

Bainbridge GARDENER



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Winter Hours:
Monday-Saturday: 9 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10 am - 4:00 pm
Open 'til 5:30 pm starting March 14!

UNUSUAL EDIBLES

The edible landscape goes exotic as we introduce rare fruiting plants into your garden. Try seaberries (*Hippophae rhamnoides*). The flavorful and aromatic bright orange fruit are source of vitamins C, A & E and the shrubs grow well in poor soil. The juice of the Gojii (*Lycium barbarum*) berry is frequently featured in health food stores because of its high content of antioxidants, carotene, essential amino acids & many minerals. For a conversation piece, try a medlar (*Mespilus germanica*) tree. It will grow 8 to 10 feet tall with large tropical leaves, white flowers and chestnut-brown fruit with "the texture and taste of spiced applesauce."

For tea drinkers, we are excited to be carrying tea camellias, which are the producers of the world's tea leaves (*Camellia sinensis*). Pick the leaves when they're young and depending on how you cure them, you will be able to grow your own green or black tea. Being in the camellia family, they grow really well in the northwest and thrive in half day sun.

For more unusual edibles and growing tips, sign up for our class March 20. See page 3.



BOUNTY OF BERRIES

Raspberries and blueberries are the jewels of summertime fruit, but consider some old time favorites: Marionberries, Boysenberries and Loganberries. These berries are grown commercially in Oregon but do well in the Puget Sound area. Marionberries have large blackberries with excellent flavor and are perfect for eating fresh, in jams, freezing or pies. For the largest berry, try soft and juicy Boysenberries with their rich and tangy flavor. The thornless Loganberry features highly flavored long dark fruit with a touch of tartness. All grow on canes and need a fence or trellis to support the growing vines.

Last year was a great year for blueberries and we're hoping for another one. We'll have three sizes this year. In addition to the economical 1 gallons (2 yrs old) and the mature 6 gallons (5 years old) we offered last year, we'll have full and bushy 3 gallons. The 3 gallon size should bear fruit this season and are already 4 years old. Let us help you select varieties, including blueberries for groundcover or deck containers, that ripen throughout season and you could be eating berries from late July 'til October.



DAN HINKLEY MARCH 27

We welcome world renown plantsman Dan Hinkley Saturday, March 27. Dan will be here to share his new favorite shrubs, trees, vines and perennials with us in a free presentation.

We are working with our growers to have as many of these plants as possible available for you. As gardening enthusiasts know, Dan's lectures always draw a crowd. You will need a ticket to get in. Please see page 3 for details.

BUSY BEES

Improve fruit production in your fruit trees by starting your own Orchard Mason bee colony. Mason bees are non-aggressive and highly effective pollinators. They are valuable because they begin pollinating weeks before honey bees as well as helping to make up for the decline in the honeybee populations.



We invite you to join special guest Lisa Novich of Knox Cellars on Saturday, March 13th to discuss this beneficial native pollinator. We also carry the supplies that you need to get started: nesting tubes, shelters and the live bees themselves.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

Choose from our collection of lilies, dahlias, gladiolas, begonias, freesia and more. Our new arrivals include bulbs from Simple Pleasures that have been selected by the Royal Horticultural Society for their beauty, quality & performance. They include some outstanding new introductions, such as dahlia 'Karma Chocolate,' a beautiful dark maroon flower supported by strong stems.

For lily lovers, double Asiatic lilies are offered in an exotic mix of colors that bloom vigorously mid-to-late summer.

For a woodland bloomers, consider red and yellow trilliums that bloom in early spring and make an attractive groundcover under large conifers.

SEE INSIDE FOR:

Class Schedule: Guest Speakers, Pruning, New Classes.

Fruit Trees: Apples, Pears, Mulberries & Peaches

Recycling: We'll take back your Blooming Advantage pots!

Valuable Coupon: Cedar Grove Compost

CLASSES & EVENTS

BAINBRIDGE GARDENS CLASS REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required. You may register by phone (206-842-5888) or in person at Bainbridge Gardens. Class space may be limited.

Tuition fee must be pre-paid to guarantee your spot.

Tickets may be required to attend free events with special guests; please note procedures in class descriptions.

Please check in at the main desk on day of class.

All classes will be held in our Northwest Greenhouse, which is covered, but not heated.

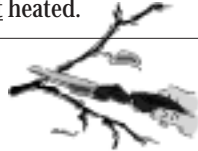
Pruning

Sunday, January 31, 1:00 pm

Steve Minch

Class fee \$8.

This popular class covers tools, pruning techniques, plant types and timing. The class has a show-and-tell format, so your questions will guide the direction the class takes.



Pruning

Wednesday, February 10, 1:00 pm

Class Fee \$8

Please see January 31 class description.

