



2018 Cascade Gardener Presenter Bios



Paula Anderson – Paula is a conservationist and sustainable landscapes educator with a Master's of Science in Horticulture. She has managed gardens at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and Red Butte Botanical Garden and her teaching experience includes university life-long learning courses, national conferences, television, radio, and educational videos. Paula currently works at Cascade Water Alliance.



Marianne Binetti – Marianne is a Northwest horticultural expert with a degree in horticulture from Washington State University and writes a syndicated gardening column. She lectures and gives seminars on a variety of topics and leads garden tours around the world. Marianne also appears weekly on a TV show called "Dig in Seattle", a cooking and gardening show.



Jessica Bloom – Jessi is an award-winning ecological designer and a best-selling author, as well as a Certified Professional Horticulturalist and ISA Certified Arborist. Her business, NW Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes, has been designing and building sustainable gardens and maintaining them organically in the Pacific Northwest for 15 years. Jessi specializes in edibles, ecology, animals, permaculture and making gardens highly functional and beautiful.



Peggy Campbell –Peggy provides fun, practical tips and environmentally-friendly solutions to Northwest gardeners. She shares experience from her own garden which is easy-care, in bloom every week of the year, and combines native and non-native beauties. Peggy is an ecoPRO Certified Sustainable Landscape Professional with a Bachelor's in horticulture from Washington State University.



Greg Rabourn – As a native Washingtonian, Greg grew up enjoying the plants and animals of western Washington. He works for King County restoring habitat and worked for over a decade on the Native Plant Salvage Program. He is co-host of KCTV's Yard Talk and answers random gardening questions weekly on KUOW 94.9 FM Greendays Gardening program.



Ladd Smith – Out of his life-long passion for protecting the environment, Ladd Smith co-founded In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes, a provider of organic based landscape services. In Harmony is a King County 5-Star EnviroStar business.



Carey Thornton – Carey is a garden educator for Tilth Alliance. She teaches courses and workshops on a variety of subjects throughout the year including organic vegetable gardening, composting, food preservation and permaculture.