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# Bainbridge GARDENER



Spring 2012

Hours:

Monday-Saturday 9 am -5:30 pm

Sunday 10 am - 4:00 pm

Starting March 11, open every day 'til 5:30



## PERENNIALS FOR HIGH IMPACT, LOW MAINTENANCE

Low maintenance doesn't have to mean low interest. Here's a list of perennials that can give you some bang for your buck without requiring a great deal of time-consuming, tender-loving care. To make this restricted list, these perennials had to meet several requirements: low incidence of disease or pests; non-invasive; hardy despite abnormal weather; striking or unique in some way; long blooming; needs no unusual treatment or care and can grow in average soil. Once these "high impact, low maintenance perennials" are established, they are very undemanding, but have the added bonus of an eye-catching attribute.

- ☼ Coreopsis 'Jethro Tull' - Perennial for full sun that is drought tolerant as well. Unusual, fluted golden yellow flowers bloom in late spring through late summer. It has a compact habit (12-18 inches) and strong flower stems which make it a standout from other coreopsis. The flowers make an excellent cut flower and provide an unbeatable color impact in the garden.
- ☼ Lithodora 'Grace Ward' - A standout in the groundcover world. This lithodora has dark green evergreen foliage and blooms in early summer with an unforgettable display of sapphire-blue flowers. It grows best in full sun to a height of 3 inches and a spread of 2 feet. Deer resistant and hardy to zone 5 (-20°).
- ☼ Geum 'Mango Lassi' - Large double flowers with shades of orange, apricot and mango. Blooms through most of the summer and the leaves are evergreen in winter. Makes a great cut flower, is visited by hummingbirds, and is hardy to zone 5 (-20°).
- ☼ Actaea simplex 'Black Negligee' - Lacey black foliage makes this plant a standout in the garden. In late summer fragrant white bottlebrush flowers put on a show. These 5 foot tall blooms create a great vertical accent to the garden. Hardy to zone 3.
- ☼ Helleborus Gold Collection® - The Gold Collection of hellebores stands out in the garden because they bloom earlier than most other perennials. Unlike other hellebores, they bloom the first year and have forward-facing larger blooms. Once blooming, this hellebore collection will keep its flowers 2-4 months! Hardy to zone 4, these plants are also evergreen and deer-resistant. Varieties in the Gold Collection® include: 'Jacob', 'Joseph Lemper', 'Pink Frost', 'Winter's Bliss', and 'Winters Song'.

These perennials, as well as hundreds of other annuals and perennials, will be arriving throughout the spring and summer.

### SEE INSIDE FOR:

CLASSES: Fruit Tree Care, Pruning, Lawn Care, Rain Gardens, and a Build-Your-Own Tabletop Garden Workshop

ROSES: New Breakthroughs in Roses for 2012

HEDGES: Planting for Privacy

SALES: Whitney Farms Weekend; Oly Mountain Fish Compost

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April 14-15, 2012 FOR DETAILS.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Two of our most popular speakers return to Bainbridge Gardens! Leda Langley of Langley Fine Gardens, who has shared her passion for vegetable growing with a standing-room only crowd, will be here Saturday, March 10 to talk about veggies, herbs, seeds and starts, and even how gardening affects your mental and physical health!

David Dewire, known for his expertise in bonsai and as the instructor of our fall pruning classes, will teach two new classes this spring. David will take you on a walking tour of deciduous trees around the nursery, discussing how to shape and manage these trees to bring out the best of their beauty. David will also teach a bonsai class for beginners, introducing this ancient artform.

Look for details of all of our classes on pages 2 and 3.

## GO FISH!



We are pleased to welcome Oly Mountain Fish Compost to our selection of soil products. It's organic, virtually odorless, high in nitrogen due to the protein and fish oils, and it's locally produced.

