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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

- 09:30 AM **Hydrangea Heaven** 
Nita-Jo Rountree – Author, *Growing Roses in the Pacific Northwest*
- 10:45 AM **Japanese Maples for the Landscape: A Nurseryman's Guide**
Roger Ragusa – General Manager of Wells Nursery, LLC
- 12:00 PM **Bonkers for Begonias**
Ann Amato – Horticulturist, production manager at Secret Garden Growers, blogger, amateurbotannist.com
- 01:15 PM **Bamboo: Myths and Management**
Evan Bean – Horticulturist and green consultant at Green Being Gardens, LLC
- 02:45 PM **Yes, You Can Grow Agave in the PNW**
JJ De Sousa – Award-winning home and garden designer
- 04:00 PM **Growing Dahlias for an Earlier Bloom** 
Misty Vanderweele – Award-winning floriculturist and founder of All Dahlia'd Up Flower Farm
- 05:15 PM **In the Ground. On the Balcony. The Adaptable Fuchsia Does It All.**
R. Theo Margelony – Fuchsia expert and blogger [TheFuchsietum](http://TheFuchsietum.com)

Sessions may change. Check GardenShow.com for the most up-to-date schedule.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

9:30 AM **Rare, Unusual and Underused Ground Covers & How to Use Them** 
HOOD **Gary Lewis** — Award-winning owner, Phoenix Perennials and author, *The Complete Book of Ground Covers*

10:00 AM **Translating the Wild into Designed Landscapes**
RAINIER **Thomas Rainer** — Landscape Architect, horticultural futurist, and principle at Phyto Studio

10:45 AM **The Dynamic Garden: Planning For a Year of Visual Interest in the Garden**
HOOD **Kate David** — Award-winning owner and designer of Hello Garden

11:00 AM **Container Wars hosted by Marianne Binetti** 
MAIN **Barb Wise** — Horticulturist, author of *Container Gardening for All Seasons*
Richie Steffen — Executive Director, Miller Botanical Garden and co-author

11:30 AM **Gardens with Atmosphere** 
RAINIER **Jo Thompson** — Landscape and garden designer, speaker, and author, *The Gardener's Palette*

11:45 AM **Blooming Gifts: Unleashing the Magic of Plant Medicine Creations** 
DIY **Jessi Bloom** — Award-winning author and ecological landscape designer, and owner of N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Services

12:00 PM **The Beauty of Weeds** 
HOOD **Mark Turner** — Co-author and photographer of *Weeds of the Pacific Northwest*, *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest*, and *Trees and Shrubs of the Pacific Northwest*; owner of Turner Photographics, LLC in Bellingham

1:00 PM **American Roots** 
RAINIER **Nick McCullough** — Landscape designer, owner of McCullough's Landscape & Nursery, LLC, and author, *American Roots*
Allison McCullough — Garden designer and co-author, *American Roots*

1:00 PM **Great Plant Picks with Richie Steffen**
MAIN **Richie Steffen** — Executive Director, Miller Botanical Garden and co-author

1:15 PM **Creating a Fantasy Woodland Garden**
HOOD **Justin Henderson** — Garden Director at PowellsWood Garden

1:30 PM **Get to the "Root" of Your Problems: How To Transplant & Root Prune for Healthier Container Plants** 
DIY **Sean & Allison McManus** — Co-owners and hosts of Spoken Garden, and co-author, *The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers*

2:30 PM **Blooms & Bubbles: Victorian Flower Language Bouquet**
MAIN \$ **Teresa Rao**

2:30 PM **Plant People Panel: Inside the Landscape Designer's Mind** 
RAINIER **Moderator: Jen Szabo** — Director of Molbak's Landscape Design + Build
Jo Thompson — Landscape and garden designer, speaker, and author, *The Gardener's Palette*
Thomas Rainer — Landscape Architect, horticultural futurist, and principle at Phyto Studio
Nick McCullough — Landscape designer, owner of McCullough's Landscape & Nursery, LLC, and author, *American Roots*
Sue Goetz — Owner, Creative Gardener and author, *Complete Container Herb Gardening* and *A Taste for Herbs*

2:45 PM **Native by Design: Gardening for Biodiversity** 
HOOD **Eileen Stark** - Eco-landscape designer, consultant, and author, *Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden*

