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Who's Ready For Spring?!

Snap Pea Seedlings started indoors in a tray

Master Gardener News:

- "Ask A Master Gardener" booths at Colville/Chewelah Home & Garden Shows,
- Milk Jug Greenhouses workshop (great for kids!) at Kettle Falls Library,
- Information Booth at Conservation District Tree Sale

Agriculture News:

- WSDA "Meat Up" Mobile Butchery Workshops—2 Options: 3-day Hands On Workshop OR 1-day Demo & Discussion Workshop

MASTER GARDENER NEWS

Master Gardener Basic Training class concluded on Saturday, March 2nd, as 7 students gave their "student presentations" to the entire class and current Master Gardeners. As usual, we have some amazing new Interns eager to go forth and help in the community.

<- Master Gardener Intern Kim Myers giving her student presentation

"Ask A Master Gardener" — Upcoming Events

Get Answers to your Plant, Bug, & Gardening questions HERE!

- **MAR 15/16 -** Colville Home & Garden Show
- **MAR 23 -** Chewelah Home & Garden Show
- **MAR 29/30 -** Conservation District Tree Sale
- **APR 1 -** Answer/Plant Clinic opens!
- **MAY 4 -** SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

Fun for Adults! Great for Kids!

Thursday, March 21st
3:30-5:00pm

@Kettle Falls Library
615 Meyers St., Kettle Falls

Learn how to **start seeds early,** to "harden off" the plants, and to get a headstart on growing your garden for little effort and less money by using recyclable containers like milk jugs.

You'll get step-by-step instructions and **make your own** mini-greenhouse (milk jug) with your seeds of choice planted in it to take home!

Starting April 1st!

WSU MASTER GARDENER ANSWER AND PLANT CLINIC

Mondays ~ 9-11 am
Thursdays ~ 1-3 pm
986 S. Main, Colville

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM 1973 50 2023 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Master Gardeners are WSU trained volunteers who can help with:

- plant identification
- insect and disease identification
- general garden help and questions

To use the Plant Clinic for your questions

- Bring in a sample anytime in sealed see-thru plastic (Ziploc, jar with lid), and it will be looked at on Monday or Thursday during clinic hours
- Call during Plant Clinic hours: Mondays, 9-11 am or Thursdays 1-3 pm
- Email a photo or question with Plant Clinic as the subject line

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FREE RESOURCES

MG Facebook Page

The Evergreen Thumb Podcast

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website: Master Gardeners | Stevens County or contact Linda Teller, 509-684-2588

AGRICULTURE NEWS

WSDA WA—"Meat Up" Mobile Butchery Workshops

(either 3-day hands-on or 1-day demo)

1) Hands-On 3-Day Species Specific Workshops

Learn about the whole process from feeding animals to cooking meat! We will go over feeding programs, live animal evaluation, harvest, carcass evaluation, carcass breakdown, and creating value-added products. Participants will work in teams to value, purchase, and breakdown a whole animal to maximize value, quality, and palatability.

Spokane, WA (Lamb)
- April 5, 6, 7 >> Register

Moses Lake, WA (Beef)
- May 8, 9, 10 >> Register

2) One-Day Demo and Discussion Workshops

Learn and discuss how to support your business viability, profitability, and quality of life through addressing:

1) processing efficiencies 2) consumer preferences 3) consumer communications 4) on-farm practices that affect quality & yield 5) pricing strategies

Morning Session

- Interactive butchery demo highlighting consumer trends in the NEW WA Meat Up Mobile Butchery Truck!
- Discussion: how do you maximize value from your animals and improve efficiency to reduce costs
- Discussion: what are consumer preferences and why it matters

Afternoon Session

- WSDA Grant & Assistance Opportunities, & Regulatory Q&A
- Discussion: how do you communicate with and keep customers
- Discussion: what affects meat quality, yield, and value
- Discussion: does your price reflect your cost of production

FOR PRODUCERS

March 28—Deer Park >> Register

FOR PROCESSORS

March 29—Deer Park >> Register

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Farmer Assistance Request Form

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