

# 2026 Master Gardener Education Series

## Master Gardener Education Garden at Greenbank Farm

765 Wonn Road - 3rd Sunday each month

**Sunday, May 17, 1-2 pm**

### All About Dahlias

*Presenter Dave Thomas*

*Island County Master Gardener with over 60 years of experience and passionate about dahlias.*

This talk will cover all aspects of growing and propagating dahlias. Experienced growers and novice enthusiasts will find answers to their dahlia growing questions.

**Sunday, June 21, 1-2 pm**

### Regenerative Ecosystems

*Presenters Muri Mitschak, Exec. Dir., Pacific Rim Institute & Jim Peskuric, Master Gardener & Sound Water Steward*

Discover how regenerative ecology goes beyond simply sustaining our environment—it empowers us to actively improve and renew the world around us. Learn about Pacific Rim's initiatives to teach regenerative techniques.

**Sunday, July 19, 1-2 pm**

### Soil Blocking for your Fall Garden

*Presenter Madeleine Spencer*

*Pierce County farmer and educator*

Learn how to use soil blocks to start your own seeds for fall vegetable gardens. Discussion will include how to make or source your own soil blocking mix, tools, veggies best suited for fall, and benefits of this method.

**Sunday, August 16, 1-2 pm**

### The Importance of Biodiversity

*Presenter Tobey Nelson*

*Certified Professional Horticulturist*

In this talk we'll discuss research that points to wildlife benefits of combining ornamentals with natives in our gardens. We'll explore how and if a natives-only approach is truly the best for our garden ecosystems, and what other types of plants might be of benefit to include and why.

**Sunday, September 20, 1-2 pm**

### Clematis: Queen of Climbers

*Presenter Laura Watson*

*An expert and author on Clematis*

Learn the details of care, simplified pruning, and recommendations for easy clematis to try in your garden. Includes informative and detailed handouts!

All are welcome to attend and they are **FREE!**

**Master Gardener Hotline**  
**360.639.6058**



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*Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact Loren Imes at least two weeks prior to the event at WSU Extension 406 N. Main St. Coupeville, WA 98239 360-639-6059 or [loren.imes@wsu.edu](mailto:loren.imes@wsu.edu).*