3:15 PM **Fragrance in the Garden**
DIY **Rizanino Reyes** - Owner of RHR Horticulture

4:00 PM **Containers for All Seasons - Container Garden Designs that Transport You Through the Seasons**
HOOD **Cindy Funes** - Container garden designer and owner of Garden Revelry LLC

4:30 PM **Garden Jeopardy** 
RAINIER **Ciscoe Morris** — Radio, TV host, columnist & best-selling author, *Ask Ciscoe and Oh, La La!*

5:00 PM **Let's Talk About Mulch: Using Mulch in Your Pacific Northwest Garden** 
DIY **Sean & Allison McManus** — Co-owners and hosts of Spoken Garden, and co-authors, *The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers*

5:15 PM **Bundle Up! Late Winter is a Great Time to Garden**
HOOD **Susan Papanikolas** — Garden coach, designer, and founder of How Does Your Garden Grow

6:00 PM **Fruits: A Colorful History of the Those We Grow & Eat in the PNW**
RAINIER **Joseph Seals** — World-traveled horticulturist, author and speaker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

9:30 AM **Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens & Gardeners** 
HOOD **Kerry Ann Mendez** — Award-winning speaker, garden designer and author of 4 gardening books, including *The Right-Size Flower Garden*

10:00 AM **Inside the Design** 
RAINIER **Nick McCullough** — Landscape designer, owner of McCullough's Landscape & Nursery, LLC, and author, *American Roots*

10:00 AM **Beyond Water: Different Propagating Techniques** 
DIY **Kamilli Bell Hill** — Planterio designer, author, and founder of PlantBlerd

10:45 AM **All Season Grass Garden. Sustainable, Drought Tolerant and Beautiful**
HOOD **Susan Calhoun** — Author and regional reporter for *Fine Gardening* magazine, an award-winning garden writer, designer, and speaker

11:00 AM **Container Wars hosted by Marianne Binetti** 
MAIN **Allison McCullough** — Garden designer and co-author, *American Roots*
Ellen Zachos — Award-winning co-host, *Plantrama Podcast*, and author

11:30 AM **Functional Planting: Creating Adaptive Plant Systems**
RAINIER **Thomas Rainer** — Landscape architect, horticulture futurist, and principal at Phyto Studio

11:45 AM **Orchid Cultivation For Modern Growers**
DIY **Joseph Grienauer** - Owner of Emerald City Orchids

12:00 PM **Mind the Gap: Nature's Role in Health & Wellbeing** 
HOOD **Amy Wagenfeld** — Occupational therapist and award-winning author, *Therapeutic Gardens: Design for Healing Spaces*
Shannon Marder — Occupational therapist and co-author, *Nature-Based Allied Health Practice*

1:00 PM **Colour in the Garden** 
RAINIER **Jo Thompson** — Landscape and garden designer, speaker, and author, *The Gardener's Palette*

1:00 PM **Bring It Home! Hosted by Perla Sofia Curbelo-Santiago** 
MAIN **Kamilli Bell Hill** — Planterio designer, author, and founder of PlantBlerd
Eliza Blank — Founder & CEO of The Sill

1:15 PM **English Border Style with Pollinator Friendly Plants**
HOOD **Heather Andrews** — Award-winning pollinator garden designer, photographer, and garden writer

1:30 PM **Tinkering with Tillandsias**
DIY **Sean Stout** — Creative force behind Organic Mechanics
James Pettigrew — Creative force behind Organic Mechanics

2:30 PM **Blooms & Bubbles: Create Your Own (Mini) Conservatory**
MAIN \$ **Tyra Shenaurt** — Metro Tacoma Parks Horticulture Resource Supervisor

2:30 PM **Plant People Panel: Next Phase of the Houseplant Craze**
RAINIER **Moderator: Jennifer Jewell** — Award-winning author and public radio podcast host
Eliza Blank — Founder & CEO of The Sill
Kamilli Bell Hill — Planterio designer, author, and founder of PlantBlerd

2:45 PM **Garden Therapy: 5 Minutes a Day to Transform Your Life**
HOOD **Stephanie Rose** — Award-winning author, *Garden Made* and *Garden Alchemy*, founder of *GardenTherapy.ca*

