

2024 WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference Schedule

Friday, September 27, 2024

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRIORITY	
OPENING SESSION			
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Live: MGFWS Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony		
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break		
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Live: Welcome & Keynote Presentation: Adventures in Ecological Horticulture, Rebecca McMackin	Plant Biodiversity	
SESSION 1			
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	1A Live: Climate Change in WA State: Past, Present & Future, Nick Bond	Climate Change	
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	1B Live: Understanding & Bridging the Generations, Tara Kuipers	MG Skills	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	1C Recorded: Preventing Food Waste – Beyond the Compost Bin, Diane Smith	Local Food	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	1D Recorded: Natives, Cultivars, Perennials: What Plants are Best for a Changing Climate, Molly van der Burch	Plant Biodiversity	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	1E Recorded: Developing Landscapes Through Storytelling, Bob Scarfo, PhD	Nearby Nature	
SESSION 2			
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	2A Live: The Beauty of Weeds, Mark Turner	Plant Biodiversity	
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	2B Live: Changing the Role of Conflict from Challenge to Opportunity, Laurie Stevahn, PhD, Tana Hasart, PhD	MG Skills	
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	2C Live: Urban Underground: Soil Health in Urban and Peri-Urban Farms, Doug Collins PhD	Soil Health	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	2D Recorded: Growing Youth and Plants Together, Alice Allison, Sandra Rosenau	Local Food	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	2E Recorded: From Scraps to Soil: Mastering the Art of Composting, Bonnie Orr, PhD	Climate Change	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	2F Recorded: Native Bees and the Washington Bee Atlas, Karen Wright	Pollinators	
SESSION 3			
4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	3A Live: Knowing How to Support a New Generation of Gardeners: Practical Insights for EMG Volunteers, Sheri Dorn, Natalie Bumgarner	MG Skills	
4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	3B Live: How Climate Change Will Impact Life and Gardening in the 21 st Century Urban Environments, Paul Hessburg, PhD	Wildfire Preparedness	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	3C Recorded: Biodiversity in Food Plants: Why the Losses Matter, Muriel Nesbitt	Plant Biodiversity	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	3D Recorded: The Resilient Yard: Battling Climate Change at Home, Mike Peronto, Kris Moberg-Hendron	Climate Change	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	3E Recorded: Mosses and Lichens, Our Evergreen Pacific Northwest, Deborah Smeltzer	Plant Biodiversity	

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TIME	ACTIVITY	PRIORITY	
SESSION 4			
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	4A Live: Soil: What it is and How it Works, James Cassidy	Soil Health	
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	4B Live: Volunteer Vitality: The Wellness Benefits of Extension Volunteer Programs, Anne Yasalonis	MG Skills	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	4C Recorded: Food Systems and Climate Change, Joan Qazi	Local Food	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	4D Recorded: Climate Change and Biodiversity: Impacts and Solutions, Chris Cosma	Plant Biodiversity	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	4E Recorded: Therapeutic Horticulture: Enhancing Quality of Life and Well-Being for Those We Serve, Teresia Hazen, Meghan McKiernan	Nearby Nature	
SESSION 5			
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	5A Live: How to Adapt Your Home Landscape to Changing Conditions in the Wildland Urban Interface, Al Murphy	Wildfire Preparedness	
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	5B Live: Growing Vegetables When Water is Scarce, Lisa Taylor	Local Food	
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	5C Recorded: Mason Bees: How to Properly Care for Them in Your Garden, Thyra McKelvie	Pollinators	
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	5D Recorded: Irrigation Management in a Changing Climate, Troy Peters	Clean Water	
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	5E Recorded: Growing Roses in a Changing Climate, Michele Thomas	Climate Change	
SESSION 6			
12:15 PM- 1:30 PM	6A Live: Lovely Lawn Alternatives, Sue Goetz	Water Conservation	
12:15 PM- 1:30 PM	6B Live: The Challenges of Native Plant Gardening in the Inland Northwest, Mel Asher	Plant Biodiversity	
12:15 PM- 1:15 PM	6C Recorded: Tips and Tricks for Using iNaturalist for Identification While Contributing to Science, Karla Salp	Nearby Nature	
12:15 PM- 1:15 PM	6D Recorded: NICH: Connecting Extension, Research, Industry, and the Public Garden Sector, Sheri Dorn, Natalie Bumgarner	MG Skills	
12:15 PM- 1:15 PM	6E Recorded: A Gardening Response to Climate Change, Part I, Katie Doonan	Climate Change	
SESSION 7			
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	7A Live: Landscaping for Birds and Wildlife, Betsy Dudash	Nearby Nature	
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	7B Live: Right Plant, Right Place: The Art & Science of Planting Design, Nancy Goodin	Plant Biodiversity	
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	7C Recorded: Planning for the Unplanned: Integrating Ecological Restoration Techniques and Landscape Design, Larry Weaner	Plant Biodiversity	
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	7D Recorded: A Gardening Response to Climate Change, Part II, Katie Doonan	Climate Change	
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	7E Recorded: Tour of the Derby Canyon Natives Nursery Demonstration Landscape, Mel Asher, Betsy Dudash	Plant Biodiversity	

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