

Clallam County

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## GREEN THUMB EDUCATION SERIES

**Seeds and the Future of Food**  
**Thursday, March 13th, 1 – 2 p.m.**  
**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
**510 E. Park Avenue, Port Angeles**

Why is plant biodiversity important? Simply put, growing a mixture of food plants is the best insurance we have against catastrophic events and climate change. Seeds are a key component in the health of our ecosystem. Find out what gardeners can do to preserve food plant biodiversity! Join Clallam County Master Gardener Muriel Nesbitt for the Green Thumb Education Series presentation “Seeds and the Future of Food.”

Biodiversity helps maintain healthy ecosystems by providing food sources for animals, regulating climate, preventing soil

erosion, protecting watersheds and serves as a vital source for medicines and other human needs.

Muriel will be presenting a discussion of the role of biodiversity in ensuring the future survival of food plants, and the major causes of the ongoing sharp decline in that diversity.

She will also talk about the effects of seed patenting, genetic manipulation, seed banks, land races and the seed industry.



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## 2025 Home Orchard Series

**New Tree Planting and Training and Pruning Grapes and Kiwi**

**Wednesday, March 12th, 6 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Dungeness River Nature Center**  
**1943 W. Hendrickson Rd., Sequim**

Join Clallam County Master Gardeners and the Olympic Orchard Society for the 2025 Home Orchard Series class New Tree Planting and Pruning Grapes and Kiwi.

The first half of this class will focus on the current recommendations for getting young trees off to a good start so that they develop strong healthy root systems and strong branch structures. Planting both bare root and containerized trees as well as pruning and training young trees will be discussed.

The second half will be devoted to getting the best fruit when growing grapes and kiwi on a trellis system. This

class will discuss options for trellises and proper pruning to keep these fruit both manageable and productive.

This series, offered by the Clallam County Master Gardeners and the Olympic Orchard Society, will provide up-to-date, research-based information for sustainable fruit tree care.



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Registration is \$10 per class. **Register early! Classes are limited to 100 participants.** Scan the QR code for a complete list of class dates, times, locations and payment options.



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**26th Annual Soroptimist  
Gala Garden Show**  
Master Gardener Featured Speakers



**Growing Tomatoes with  
Jeanette Stehr-Green &  
Judy English**  
3/15, 10 – 11 a.m.

- Sat., 3/15, 9 – 4 p.m.
- Sun., 3/16, 10 – 3 p.m.

**Sequim Boys & Girls Club**  
400 W. Fir St., Sequim

Come visit Clallam County Master Gardeners at the 26th Annual Soroptimist Gala Garden Show!

Check out our fun gardening presentations and find out how to grow your own delicious tomatoes, properly prune trees and shrubs and garden appropriately if you're a newcomer to the Pacific Northwest.



**Gardening for Newcomers  
with Margery Whites**  
3/15, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Master Gardeners will also be taking questions at our booth, so come to the event with any plant problems or concerns.

Admission is \$5 per day. Children under 12 are free.



**Pruning Trees &  
Landscape Shrubs with  
Keith Dekker**  
3/16, 10 – 11 a.m.

For more information on the Gala Garden Show, vendors, sponsorship and speakers, visit <https://sequimgardenshow.com/>.

**Gardening for Your Health**  
with Bill Wrobel  
Fri., Mar. 14 at 6:40 p.m.  
Tue., Mar. 18 at 11:40 a.m.  
(repeat)

**Growing Heirloom Varieties**  
with Florence Larsen  
Fri., Mar. 21 at 6:40 p.m.  
Tue., Mar. 25 at 11:40 a.m.  
(repeat)

**Gardening with People with  
Dementia**  
with Jeanette Stehr-Green  
Fri., Mar. 28 at 6:40 p.m.  
Tue., April. 1 at 11:40 a.m.  
(repeat)

**ON THE AIR**  
**KSQM Garden Show**  
91.5 FM

**Parsley, Sage, Rosemary,  
and Thyme**  
with Shirley Honore  
Fri., Feb. 28 at 6:40 p.m.  
Tue., Mar. 4 at 11:40 a.m.  
(repeat)

**Pruning Trees and Shrubs**  
with Jeanette Stehr-Green  
Fri., Mar. 7 at 6:40 p.m.  
Tue., Mar. 11 at 11:40 a.m.  
(repeat)

**2025 Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale**  
Saturday, May 3rd

9 – 12:30 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m. Half-price Sale  
(closed briefly 12:30 – 1 p.m.)

**Woodcock Demonstration Garden**  
2711 Woodcock Road, Sequim



*Photo by Lorraine Eckard.*

Plants are our passion! Find yours at the Master Gardener Foundation of Clallam County Spring Plant Sale. Choose from a wide variety of veggie and herb starts, native saplings and shrubs, perennials, succulents, ornamental grasses, ground covers, houseplants, gardening tools and more.

All proceeds from the sale will help to maintain the Woodcock Demonstration Garden, the Fifth Street Community Garden in Port Angeles and support the numerous Master Gardener community services such as the Youth Enrichment Program (YEP), Green Thumb Education Series and Digging Deeper presentations.

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. For updated information, please visit the Master Gardener Foundation of Clallam County's website at [www.clallammgf.org](http://www.clallammgf.org).

**Second Saturday Garden Walk at  
Fifth Street Community Garden**

Saturday, April 12th  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

328 E. Fifth Street, Port Angeles.



*Photo by Audreen Williams.*

Save the date! Second Saturday Garden Walks at Fifth Street Community Garden resume on April 12th! Join us and find out what's sprouting there this spring.

Second Saturday Garden Walks occur on the second Saturday of the month during the growing season from 10 –

11:30 a.m. Master Gardeners will cover a variety of food crop topics and focus on what is currently happening in Clallam County vegetable gardens.

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