Unbeatable Plants for the Northwest Garden

Saturday, February 20, 1:00 pm

Jenni McCain, CPH

Class Fee \$8

Choose plants that thrive in your garden without a lot of effort. This class will explore plants that are well-adapted to our climate and soils. By introducing the right cultivars to your garden, you'll be less likely to have pest or disease issues. We'll be looking at woody plants such as shrubs and trees for full sun, part shade or full shade settings that offer year-round interest: attractive foliage, nice blooms and strong structure. A class suited for newcomers to the Northwest, and beginners as well as seasoned gardeners.

Pruning

Sunday, February 21, 1:00 pm

Class Fee \$8

Please see January 31 class description.

CHOOSE A FRUIT TREE

Fruit trees are here. They arrive bareroot and we pot them up for the best chance of success. Consider persimmons, apricots, filberts and edible quince. Among our 2010 selections:

Apples: 'Zestar' and 'William's Pride' should ripen as early as mid-August and into early September. Many other varieties too.

European Pears: The return of our favorite variety 'Orcas', a heritage tree discovered on Orcas Island. Excellent flavor & disease resistance.

Persian mulberry trees: You'll never forget seeing your first ripe mulberry hanging from a branch. The fruit are like large blackberries with a sweet & mild flavor and ripen in late summer. They can be pruned to keep at a height that you can reach the fruit. One of a kind!

Peaches: In addition to the well-loved 'Frost Peach,' we are offering for the first time, 'Red Haven' peach trees. The peaches have a red blush when ripe, are semi-freestone, and have very nice flavor.



Growing Your Own Food with Special Guests:

Leda Langley of Langley Fine Gardens and garden author Lorene Edwards-Forkner

Saturday, February 27, 1:00 pm

We welcome back popular guest Leda Langley whose class last year on growing your own vegetables was standing-room only! This year, Leda will be joined by her friend and author Lorene Edwards-Forkner to discuss elements of Lorene's new book *Canning and Preserving Your Own Harvest*. Leda and Lorene will lead a discussion, covering vegetables available this season, garden planning, crop rotation, how to extend the growing season and food storage. A great class for both the new and experienced gardener.

We are pleased to offer Leda and Lorene's presentation with no class fee and no pre-registration, however, because we are expecting a capacity crowd for this class, please note the special ticketing procedure: You must pick up a ticket to attend this class. Limit 4 tickets per customer. Tickets are available in the main building at Bainbridge Gardens. Seating will be limited to the first 100 ticketed participants. This class will be held in the Northwest Greenhouse, which is covered, but not heated. Please dress appropriately.

Pruning

Sunday, March 7, 1:00 pm

Class fee \$8.

Please see February 10th for class description.



Orchard Mason Bees

with Special Guest: Lisa Novich of Knox Cellars

Saturday, March 13, 1:00 pm

Improve fruit production in your garden by starting your own Orchard Mason bee colony. Mason bees are non-aggressive and highly effective pollinators. Join special guest Lisa Novich of Knox Cellars to explore the fascinating world of native pollinating bees. Lisa will cover what you need to get started, where and when to place your bee houses & more. We are pleased to offer Lisa's presentation with no class fee.

Unusual Edibles for your Landscape

Saturday, March 20, 1:00 pm

Jenni McCain, CPH

Class Fee \$8.00

Spice up your garden and your menu with some unusual edible plants. We'll explore flavorful, bright orange seaberries; health food store favorite goji berries; the intriguing medlar tree; and tea camellias, which are the producers of the world's tea leaves. Join us as we introduce fruits and other edibles available this season and show you how to incorporate them into your garden.

Adventures of a First Year Beekeeper

With Special Guest: Charles Shafer, CPH

Sunday, March 21, 1:00 pm

Bainbridge Island professional landscaper and bee enthusiast Charles Shafer, CPH shares his first hand experiences in starting a honeybee colony. Charles will talk about supplies, plants that attract bees and beekeeping tips. We are pleased to offer Charles's presentation with no class fee.

New and Exciting Perennials, Shrubs, Vines and Trees for American Gardens with Special Guest Dan Hinkley

Saturday, March 27, 1:00 pm

With two recent 'test winters' behind us, we have been afforded the opportunity to evaluate some new trees, shrubs, vines and perennials that are not only exciting but seemingly perfectly in tune to the climate of the Pacific Northwest. From hardy Vietnamese Scheffleras to charming evergreen groundcovers from China, to lovely Australian shrubs that blossom throughout winter, join Dan Hinkley as he discusses some of his favorite new plants in his Kitsap Peninsula garden. We are pleased to offer Dan's presentation with no class fee and no pre-registration, however, because we are expecting a capacity crowd for this class, please note the special ticketing procedure: **You must pick up a ticket to attend this class. Limit 4 tickets per customer. Tickets are available in the main building at Bainbridge Gardens. Seating will be limited to the first 100 ticketed participants. This class will be held in the Northwest Greenhouse, which is covered, but not heated. Please dress appropriately.**



Spring Lawn Care

Sunday, March 28, 1:00 pm

Steve Minch

Class fee \$8

Get your lawn ready for spring and summer. We'll cover lawn renovation, fertilizing, aerating, mowing, watering & more.