3:15 PM **Soil Mixes & Amendments for Houseplants**
DIY **Ann Amato** — Horticulturist, production manager at Secret Garden Growers, blogger, *amateurbotannist.com*

4:00 PM **The Instagrammable Indoor Garden**
HOOD **Ellen Zachos** — Award-winning co-host, *Plantrama Podcast*, and author, *The Forager's Pantry*

4:00 PM **Garden to Glass Happy Hour**
MAIN **Robin Haglund** — Educator, founder and president of Garden Mentors®

4:30 PM **What's Love Got To Do With It?**
RAINIER **Heather Andrews** — Award-winning pollinator garden designer, photographer, and garden writer

4:30 PM **Meet & Greet: Eliza Blank**
MAIN **Eliza Blank** — Founder & CEO of The Sill

5:00 PM **Houseplant Container Design**
DIY **Susan Maki** — Designer, buyer, and houseplant merchandise manager for Squak Mountain Nursery

5:15 PM **How to Become a Succ-essful Gardener (Succulents 101)** 
HOOD **Lisa Steinkopf** — The Houseplant Guru, prolific writer, and speaker

6:00 PM **The Beautiful Edible Garden** 
RAINIER **Stefani Bittner** — Owner of Homestead Design Collective and author

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

9:30 AM **Paint by Number Perennials** 📖
HOOD Sue Goetz – Owner, Creative Gardener and author, *Complete Container Herb Gardening*

10:00 AM **Proven Garden Stalwarts: Survivors & Thrivers**
RAINIER Dan Hinkley – Director, Heronswood Garden, author *The Explorer's Garden*

10:00 AM **Secrets to a Perfect Hand Tied Bouquet**
DIY Tracy Yang – Owner of JARN Co. Flowers

10:45 AM **The Weird & Wacky Plant Show** 📖
HOOD Michael Perry – Hortpreneur, TV presenter, speaker and author, "*Hortus Curious*", AKA *Mr. Plant Geek*

11:00 AM **Container Wars hosted by Marianne Binetti** 📖
MAIN Cindy Funes – Container garden designer and owner of Garden Revelry LLC
Kate David – Award-winning owner and designer of Hello Garden

11:30 AM **Cultivating Place: A Garden Culture of Care** 📖
RAINIER Jennifer Jewell – Award-winning author and NPR host of "Cultivating Place" Conversations on Natural History and Human Impulse to Garden

11:45 AM **Flower Printing on Fabric** 📖
DIY Stephanie Rose – Award-winning author, *Garden Made* and *Garden Alchemy*; founder of *GardenTherapy.ca*

12:00 PM **Less Water, More Blooms: Drought-Tolerant Flower Gardening in the Pacific NW** 📖
HOOD Mara Grey – Garden consultant and author, *The Lazy Gardener* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide for Flower Gardening*

1:00 PM **Garden Gems** 📖
RAINIER Dan Heims – Award-winning author, and president of Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc.

1:00 PM **Bring It Home! Hosted by Perla Sofia Curbelo-Santiago** 📖
MAIN Michael Perry - Hortpreneur, TV presenter, speaker and author, *Hortus Curious*, AKA *Mr. Plant Geek*
Kim Stoddart - U.K. garden journalist and co-author, *The Climate Change Garden*

01:15 PM **The Fragrant Flower Garden** 📖
HOOD Stefani Bittner – Owner of Homestead Design Collective and author

01:30 PM **The 4 F's of Floral Design**
DIY Kiara Hancock – Bold and passionate wedding and floral designer

2:30 PM **Feel Good Friday: Gardens & Wellness** 📖
RAINIER Moderator: Kim Stoddart – U.K. garden journalist and co-author, *The Climate Change Garden*
Heather Andrews – Award-winning pollinator garden designer, photographer, and garden writer
Stephanie Rose – Award-winning author, *Garden Made* and *Garden Alchemy*, founder of *GardenTherapy.ca*
Amy Wagenfeld – Occupational therapist and award-winning author, *Therapeutic Gardens: Design for Healing Spaces*
Leo Carver – Ayurvedic specialist, speaker and author, *Growing Consciousness: The Gardener's Guide to Seeding the Soul*

2:45 PM **Postcards From Plants: Advice for Garden Makers and Houseplant People** 📖
HOOD C.L. Fornari – Author, *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Garden Hour* and award-winning co-host, Plantrama Podcast