Oly Mountain began three years ago when the water in Hood Canal warmed up and the oxygen level became so low, there was a die-off of fish, mostly salmon. Instead of sending the fish to the landfill, North Mason Fiber began composting. Today, through a two-year process, the fish is composted with green waste and native hardwoods. Because of the long process, the compost is nearly odorless.

We carry Oly Mountain Fish Compost in one-cubic-foot bags and in bulk by the yard. Try it yourself with our coupon on page 3.

## SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

Summer flowers bursting with color and fragrance are incredibly easy with bulbs-just dig, drop and you're done.

New this year are giant oriental lilies like 'Purple Prince' and rosy red 'Miss Feyta,' reaching as high as eight feet tall. Double oriental lilies combine intense fragrance with rich colors and a double set of flower petals. "Magic Star" has gorgeous bicolor petals in purple and white, and 'Soft Music' boasts stunning frilled pastel pink petals.

Dahlias - summer's most popular flower bulb- are great for the garden or as container plants. Choose from decorative, cactus, powderpuff, and the massive dinner-plate variety known for blooms 12 inches diameter. Bronze leaf dahlias with their lush dark purple to black fern-like foliage will stand out in any garden.

## THE EVER CLASSIC QUINCE

An early blooming shrub like flowering quince offers late winter beauty to the garden, as well as being tough as nails; it's cold hardy up to -20F, deer resistant, and drought tolerant once established. New varieties shake up the traditional colors, such as 'Orange Delight', with deep orange flowers; 'Torvesa' with apple blossom-like blooms; and the modern classics like 'Cameo' with double apricot flowers; and 'Toyo Nishiki' with as many as three colors in one branch (red, pink, white) for a lovely effect. We will have them also in dwarf, compact forms as well as upright in white, scarlet red and the more traditional coral-red colors.

## CLASSES & EVENTS

### BAINBRIDGE GARDENS CLASS REGISTRATION

Tuition fees are stated with each class description.

Preregistration is required for all classes.

Tuition fee must be prepaid to guarantee your spot.

You may register at in person at Bainbridge Gardens or by phone: 206-842-5888.

Please check in at the main desk on day of class.

Classes will be in our Northwest Greenhouse, unless stated otherwise.

**Saturday, February 4, 1:00 pm**

### Fruit Tree Pruning & Pest Prevention

Steve Minch

Class fee \$8

Fruit trees need regular care for best health and fruit production. This class covers the best way to prune apple trees and other fruits; what is dormant spray and when to apply it; and how to control common fruit tree diseases.

**Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 pm**

### Pruning

Steve Minch

Class fee \$8



This popular class covers tools, pruning techniques, plant types and timing. The class has a show-and-tell format, so your questions will guide the direction the class takes.

**Saturday, February 25, 1:00 pm**

### Northwest Newcomers

Jenni McCain, CPH

Class fee \$8

Wondering what to do or where to start? Our popular class offers vital information and inspiration for those new to gardening in the Pacific Northwest or simply new to gardening.

**Sunday, February 26, 1:00 pm**

### Pruning

Steve Minch

Class fee \$8

Please see February 15th for description.

## RHODODENDRONS REVISITED

After the past couple of tough winters in the Northwest, we found a lot of gardeners seeking the tried-and-true, deer-resistant and cold hardy family of rhododendrons.

Rhododendrons are perfect to create a layer on the edge of a woodland. Taller species can work in a mixed hedge and dwarf sun-tolerant varieties can be planted on a sunny rockery. Known for their trusses of flowers in pale to warm yellows, corals, whites, reds, purples and pinks, some varieties of rhododendrons show beauty year round. There are varieties with leaves that turn an attractive bronze in the winter, offer variegation, or soft leaves with a layer of silvery hairs on the new spring leaves. Rhododendron leaves can be bold and large, or fine and delicate. Explore the versatility of the rhododendron in our class Wednesday, March 14.