Come to Compost With Special Guest

Bobbie Morgan, Natural Landscapes Project

Sunday, April 18, 1:00 pm

Just in time for Earth Day, learn the basics of home composting and turn yard and food waste into black gold for your garden. Composting satisfies our need to be environmentally friendly in our own back yards. You will see a helpful video, receive handouts and learn how to get started with backyard composting. We are pleased to offer Bobbie's presentation with no class fee.



EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

2010 marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Join us for our "Come to Compost" class with guest Bobbie Morgan to get started composting or ask about natural care remedies for the garden. We continue to offer "green" gifts, including breathable antimicrobial bamboo garden gloves.

RECYCLED POTS

Blooming Advantage pots can now be recycled! Blooming Nursery, a long-time grower of grasses, shrubs and perennials, is on the forefront of a new earth-friendly movement in the horticulture world and Bainbridge Gardens has been chosen as a recycling station. We'll be collecting the Blooming pots to be reused or recycled by the Oregon grower. These pots can be identified by their maroon color and the Blooming Advantage logo on the front. Help us help the environment by bringing in your used Blooming pots.

Presently, we can accept only Blooming Advantage pots for recycling.

Welcome spring with a fabulous flowering container garden!

Join us for



TWO DAYS ONLY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 & SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

All pots will be 20% off,

including new pots in this season's designs and colors.

Fill your new pots with

Whitney Farms Bainbridge Gardens Potting Soil

\$1.00 off your first 2 bags (regular price \$4.99)

on April 10 and April 11 only.

Bainbridge Gardens staff will present a free demonstration at 1:00 pm Saturday and Sunday "Creative Colorful Containers"

We'll share ideas on how to design spectacular spring color combos using annuals, perennials, grasses and shrubs.

Sale prices for pots and potting soil are valid for two days only, April 10, 2010 and April 11, 2010. Sale limited to stock on hand.

Offer may not be used for prior purchases or with other sales offers or promotions.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY IS APRIL 30

National Arbor Day, a tree-planting holiday started in the 1870's, is the last Friday in April. Every state has its own Arbor Day, based on tree-planting weather. Washington's is the second Wednesday in April. Whichever Arbor Day you celebrate, let us help you find a tree that will flourish in your landscape.

FREE TREE FOR YOUR BABY

Expecting a baby? We will provide a free Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir, or Hemlock to the family of each child born this year to Bainbridge Island parents. Ask about the "Reforest America, One Backyard at a Time" program, funded by a generous Bainbridge Islander,

\$1.00 OFF

EACH BAG

CEDAR GROVE COMPOST

1 cu. ft. bag

Regularly \$6.49 each

Sale Price \$5.49 each

Limit 6 bags.

Offer expires 02/28/10.

Limited to stock on hand. No deliveries.

One coupon per customer. Offer may not be used for prior purchases or with other sales offers or promotions.



Spring 2010



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DAN HINKLEY AT BAINBRIDGE GARDENS,
GUEST SPEAKERS, NEW PLANTS,
A COUPON FOR CEDAR GROVE COMPOST
AND *Pot-a-palooza*

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It's looking more like Spring every day here at Bainbridge Gardens.



2010 seeds are here, including a new organic seed line from Abundant Life. We also will have the popular double rack of seeds from Territorial; plenty of sweet peas and other selections from Renee's Garden; locally-owned Ed Hume seeds; and a certified organic seed line of vegetables, herbs and flowers from Botanical Interests.

Early veggies starts will be arriving soon. Nearly all of our vegetable starts are now certified organic or sustainably grown, including potatoes and onion sets.

SPRING AHEAD!

Also new for 2010: an easy-to-build raised bed kit to make it easy to get started growing your own.

Edible gardening continues to be one of the hottest trends around as more new gardeners discover the joy of growing their own. We hope you'll join our grower, Leda Langley of Langley Fine Gardens and garden author Lorene Edwards-Forkner, on Saturday, February 27th for information and inspiration on "Growing Your Own Food." Leda's presentation last year was standing-room only. You won't want to miss this year's class. We're pleased to offer the presentation with no class fee, but you will need a free ticket to attend. See page 2 for details.

We are thrilled to offer several other exciting guest speakers at Bainbridge Gardens in the next few months. World renown plantsman Dan Hinkley will be here to discuss his favorite new trees, shrubs and perennials. Lisa Novich of Knox Cellars will bring us her fascinating presentation on Orchard Mason Bees. Check out the new class schedule on pages 2 and 3.

Our "Pot-a-palooza" pottery sale event is scheduled for April 10 and 11. New pots in striking new designs and colors will be here and on sale that weekend only. We'll have container garden planting demos and a two-day-only potting soil special. Don't miss it!