

2025 WSU Extension Spokane County
Master Gardener Speaker List

Topics	Master Gardener Speaker	Presentation Length	Title	Presentation Description
Annuals, Perennials & Bulbs	Steve	45-60 min	"A Walk Thru the Night Garden"	A talk about fragrant plants, white flowers, lighting and moon gardening.
	Steve	45-60 min	Are Flowers Necessary? (Perennial Garden)	Are flowers overrated? We will focus on the spectacular blooms of perennials. We will learn how to design beds and borders as well as containers considering color, shape, texture and sheen of foliage.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Bulbs	Overview of bulbs, seasons and planting times and methods
	Steve	45-60 min	Chrysanthemums	Growing these requires getting a few things right; they are fussier than other plants. Learn all aspects from planting to blooming.
	Steve	45-60 min	Corsage Making	Hands-on class in corsage making using garden flowers and simple materials.
	Steve	45-60 min	Dahlia Care	All aspects of growing dahlias, from planting in the spring to digging and storing dahlia tubers in the fall.
	Steve	45-60 min	Delphiniums	Learn how to grow the most stately and elegant perennial that is a standard in the English garden.
	Steve	45-60 min	Grow Impressive Gladiolus Flowers	Gladiolus are bulb-like corms boasting spectacular spikes of trumpet-shaped flowers in a surprisingly wide range of colors. They always provide a dramatic effect with their rich and cheerful colors and their breathtaking vertical lines. You will learn how easy they are to grow if some rules are followed. Gladiolus flowers deserve a spot in beds and borders, containers or in flower arrangements.
	Steve	45-60 min	Ornamental Grasses	Learn the different types of ornamental grasses, and why they are the best examples of low-maintenance plants in the landscape.
	Steve	45-60 min	Peonies	Learn how to grow herbaceous and tree peonies from selecting tubers, the planting site and depth, general care, dividing and transplanting.
Growing Fruit	Steve	45-60 min	Growing Small Fruits	Do you want to have fresh fruits to eat, but you just cannot keep the plants pest free and pruned correctly? We will discuss planting, feeding, and pruning of small home fruits, including strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries.

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Houseplants	Steve	45-60 min	African Violets	An easy method of propagation and ways to care for this favorite houseplant.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Nurturing Houseplants	Just like everything other living thing, plants have a rhythm. Parenting houseplants is a way to learn a new rhythm, as bloom cycles, light requirements, and growth rates will all be different from the plants you have outdoors. Or, perhaps your only gardening space is indoors and you need to know how to care for the tender plants. You can go from not having a green thumb to grower extraordinaire. You have to put a little effort into the care of your plants, but it is definitely worth it!
	Steve	45-60 min	Holiday Flowers	Caring for holiday flowers such as amaryllis, poinsettias and holiday cactus.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Houseplant Parenting	Has the one plant you bought on a whim a few years ago grown into an indoor garden with many plants? Do you enjoy taking care of them and watching them grow? Like any hobby that catches our fancy, buying more and more can be expensive. Learn how to maintain the plants you already have, and how to propagate your favorite plants so that you can have more plants without stretching your budget.
	Steve	45-60 min	Houseplants	Seasonal care for many different houseplants, when and how to repot them.
Plant Propagation	Steve	45-60 min	Annuals	Propagating and landscaping with annuals for a summer garden.
	Steve	45-60 min	How to Divide Perennials	Sooner or later, your perennial plants will need to be divided. You'll see them dying out in the center. Learn how & when to divide.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Propagation	Methods of propagating plant materials
	Steve	45-60 min	Propagation from Hardwood Cuttings	One of the easiest propagation techniques is propagating using hard wood cuttings.
Plant Propagation	Steve	45-60 min	Propagation From Seeds & Cuttings	Easy ways to propagate seeds with or without a greenhouse. Also propagating plants using cuttings.

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	Steve	45-60 min	Saving Seeds	Bringing together the time honored gardening traditions of seed savings with hands-on practice. This workshop offers a unique learning experience in how to identify, harvest, and store seeds.
Roses	Steve	45-60 min	Growing roses in the Inland Northwest	We will cover the types of roses, planting, location, timing, fertilizing, watering and pruning.
	Steve	45-60 min	Roses: How to Winterize	Learn techniques for proper care of roses for our unpredictable northwest winters.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Talking Roses	Roses, planting, pruning, health and types
Seasonal Garden Topics	Kurt	60-90 min	Fall Garden	Fall Garden: Starting from a brief Summer discussion , monthly up to putting the garden to bed
	Steve	45-60 min	Getting a Jump on Spring	Are you and your garden ready for winter? Fall gardening tips and tricks will be shared so you can enjoy a more beautiful winter and a relaxing, rewarding spring. We will address common questions related to fall gardening strategies, and tools to help gardeners of any skill level tackle and enjoy getting gardens ready for the next season.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Spring Garden	Spring Garden: Starting from a brief winter discussion , monthly through early summer
	Steve	45-60 min	Storage and Care of Summer Bulbs	Different methods of preparing dahlia tubers, gladiola corms, and begonia tubers for winter storage.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Summer Garden	Summer Garden: Starting from a brief Spring discussion , monthly through early Fall
	Steve	45-60 min	The Garden Has Been Put to Bed- Now What?	Learn how you can fill the long days of winter with tips and advice from an expert. Steve will show you his tried and true tips and recommendations to have beautiful blooming plants as soon as possible come spring.
	Steve	45-60 min	Winter Bulbs	Purchasing spring bulbs and tips for planting them. Container planting of spring bulbs for winter enjoyment.
Seasonal Garden Topics	Steve	45-60 min	Winter Landscapes	Choosing plants that provide winter interest in the landscape.