**Saturday, March 3, 1:00 pm**  
**Tabletop Garden Workshop**

Janet Gregersen, CPH

Class fee \$20 per dish garden

Additional participant class fee \$8

Create your own miniature terrarium or dish garden for your home or office. Class fee includes hands-on instruction; plus soil, starting materials, and your choice of four 2-in houseplants. Come in early on the day of the class to select a bowl or container for your dish garden. As a participant in the class, you will receive 20% off the regular price of the container you use for your dish garden.



**Saturday, March 10, 1:00 pm**

### Growing Your Own Food

Special Guest: Leda Langley of Langley Fine Gardens

FREE -- No Class Fee

Please register to reserve your seat.

We welcome back popular guest Leda Langley. As an expert grower & the owner of Langley Fine Gardens, Leda will share her passion for veggie gardening and introduce many of the varieties of vegetables and herbs available this season. Leda also will talk about garden planning, how to extend the growing season and her favorite gardening tools and books. A great class for both the new and experienced gardener.

**Sunday, March 11, 1:00 pm**

### Rain Gardens

Keary Uhlig, CPH

Class fee \$8

Rain gardens act like our native forests by collecting, absorbing and filtering your property's storm water run-off. They are planted to be both beautiful and easy to care for. While serving a very important role in the conservation of our natural resources, rain gardens also help landowners prevent periodic flooding of their homes and other valuable assets. Learn how you can improve your property's value and function in our class on building a rain garden.

**Wednesday, March 14, 1:00 pm**

### Rhododendrons Revisited

Jenni McCain, CPH

Class Fee \$8

Deer resistant and cold hardy, the rhododendron has returned as a horticulturally hot item for the Northwest gardener. Available in a rainbow of colors, this class will explore many of the varieties we're offering this season as well as care and cultivation.

Gardening on a budget? For more savings, check in regularly for in-store specials and sales. Find us on Facebook and check our out website for sales, events and gardening tips.

**Saturday, March 17, 1:00 pm**  
**Discovering Deciduous Trees**

**Special Guest: David Dewire**

**Class fee \$15**

Bonsai expert David Dewire takes you on a walking tour of the nursery to highlight some of his favorite deciduous trees that could be the focal point you've been seeking to add to your landscape. David will discuss how shaping these trees enhance their seasonal beauty. Tour will go on, rain or shine. Please dress for the weather.

**Sunday, March 18, 1:00 pm**

**The Art of Bonsai**

**Special Guest: David Dewire**

**Class fee \$15**

Bonsai expert David Dewire introduces the art of bonsai in this new class for beginners. David will discuss the basics of bonsai, from pruning and training to choosing tools and materials.

**Saturday, March 24, 1:00 pm**

**The Rose**

**Janet Gregersen, CPH**

**Class fee \$8**



This class demonstrates proper rose pruning techniques you can apply in your own garden. We'll also cover the basics of rose care, rose placement, planting, watering & feeding.

**Sunday, March 25, 1:00 pm**

**Spring Lawn Care**

**Steve Minch**

**Class fee \$8**



Get your lawn ready for spring and summer. We'll cover lawn renovation, fertilizing, aerating, mowing, watering & more.

**Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 pm**

**The Living Screen**

**Jenni McCain, CPH**

**Class fee \$8**

There's more to screening plants than the laurel hedge. Learn how to create privacy with evergreen, deciduous and even flowering shrubs that will offer year round interest.

**Saturday, March 31 & Sunday, April 1**

**Whitney Farms Weekend**

See page 4 for details.

**Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15**

POTTING  
SOIL  
SPECIALS!



CONTAINER  
PLANTING  
DEMOS!

Pots will be arriving from Germany, Italy, Vietnam and China for the next three months as we get ready for our big pottery sale. Look for new designs and colors for your container gardens, handsome lightweight pots and new frost resistant terracotta. See POT-A-PALOOZA details on page 4.

**NEW ROSES FOR 2012**

Introducing 'Sunshine Dream,' the first traditional garden rose to win an AARS award under "no spray" trialing conditions. Boasting large buttercream yellow flowers that clean well, this grandiflora performed best in a wide range of categories!

