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DIGGING DEEPER SATURDAYS SERIES Pruning Blueberries for Productivity

**Saturday, February 8th,
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Lazy J
Farm, 225 Gehrke Road in
Port Angeles**

Research has shown that when blueberry plants are not pruned or are pruned too lightly, they become less productive. Join Clallam County Master Gardeners Jeanette Stehr-Green and Audreen Williams to get the facts and learn about pruning blueberry bushes.

Jeanette will describe the typical growth pattern of a blueberry bush and outline a systematic approach to pruning as well as factors that affect blueberry pruning practices. Jeanette and Audreen will demonstrate pruning techniques on blueberry bushes at the Lazy J Farm and will answer questions about growing and pruning blueberries.

The pruning demonstrations will take place outside rain or shine; participants should dress appropriately and be prepared to stand for 30 minutes or more.

Attendance is limited and registration is required for this free event. For more info and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2025blueberries> or scan the QR code.



GREEN THUMB EDUCATION SERIES Choosing Your Seeds

**Thursday, February 13th,
1 – 2 p.m., St. Andrews
Episcopal Church, 510 E.
Park Avenue in Port Angeles**



Do you feel the need for seed? Winter is the perfect time to start planning your garden, but with so many seeds to choose from it can be overwhelming. Find out more on how to choose the right seeds for your garden this spring!

Join Clallam County Master Gardener Muriel Nesbitt for the Green Thumb Education Series presentation “Choosing Your Seeds,” Thursday, February 13th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 510 E. Park Avenue in Port Angeles.

Where should you start, what company should you buy from, and which variety should you choose? Muriel will help take the guess work out of your seed purchases by going over which are the best for your needs.

She will delve into topics like which varieties are disease resistant; seeds that thrive where you plant them; what to give seeds so they flourish; and when to plant your seeds. Muriel will also talk about coated, treated or pelleted seeds, heirloom seeds, OP and F1 seeds. She will also cover how to prepare for planting, the new USDA, AHS and Sunset zones and how climate change may affect first and last frost dates.

Visit <https://clallammgf.org/> for more information.



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Check out our webpages at extension.wsu.edu/clallam/mg

Scan the QR code to more easily access links and resource materials in a digital copy of the Clallam County Master Gardener Monthly. Go to extension.wsu.edu/clallam/master-gardener-calendar/ or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.



Online Resources

Wondering what’s bugging your plants?

Check out some of these WSU Extension online gardening resources.

Hortsense has more than one thousand fact sheets to guide the home gardener in the management of plant problems using Integrated Pest Management (IPM), including both cultural controls and Washington State registered pesticides. hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/

The **Pacific Northwest Handbooks** site includes the following reference sites that may be of interest to home gardeners:

[PNW Insect Management Handbook](#)

[PNW Plant Disease Management Handbook](#)

[PNW Weed Management Handbook](#)

Remember, you can also send your plant problems to the MG Plant Clinics in Port Angeles and Sequim this spring.



ON THE AIR
KSQM Garden Show
91.5 FM

February Garden Chores (Games)
with Florence Larsen
Fri., Jan. 31 at 6:40 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 4 at 11:40 a.m.
(repeat)

Seed Catalogs
with Susan Kalmar
Fri., Feb. 7 at 6:40 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 11 at 11:40 a.m.
(repeat)

Garden Tool Care
with Keith Dekker
Fri., Feb. 14 at 6:40 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 18 at 11:40 a.m.
(repeat)

Weather Watching
with Marilyn Elliott
Fri., Feb. 21 at 6:40 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 25 at 11:40 a.m.
(repeat)

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)

Workshops, events and presentations are subject to change. Visit the WSU Extension Clallam County website calendar at extension.wsu.edu/clallam/master-gardener-calendar for the latest on upcoming presentations. For questions, call 360-565-2678.

2025 Home Orchard Series

Classes and Workshops Enrolling
Now Through June 7th



Winter Pruning Basics,
Saturday, February 5th, 6 p.m. – 8 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 Winter Pruning Basics. Learn how to keep your fruit trees productive, healthy, structurally strong and the right size with annual pruning. This class will discuss research-based ways to minimize the negative effects of poor pruning practices and develop and maintain a healthy, productive fruit tree.

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.



Registration is \$10 per class/workshop. **Register early! Classes are limited to 100 participants and workshops are limited to 50.** Scan the QR code for a complete list of class/workshop dates, times, locations and payment options.



MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINICS

Regularly scheduled in-person Master Gardener Plant Clinics in Port Angeles and Sequim have ended for the year but will resume in May. Master Gardeners continue to take gardening questions online fall through winter.

Email your questions to: mgplantclinic.clallam@gmail.com.

For additional information, go to: extension.wsu.edu/clallam/mg/plant-clinics.