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Specialty Gardening	Steve	45-60 min	Attracting Wildlife to the Landscape	Attracting many different birds, as well as other wildlife, to your garden using plants, feeders, and nest boxes.
	Steve	45-60 min	Container Gardening	Learn the art of gardening in containers. Learn which annuals, perennials and vegetables do best in containers.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Garden Furnishings	Fustic Garden Furnishings -rough and funky garden furniture, arbors, and archways
	Steve	45-60 min	Gardening for Pollinators	Butterflies, bees, and countless other pollinators provide critical ecosystem services as they pollinate both food crops and wildflowers alike. Unfortunately, these creatures are under threat from a variety of human impacts. Learn what you can do to make your yard a haven for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and the many other "little things that run the world".
	Cathi	45-60 min	Gardening with a Flexible Plan	Adaptive Gardening/Gardening for Life: Gardening wiser, not harder will allow us to keep enjoying our favorite activity. Learn how to adapt your skills and use adaptive tools in order to continue to do what you love - being in the garden.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Gardener/Garden Connection Balances Strength and Resilience	The human-nature connection is one of the strongest forces of strength and inspiration. The resilience provided by our interactions with nature give us the strength we need as we deal with aging, change, loss, joy, achievement and challenges. Nature also is environmentally resilient. Being conscious of what we do for ourselves and for our gardens to facilitate a connection with the natural world is as urgent for today as for the future.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Hardscaping	Hardscaping and Paving Notes -stonework, pathways and paving
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design: English Gardens	English Gardens- history of English gardening and styles
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design: Garden Design	Garden Design - a discussion of garden design over the centuries
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design: Garden History	Garden History - a historical discussion of gardening
	Kurt	60-90 min	History and Design: Lewisian and Clarkia	Lewisia and Clarkia - plants and discoveries from the Lewis and Clarke expedition

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	Kurt	60-90 min	Landscape Challenges	Landscape Challenges - solving landscape problems and eyesores
	Steve	45-60 min	Lawn Care	Learn the proper lawn care for healthy turf, including watering, mowing, weed control, and aeration.
Specialty Gardening	Steve	45-60 min	Lawn Gone	We will discuss simple designs that can reduce energy-consumptive, ecologically incompetent lawns. Come see how the plants in your garden can help support insects, pollinators, and countless songbirds.
	Cathi	45-60 min	Let Nature be Nature	Humans have a relationship with all the landscapes that are around them. Residential landscapes can be ecologically beneficial for nature and human health. We need to appreciate the complexity of our interwoven environment and act as the lynchpin between native landscape and the urban setting.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Low Maintenance	Creative Low Maintenance - low maintenance design
	Kurt	60-90 min	Raised Bed Gardening	Raised Beds - building raised beds and alternatives
	Steve	45-60 min	Raised Bed Gardening	You will learn the reasons for raised bed gardening. The best materials to use, size, shape, soil and location for a successful raised bed experience.
	Steve	45-60 min	Soil Management in Landscapes	Sound soil management helps reduce runoff, erosion, weed problems and helps conserve water. We will be looking at organic matter, efficient irrigation, nutrients and fertilizers as ways to improve soil quality.
	Timothy D	60-90 min	Supporting a Pollinator Friendly Garden	Learn about pollination ecology and the critical role bees play in pollination, as well as the threats to pollinators and what we can do to protect bees and other native pollinators.
	Kris	50-60 min	Vertebrate Management	Overview of vertebrate pests in Spokane, how to live with them, how to discourage them
	Mason or Kris	50-60 min	Waterwise Landscaping	Water use information, hints for reducing water needs, installation hints, plant suggestions
	Steve	45-60 min	Weed Control	Identification of noxious weeds and various methods of control; general control of weeds in the garden.

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	Kris or Steve	45-60 min	Xeriscaping	How to use xeriscaping techniques to conserve water in your yard and garden.
Trees and Shrubs	Steve	45-60 min	Planting Trees & Shrubs	Trees and shrubs in your backyard can be home to many types of wildlife. Trees can also reduce heating and cooling costs, clean the air, add beauty and color, and add value to your home. Learn proper planting techniques and care. shrubs.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Pruning Basics	Pruning - tools, methods, approaches and timing
	Steve	45-60 min	Pruning Basics	Importance of and reasons for pruning, correct timing, and proper pruning techniques.
	Kurt	60-90 min	Pruning Topiary	Topiary - pruning basics and special ornamental approaches
	Kris	50-60 min	Trees & Woody Plants	Care and maintenance of trees & woody landscape plants
	Kurt	60-90 min	Urban Pruning	Urban Pruning - pruning the urban landscape, along with city rules and regulations
Vegetable Gardening	Marcia or Steve	45-60 min	Growing Garlic	You will learn how easy it is to grow garlic. The time of year to plant, types of garlic, and the best storage practices.
	Steve	45-60 min	Herbs	Discover some of the best herbs to plant in the Inland Empire. Learn how to grow them and the best time and harvesting practices.
	Steve	45-60 min	Vegetable Gardening 101	Maybe this is the year you grow your own food! Basic info on design, soil prep, planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing and when to harvest. Also how to store your home-grown vegetables.