



**2023 WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference**  
**50 Years and Counting: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**  
**Conference Schedule**

Thursday, September 28, 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY	CEs
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration open	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Guided Tacoma Downtown Walking Tour	
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Sharing Success	
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Market Place, Silent Auction, Vendors, Raffle, Exhibitors	
9:15 AM – 12:00 N	Tour: WSU Research Station and Demonstration Garden Tour - Cost: \$15	2
10:00 AM – 12:00 N	Tour: The Rhododendron Species Garden - Cost: \$20	2
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Raffle items dropped off in Raffle area	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Opening Session: Welcome by Jennifer Marquis (State Program Leader); Tana Hasart (MGFWS President); David Gibby (Extension Master Gardener Program co-founder); Wendy Powers (CAHNRS Dean)	
<b>SESSION 1</b>		
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	The Ice Age Flood: The Washington Soil Mosaic – Kenneth B. Lacy	1.25
	Garden Allies: An Introduction to Life in the Landscape – Frédérique Lavoipierre	1.25
	Edible Perennials for PNW Gardens – Lisa Taylor	1.25
	Native Plants for Biodiversity – Mark Turner	1.25
	Community Connections: How Pierce County Extension Master Gardeners Support the WA State Corrections Center for Women – Harolyn Engelskirchen; Constance Baird	1.25
<b>SESSION 2</b>		
3:45 PM – 5 :00 PM	Using the IPM Toolbox – Rachel Bomberger	1.25
	Learning How to Care for Solitary Mason and Leafcutter Bees – Thyra McKelvie	1.25
	Botanical Latin – Ross Bayton	1.25
	Backyard Citizen Science Opportunities in the Pacific Northwest – Joey Hulbert	1.25
	Teaching for Active Learning—Laurie Stevahn, PhD	1.25
5:30PM – 6:30 PM	Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State meeting: Grab a drink and join the annual meeting.	
5:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Raffle and Auction areas open. Tickets on sale. Photo booth open.	
5:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Happy Hour no-host bar Networking, marketplace, auction, raffle, vendors, exhibitors, Sharing Success Dinner on your own	

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7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BONUS CLASS: Yoga for the Gardener – Deb Hammond	
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration open	
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast buffet	
7:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Raffle tickets on sale	
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Market Place, Silent Auction, Vendors, Raffle, Exhibitors, Sharing Success	
<b>SESSION 3</b>		
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Pesticide Use and Safety – Wendy Sue Wheeler	1.25
	Common Native Bees of Washington State – Connie Mehmel, Paige Embry	1.25
	Soil Carbon, Organic Matter, and Health: Myths, Metrics and Management – Nathan Stacey	1.25
	The Resilient Yard: Design and Maintenance in a Changing Climate – Mike Peronto, Barret Carpenter	1.25
	Horticulture for Health & Well-being: Year-round, Nature-based Programming for Special Populations – Teresia Hazen	1.25
<b>SESSION 4</b>		
10:30 AM - 11:45 PM	RainScaping: Nature-inspired Solutions to Manage Home Runoff – Peggy Campbell	1.25
	What's Buzzing? Supporting Pollinators in Your Backyard – Lisa DeVetter	1.25
	School Gardens: Growing Food, Growing Learning, Growing Support – Laurie Williams	1.25
	Finding Our Way Home: Native Plants in the Garden – Robin O'Quinn	1.25
	Cultivating a Diverse Extension Master Gardener Program – Kenitra Keeney	1.25
12:00 n – 1:15 PM	Awards luncheon; MGFWS annual meeting	
<b>SESSION 5</b>		
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Facilitated Networking: Plant Clinics – Casey Leigh (Chelan-Douglas), Beth Naczkowski (King), and Kathy Hicks (Spokane)	1
	Facilitated Networking: Fundamentals of a Non-profit Board – Tana Hasart, Gilbert Plascencia	1
	Waterwise Landscaping – Kris Moberg-Hendron	1
	Nutrient Decline in Vegetables – Muriel Nesbitt	1
	Plant Galls: Beauty and the Beast – Christine Heycke	1

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<b>SESSION 6</b>	Friday, September 29, 2023, continued	
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Irrigation System Design for the Home Garden – Linda Stock	1.25
	Gardening for Bumblebees – Rich Hatfield	1.25
	Feeding the Soil: Nature’s Health Plan for Your Garden (and You) – David Montgomery, Anne Bikle	1.25
	Waterwise Gardens: Cultivate Your Water Conscious Oasis! – Nancy Goodin	1.25
	Cultivating Volunteer Leaders – Jana Ferris	1.25
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Free time, networking, marketplace, auction, raffle, vendors, and exhibitors	
8:30 PM	Auction tables close	
8:30 PM	Raffle tickets sales close	
5:15 PM – 8:00 PM	No-host bar, banquet, and Keynote Speaker: Michael Blackstock <i>Attire is dressy-casual</i>	1

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

TIME	ACTIVITY	CEs
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast buffet	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BONUS CLASS: Pilates - Johnette Schiesz	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration desk open	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Market Place, vendors, exhibitors, Sharing Success	
<b>SESSION 7</b>		
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Blue Ecology Talking Circle – Michael Blackstock	1.25
	Rewilding with Native Meadows – Raylee McKinley	1.25
	Washington’s Integrated Approach to Preventing & Addressing Invasive Species –	1.25
	Bringing Nature Indoors: Houseplants – Ann Amato	1.25
	Foundation-Program Relations – Tana Hasart, Jennifer Marquis	1.25
10:15 AM	Auction and Raffle winners posted	
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!	
11:30 AM - 12n	Auction and Raffle items pick up	