

# **A Series of Valley Nursery Classes 2017**

## **“Learning for Success”**

Due to limited space for classes, please call 360-779-3806 to reserve your spot. A minimum of 3 people per class is required, otherwise the class may be cancelled. Take as many classes as you'd like. Attend 5 or more classes this season and receive a one time only coupon for 25% off any 1 regularly priced item.

### **Orchard Fruits with Sam Rader**

*Saturday, Feb. 4th from 9:30 am- 10:30am, Sunday, Feb. 12th from 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm  
& Saturday Feb 18th from 9:30 am- 10:30am*

Sam will cover sunlight, soil, water and fertilizer requirements of fruit trees. He will also discuss recommended fruit varieties, pollination requirements and various fruit tree disease and insect problems.

### **Fruit Tree Pruning with Sam Rader**

*Saturday, Feb 11th from 9:30 am- 10:30am, Sunday, Feb 12th from 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
& Sat Feb 18th from 11:30am - 12:30pm*

Learn when, why and how to prune fruit trees for increased fruit production and plant size control.

### **Mason Bees and Beneficial Insects with Sam Rader**

*Saturday, Feb 4th from 11:30 - 12:30 & Saturday Feb.11th from 11:30 - 12:30*

Learn how easy it is to raise these gentle bees and how they will help to pollinate your fruit trees. Sam will give you the information you need to properly hang the bee houses as well as when to put them out. He will also talk about how to incorporate other beneficial insects into your garden.

### **Growing Berries and Small Fruit with Brad Watts**

*Saturday, Feb. 25th from 10:00 am – 11:00pm*

Draw from Brad's lifetime of growing small fruits in the Northwest. Learn about variety selection, placement, maintenance and harvest. Topics will include strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, grapes, kiwi and others.

### **Tool Maintenance with Earl**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

Earl Hubbard, our tool sharpening guru will be here to discuss the importance of tool maintenance. Some of the topics will include:

- Common hand pruner/lopper design & model options that we sell (Felco, Bacho and Corona)
- Sharpening tools, tips and techniques to keep different cutting edges sharp and protected
- Replacement parts and repair

Bring your pruners with you and after the class Earl will be happy to look at them and decide if they need sharpening. If so, he has offered attendees from his classes a 50% discount on his tool service

### **Tool Sharpening with Earl**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

Earl will bring his equipment for a hands on lesson on sharpening. You'll be able to handle different types of tools to find the best fit for you!

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### **The Importance of Soils in the Garden with Pam Sinclair**

*Saturday, March 4th from 10:30 am - 11:30am*

Come learn how to determine what kind of soil you have and how to improve it for maximum performance. Drainage, PH testing and amendments will be discussed.

### **Composting - Creating "Black Gold" with Pam Sinclair**

*Saturday, March 11th from 1:00pm—2:00pm*

Discover how to turn garden trimmings and kitchen scraps into a wonderful, nutrient-rich soil amendment! The ultimate in personal household recycling, learning how to compost will help to reduce your garbage bills as well as adding huge benefits to the garden. Issues discussed will include the ins and outs of the composting process, how to construct a simple compost bin and how best to use the finished product.

### **Veggie Gardening 101 with Brad Watts**

*Saturday, March 11th from 10:00am - 11:00am, Sunday, March 12th from 2:00 pm– 3:00 pm*

Mainly geared for the beginning to somewhat experienced gardener, but there may be something for the experts too. Learn how to get started in the ground, raised beds or containers. Topics will include location, soil, variety selection and harvesting.

### **How to Successfully Grow Tomatoes with Brad Watts**

*Saturday, April 1st from 10:00am - 11:00 am & Sunday, April 2nd from 2:00pm - 3:00pm*

Growing Tomatoes in the Northwest can be challenging and never a guarantee. Learn how to stack the odds in your favor with variety selection, training, watering, etc. Also included will be learning how to construct a simple but effective Tomato Hut.

### **Basic Lawn Care with Pam Sinclair**

*Saturday, April 8th from 10:30 am- 11:30 am*

Steps involved in planting new lawn or rejuvenating an existing lawn. Timing, soil prep, watering, and ongoing lawn maintenance will be discussed.

### **Understanding Fertilizers with Pam Sinclair**

*Sunday, April 9th from 2:00pm—3:00pm*

Organic versus Non-Organic! What is a fertilizer? What, when and how to use them will be the topic of this class. Amendments versus fertilizers will be addressed in this ever evolving topic.

### **"Green Thumb" Plants with Pam Sinclair**

*Saturday, April 15th from 10:30 am- 11:30am*

An overview of dependable, popular, hardy and easy to grow plants for any situation will be discussed along with low maintenance gardening.

### **How to Plant - The Green Side Up with Pam Sinclair**

*Sunday, April 23rd from 2:00pm—3:00pm*

Approved/accepted planting methods for B & B, bare root or container trees and shrubs. Amend or not? Stake or not? Watering guidelines? These will all be discussed in this informational class.

### **How to Deal with Weeds and Invasive Plants with Pam Sinclair**

*Saturday, April 22nd from 10:30am - 11:30am*

A discussion of common weeds and invasive plants as well as how to remove and control them while minimizing environmental impact.