Two new varieties, 'The Eyeconic™' series and 'Thrive' shrub roses represent a breakthrough in rose breeding. Producing profuse, reblooming flowers with excellent disease resistance, 'Pink Lemonade' is a light pink to melon with a red ring surrounding the inside of the petals. 'Lemonade' is bright yellow with a red ring. 'Thrive' is a vibrant fire engine red rose that will bloom all season.

Even more exciting are the "own root" roses. They have the same attributes as their "budded" counterparts but with the potential for added cold hardiness.

Varieties including 'Crocus Rose' and 'Golden Celebration' from David Austin have the glorious fragrance of tea roses and are very reliable and easy to grow. Come by the main desk to look at our "Rose Book" to see this year's selection and sign up for our class on rose care, Saturday, March 24.

**HEDGES: MORE THAN A LIVING WALL**

If you feel like you need a little privacy in your garden or even the feeling of an outdoor room, think beyond the formal evergreen hedge. You can create a mix of evergreen, deciduous and even flowering shrubs that will offer you year round interest. Choose hedges that provide fall color, evergreen shrubs with fall flowers, peeling bark and even conifers to break up the textures. Why not create food and shelter for our beloved songbirds with shrubs that have berries, seeds and places to nest? While you're at it, why not mix in a few blueberries for tasty grazing opportunities for you? We can help you design a living screen with shrubs or small trees that will give your garden a whole new level of interest. Learn more about plants for screening in our class on "The Living Screen" Wednesday, March 28.

**\$1.00 OFF**  
EACH BAG



1 CU. FT. BAG  
REGULARLY \$6.49 EACH

**LIMIT 6 BAGS**

**OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/12**

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NEW CLASSES AND GUEST SPEAKERS; PLUS:  
A COUPON FOR OLY MOUNTAIN FISH COMPOST!

## SPRING EVENTS AT BAINBRIDGE GARDENS!

### WHITNEY GETS A MAKEOVER

A new year, a new look.

Whitney Farms plant food is  
sporting new packaging, emphasizing  
the organic qualities of the products  
and new formulations of some fertilizers.

Drop by Saturday, March 31 and  
Sunday, April 1 for our "Whitney Farms  
Weekend." We'll have samples available.

On Sunday, April 1,  
a representative from  
Whitney Farms will  
join us here at  
Bainbridge Gardens to  
answer your questions  
about Whitney Farms.

As an added bonus, all  
Whitney Farms plant food, soil and  
soil amendments will be 20% off  
March 31 and April 1 only.  
Sale is limited to stock on hand.  
No deliveries.



## POT-a-palooza

TWO DAYS ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 & SUNDAY, APRIL 15

**ALL POTS WILL BE 30% OFF**

INCLUDING NEW POTS IN THIS SEASON'S DESIGNS AND COLORS.

FILL YOUR NEW POTS WITH  
**WHITNEY FARMS BAINBRIDGE GARDENS POTTING SOIL**  
**\$1.00 OFF YOUR FIRST 2 BAGS (REGULAR PRICE \$5.29)**  
ON APRIL 14 AND APRIL 15 ONLY.

**BAINBRIDGE GARDENS STAFF WILL PRESENT  
A FREE DEMONSTRATION AT 1:00 PM APRIL 14 & APRIL 15  
"CREATIVE COLORFUL CONTAINERS"**

WE'LL SHOW HOW TO DESIGN SPECTACULAR SPRING COLOR COMBOS  
USING ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, GRASSES AND SHRUBS.

SALE PRICES FOR POTS AND POTTING SOIL ARE VALID ONLY 4/14/12 & 4/15/12.  
SALE IS LIMITED TO STOCK ON HAND. OFFER MAY NOT BE USED FOR  
PRIOR PURCHASES OR WITH OTHER SALES OFFERS OR PROMOTIONS.