



## Cascade Gardener - 2018 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 Skyway Water and Sewer District. Please use the links below to register through Brown Paper Tickets. For questions or assistance, call 425.453.0930.

### **Best Plants for the Lazy Gardener**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

This class focuses on what trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals will grow best in our climate especially if you do not have a sprinkler system and want a lower water bill. Learn how to fill a bed with a planting combo that will give you year-round color with minimal maintenance.

- Thursday, February 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th St., Redmond, WA 98052  
[bestplants1.brownpapertickets.com](http://bestplants1.brownpapertickets.com)
- Saturday, March 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. S, Tukwila  
[bestplants2.brownpapertickets.com](http://bestplants2.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Container Gardening Do's and Don'ts**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

Don't make the most common container garden mistakes. Do learn how to grow crops in pots, shrubs in tubs and roses in recycled containers. In this class you will learn the most sustainable ways to fertilize, water, and design plants in containers, especially plants that do not demand a lot of water.

- Saturday, February 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Squak Mountain Nursery, 7600 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah  
[containers2.brownpapertickets.com](http://containers2.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Delightful Gardens in Dry Shade**

*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.

- Saturday, March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave SE, Bellevue  
[shade.brownpapertickets.com](http://shade.brownpapertickets.com)

### **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 learn how to design a true NW garden that will allow your family time to relax and enjoy their surroundings while keeping maintenance minimal.

- Thursday, March 1, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Issaquah City Hall, 130 E. Sunset Way, Issaquah  
design2.brownpapertickets.com
- Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue  
design.brownpapertickets.com

### **Edible Landscapes for the Homeowner**

*Jessi Bloom, best-selling author, owner and lead designer of N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes*

Would you like to grow your own food but think it's too much work or takes too much time? Learn how to employ design strategies from nature, so you can grow easy edibles that are low maintenance, resilient, and sustainable. Plant once and enjoy the harvest from your edible landscape for years. Basic food forest design is featured and see favorite low maintenance edibles for the Pacific Northwest.

- Thursday, March 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Blakely Hall, 2550 NE Park Dr., Issaquah  
ediblegardens.brownpapertickets.com

### **Favorite Northwest Natives**

*Greg Rabourn, educator, radio personality, author*

If you want to give your yard a Northwest flavor, this workshop will highlight native plants that would make a great addition to your landscape. Whether you want shade, privacy, pollinators, birds or a hassle-free landscape, discover plant suggestions you can take to the nursery.

- Saturday, March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Squak Mountain Nursery, 7600 Renton-Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah  
favorites.brownpapertickets.com

### **Growing Food in Containers**

*Carey Thornton, Tilth Alliance*

You don't need a backyard to grow your own food! Container gardening is great for beginners, apartment dwellers, and anyone looking to add extra space or variety to their garden. This Cascade Gardener class will cover soil, types of containers, location, herbs, small fruits, summer veggies, and maintenance.

- Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue  
container.brownpapertickets.com

## **How to Win the War on Weeds**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

Learn tips, techniques and planting plans to keep control of invasive and pesky weeds without harming the delicate eco-system of your garden.

- Saturday, March 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave SE, Bellevue  
weedwars.brownpapertickets.com

## **Introduction to Organic Gardening**

*Carey Thornton, Tilth Alliance*

Interested in growing your own food but don't know where to start? With a little sun, soil, and water you can turn your backyard into your most local source of fresh, organic vegetables and fruits. This class will discuss siting your garden, building healthy soil, basics of garden planning and pest management.

- Thursday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th St., Redmond  
organic.brownpapertickets.com

## **Natives and More! Great Plants for the Pacific Northwest Landscape**

*Paula Anderson, Cascade Water Alliance*

Discover outstanding plants that add beauty to your landscape without the burden of high water or maintenance needs. This class will cover Pacific Northwest natives along with plants from similar climates, and how to properly train and maintain your plants to be more resilient and tough.

- Thursday, February 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue  
natives.brownpapertickets.com

## **Natural Yard Care**

*Ladd Smith, co-owner of In Harmony Landscape Services*

Learn natural yard care steps can help you enjoy your landscape more and also save you time, money and water. Become familiar with the five natural yard care steps for a better garden. Weed control strategies and preparing your landscape for the hot, dry summer months will be discussed.

- Saturday, March 3, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Gray Barn Nursery, 20871 NE Redmond-Fall City Road, Redmond  
natural.brownpapertickets.com

## **Proven Tips and 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, use less water, and have color year-round.

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Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue  
tips1.brownpapertickets.com
- Saturday, March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Gray Barn Nursery, 20871 NE Redmond-Fall City Road, Redmond  
tips2.brownpapertickets.com

## **Stealing Beauty - Inspiration for Low-Water-Use Plants from Around the World**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

Great ideas from the best gardens in the world - make like Monet, borrow from English country gardens and see what the Italians can teach us about landscaping with little watering. You'll travel the world and go home with great ideas for your own backyard....and front yard too!

- Thursday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Skyway Water and Sewer District, 6723 S 124th St, Seattle  
stealingbeauty.brownpapertickets.com

## **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! Learn successful techniques and practical tips for transitioning your garden to a sustainable one. Discover how to select plants that will thrive for you.

- Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave SE, Bellevue  
sustain.brownpapertickets.com
- Thursday, March 29, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Peter Kirk Community Center, 352 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland  
sustain2.brownpapertickets.com

## **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!

- Thursday, March 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue  
veggies1.brownpapertickets.com
- Thursday, March 29, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Issaquah City Hall, 130 E. Sunset Way, Issaquah  
veggies2.brownpapertickets.com

## **Top 10 Eco Gardening Hacks**

*Jessi Bloom, best-selling author, owner and lead designer of N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes*

This class will cover the Top 10 issues that PNW gardeners face and their simple solutions or "hacks". Problem weeds, water (too much or not enough), easy edibles, as well as common bugs and making the most of your garden will be discussed. Take care of your garden and it will take care of you!

- Thursday, February 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Sammamish Plateau Water, 1510 - 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish  
top1.brownpapertickets.com
- Thursday, March 1, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. S, Tukwila  
top2.brownpapertickets.com

### **Top 10 Eco Gardening Hacks (cont.)**

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- Thursday, March 29, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th St., Redmond  
[top3.brownpapertickets.com](http://top3.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Unthirsty Garden and Landscape**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

Learn the tips, tricks and time honored methods for saving water while still having a lawn, trees, shrubs and perennials. Will cover soil prep, mulching and plant selection.

- Thursday, February 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Blakely Hall, 2550 NE Park Dr., Issaquah  
[unthirsty.brownpapertickets.com](http://unthirsty.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Unthirsty Lawns**

*Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist*

Yes, you can have a lawn and low water use! Even if you don't want to rip out your old lawn and start fresh you can still learn how to improve on what you have by taking the steps for proper lawn maintenance in our unique Western Washington climate." Lawn Rangers" welcome, people that want to rip out the lawn and grow groundcovers instead are welcome as well.

- Thursday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Sammamish Plateau Water, 1510 - 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish  
[lawns.brownpapertickets.com](http://lawns.brownpapertickets.com)