3:15 PM **Natural Beauty from the Garden** 📖
DIY Janice Cox – Expert on making natural cosmetics, and author, *Natural Beauty at Home*

4:00 PM **Bloom: The Secrets of Growing Flowering Houseplants Year-Round** 📖
HOOD Lisa Steinkopf – The Houseplant Guru, prolific writer, and speaker

4:00 PM **Garden to Glass Happy Hour**
MAIN Robin Haglund – Educator and founder and president of Garden Mentors®

4:30 PM **Clever Design Tips for Everblooming, Low-Maintenance Gardens** 📖
RAINIER Kerry Ann Mendez – Award-winning speaker, garden designer and author

4:30 PM **Flirty Flower Friday**
MAIN Kristen VanderYacht – Celebrity floral designer, author and host of Netflix *Big Flower Fight*

5:15 PM **Timing the Bloom** 📖
HOOD Cyndie Warbelow – Greenhouse-nursery owner and operator, and author

6:00 PM **Perfect Plant Combos for Every Garden** 📖
RAINIER Nita-Jo Rountree – Author, *Growing Roses in the Pacific Northwest*

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- 9:30 AM** **Perennial Vegetables, Easy Fruit and Hardy Herbs: Set 'Em & Forget 'Em** 
HOOD Bill Thomess — Author, *Cool Season Gardener* and *Edible Heirlooms and Master Gardener*
- 10:00 AM** **Getting Creative: Garden Crafts & Projects** 
RAINIER C.L. Fornari — Author and award-winning podcast co-host *Plantrama Podcast*
- 10:00 AM** **What We Sow** 
DIY Jennifer Jewell — Award-winning author and public radio podcast host *Cultivating Place*
- 10:45 AM** **12 Ways to Create Curb Appeal**
HOOD Cynthia Bee — Sustainable landscapes expert, TEDx Speaker, teacher, and design thinker
- 11:00 AM** **Container Wars hosted by Marianne Binetti** 
MAIN Michael Perry — Hortpreneur, TV presenter, speaker and author, "*Hortus Curious*", AKA Mr. Plant Geek
Kim Stoddart — U.K. garden journalist, editor, author *The Climate Change Resilient Vegetable Garden*
- 11:30 AM** **How to Forage for Wild Edibles Without Dying** 
RAINIER Ellen Zachos — Award-winning co-host, *Plantrama Podcast*, and author
- 11:45 AM** **All About Soils & Mulches** 
DIY Charlie Nardozi — Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author
- 12:00 PM** **Cultivating Clarity: Unmasking the Science Behind 10 Common Plant Hacks**
HOOD Derek Haynes — Plant biologist known as "The Chocolate Botanist"
- 1:00 PM** **Northwest Native Garden Plants & the Amazing Insects They Attract** 
RAINIER Amy Champion — Co-author, *Gardening in the Pacific Northwest: The Complete Homeowner's Guide*
- 1:00 PM** **Bring It Home! Hosted by Perla Sofia Curbelo-Santiago** 
MAIN Ryan McEnaney — Author of *Field Guide to Outdoor Style* and spokesperson for First Editions® Shrubs & Trees
- 1:15 PM** **No Bunnies Welcome In My Garden!**
HOOD Robin Haglund — Educator, founder and president of Garden Mentors® and Garden Mentors Academy
- 1:30 PM** **Every Herb Has a Story** 
DIY Sue Goetz — Owner, Creative Gardener and author, *Complete Container Herb Gardening* and *A Taste for Herbs*
- 2:30 PM** **Blooms & Bubbles: Staghorn Fern Party**
MAIN \$ Jess Scovel — Indoor plant specialist, terrarium designer, and instructor at Molbak's Garden + Homes
Shelly Pearson — Community Event Manager at Molbak's Garden + Homes
- 2:30 PM** **Plant People Panel: The Future of Gardening** 
RAINIER Moderator: Jennifer Jewell — Award-winning author and public radio podcast host *Cultivating Place*
Kamill Bell Hill - Planterio designer, author, and founder of PlantBlerd
Kevin Espiritu - Founder & CEO of Epic Gardening
Ryan McEnaney - Author of *Field Guide to Outdoor Style* and spokesperson for First Editions® Shrubs & Trees
Paula Douer - Owner Crescent Gardens
- 2:45 PM** **Low Cost Ideas for the Edible Garden**
HOOD Kim Stoddart - U.K. garden journalist, editor, author *The Climate Change Resilient Vegetable Garden*
- 3:15 PM** **Let It Rock: Easy Hypertufa Stone Vessels**
DIY Patrick Ryan — Garden writer, radio host and education specialist, Alaska Botanical Garden
- 4:00 PM** **Garden to Glass Happy Hour**
MAIN Robin Haglund — Educator and founder and president of Garden Mentors®
- 4:00 PM** **Your Garden, Your Temple** 
HOOD Leo Carver — Ayurvedic specialist, speaker and author
- 4:30 PM** **Harvesting Eden: How to Design Your Abundant Food Forest Garden** 
RAINIER Jessi Bloom — Award-winning author and ecological landscape designer, and owner of N.W. Bloom EcoLogical Services
- 4:30 PM** **Epic Gardening LIVE** 
MAIN Kevin Espiritu — Founder & CEO of Epic Gardening
Jacques Lyakov — Garden Hermit at Epic Gardening
- 5:00 PM** **From the White House to Your House: Grow a Design**
DIY Claire Jones — Award-winning garden writer, speaker, floral and landscape designer, and blogger
- 5:15 PM** **Small, Yet Bountiful Spaces: Designing Edible Gardens for Balconies, Rooftops & Patios**
HOOD Marni Sorin — Garden educator with Tilth Alliance
- 6:00 PM** **Double Duty Landscaping** 
RAINIER Ellen Zachos — Award-winning co-host, *Plantrama Podcast*, and author, *The Forager's Pantry*
C.L. Fornari — Author, *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Garden Hour* and award-winning podcast co-host

