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 - Starting Jan 21, 2025
- **Eat Local First Prize Giveaway**
 - Eat Local & Win Prizes!

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- **Trainees learn about insects**
 - including specimens of Northern Giant Hornet!

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Latest news, projects, workshops, free resources, and more. Keep Reading!

Pesticide Recertification Event 12/12/24 1-5pm

In Person and Online Options



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Winter 2024 Pesticide Recertification Event

4 WSDA credits requested

- **When:** 12/12/2024 1:00-5:00pm
- **Where:** 986 S. Main St. Colville, WA
- **Topic(s):** Weeds and Livestock Interaction and Toxicity, WSDA Pesticide Compliance 2024 Update, Forestry Ground Herbicide Applications, War on Weeds: New Herbicides to Combat Noxious Weeds.

RSVP

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Save the Dates! Jan 21 - Mar 11, Tuesdays 6-8pm Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Business Planning

This course will walk you through the steps to create a farm business plan through weekly online classes with guest speaker farmers and resource providers and connections in regional groups.

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sustainable small farms education

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Why Eat Local for the Holidays?

Because we know that behind every meal is a story – be it a farmer that has grown nourishing food, a chef who serves it up, or people like you who share the local food love. Washington is home to bountiful farmland, and incredible entrepreneurs that work hard in, and for, their communities. When you eat local, you are supporting families, farms, and our whole food ecosystem!

<https://eatlocalfirst.org/holiday-food-farm-finder/>



Shop WA farms and farmers markets for the holidays, win prizes!

Eat Local First is giving away over \$500 worth of local food and swag!

 **Grand Prize – \$200 to spend at any business listed on the WA Food & Farm Finder**

 **Three (3) \$25 gift cards to any business listed on the WA Food & Farm Finder**

 **Ten (10) Eat Local First eco-friendly reusable shopping bags by ChicoBag**

 **Twenty (20) Eat Local First camping sporks by humangear**

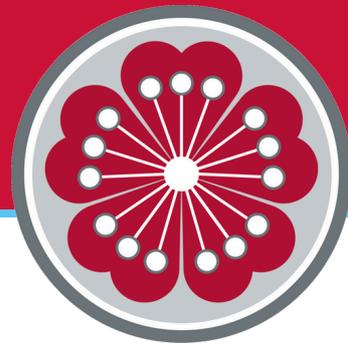
The deadline to enter is midnight on January 1, 2025.

Winners will be notified in early January.

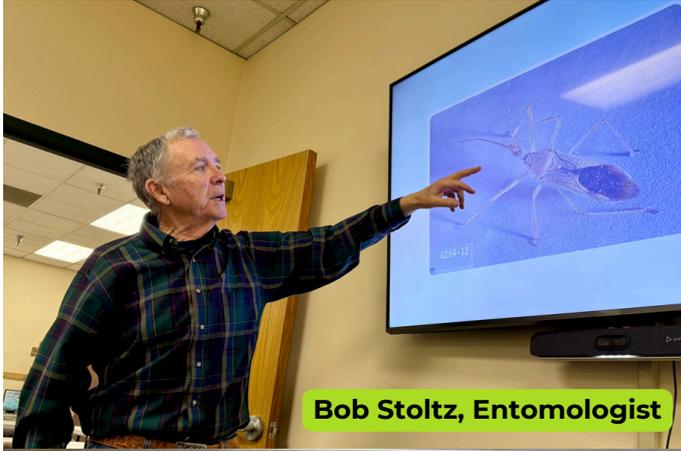
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2024-2025 Master Gardener Trainees -learn about good & bad insects



Bob Stoltz, Entomologist



Northern Giant Hornets



**Northern Giant Hornet
size comparison**



**Spotted Lanternfly,
Invasive!**

The 2024-2025 class continue their intensive training, and last week they learned about insects...both beneficial ones and pests from Bob Stoltz, a local retired entomologist. They also heard from Cassie Cichorz and Patrik Hornstrand, both from WSDA. One bonus of the class was to see "in person" specimens of the insects, including several Northern Giant Hornets, which some call "murder hornets". You'll be happy to know that none have been seen in Washington in 2 years! There are other pests that are scarier right now. Stay tuned as we arm these trainees with knowledge to share at community events!



**Japanese Beetles,
Invasive! ->**



**Cassie Cichorz, WSDA, and
attentive students**

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For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website: [Gardening_|Stevens County](#) or contact [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

Fun and Learning with Salt Dough

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Salt Dough Ornaments

Ingredients
1 cup flour 1/2 cups salt 1/2 cup water

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 250.
2. Mix flour and salt. Add water, thoroughly mix.
3. Sprinkle flour on table. Knead dough until soft and easy to handle. Add flour if sticky.
4. Roll out to 1/4-inch. Cut using cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Poke hole with straw to add a ribbon for hanging.
6. Bake 2-3 hours or until completely dry, then cool.

Add paint and glitter. Spray with sealer.

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There is nothing more meaningful than a gift from a child that has been homemade. A favorite across many generations is salt-dough ornaments. Creating and working with play dough of all types supports development and learning in many areas. When children are squishing, rolling, molding and cutting, they are strengthening the small muscles in their fingers. When they're talking with you or their siblings, they're building their social skills. When they're helping to measure and mix, they're building math skills and so much more!

Salt-dough is simply a form of play dough you can dry by baking in the oven to form hardened ornaments or creations. Typically, these are created by rolling out the dough and then cutting out shapes with cookie cutters, baking and decorating as desired.

Learn more about the many ways play dough supports children's development and learning and find more recipes for play dough at the National Association for the Educational of Young Children's article, "[Playdough Power](#)."

This article was originally published by Michigan State University Extension.



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For information about our 4-H program, visit our website:
[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#) or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

December Calendar

DEC 11 - Master Gardener Basic Training Class
(registered students only)

DEC 12 - Pesticide Recertification Class, 1-5pm

DEC 24 - Christmas Eve Holiday - Office Closed

DEC 25 - Christmas Holiday - Office Closed



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Farmer Assistance
Request Form

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(email only until March)

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