explore the process of observing, visioning, planning; efficient use of water and resources (including your own time and energy); soil basics, plant choices for year-round interest, maintenance, wildlife habitat; and the potential for harvest of herbs, craft materials, and food. You will learn how to create a garden that you enjoy and connects to the elements around you.

- Thursday, March 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
City of Kirkland Operations & Maintenance Center, 915 8th Street, Kirkland
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888060

- Thursday, April 2, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue South, Tukwila
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888062

Designing the Northwest Garden

Greg Rabourn, Educator, radio personality, author

Thoughtful garden design creates a healthy, relaxing space for people, pets, and wildlife. Whether you are starting from scratch or just want to improve your existing landscape, you will be shown how to design a true Northwest garden that will allow your family time to relax and enjoy their surroundings while keeping maintenance time minimal.

- Thursday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tibbetts Creek Manor, 750 17th Avenue NW, Issaquah
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888065
- Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, Bellevue
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888068
- Saturday, March 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
The Gray Barn Garden Center, 20871 NE Redmond-Fall City Road, Redmond
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/888075