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- 9:30 AM** **Growing a Greener Future with Sustainable Gardening**
HOOD Alejandra Feliciano – Landscape Designer and Project Manager for Molbak's Garden + Homes
- 10:00 AM** **Pruning With Confidence** 
DIY Charlie Nardozi – Regional Emmy award-winning radio, TV host and author, *Gardening Complete*
- 10:00 AM** **Plant People Panel: Where Do Plants Come From?** 
RAINIER Moderator: **Mary Ann Newcomer** – Author, speaker, radio host and intermountain west gardening expert
Dan Heims – Award-winning author, and president of Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc.
Ann Amato – Horticulturist and seed propagator at Cistus Nursery and blogger, *amateurbotannist.com*
Karl Gercens – Manger of Conservatory at Longwood Gardens
Ross Bayton – Director of Heronswood Garden and horticulture author
- 10:45 AM** **The Less Work/More Resilient Vegetable Garden** 
HOOD Kim Stoddart – U.K. garden journalist and co-author, *The Climate Change Garden*
- 11:00 AM** **Container Wars hosted by Marianne Binetti** 
MAIN **Allison & Sean McManus** – Co-owners and hosts of Spoken Garden, and co-author, *The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers*
Sean Stout – Creative force behind Organic Mechanics
James Pettigrew – Creative force behind Organic Mechanics
- 11:45 AM** **Is Nature More Cooperative Than We Think?** 
RAINIER Kristin Ohlson – Journalist and bestselling author, *The Soil Will Save Us* and *Sweet in Tooth and Claw*
- 11:45 AM** **Confessions of a Worm Lover**
DIY Emily Apple Wilkins – Vermiculturist and home gardening consultant
- 12:00 PM** **Creating a Resilient Lawn That is Beautiful & Wildlife Friendly** 
HOOD Linda Chalker-Scott – WSU Horticulture Professor and author, *How Plants Work*
- 1:00 PM** **Bring It Home! Hosted by Perla Sofia Curbelo-Santiago** 
MAIN **Mary Phillips** – Head of Garden for Wildlife™/Certified Wildlife Habitat®
David Mizejewski – Naturalist at National Wildlife Federation and author
- 01:00 PM** **Maximizing Your Garden Traveling Opportunities**
RAINIER **Karl Gercens** – Manger of Conservatory at Longwood Gardens
- 1:15 PM** **Salvage Secrets**
HOOD **Sean Stout** – Creative force behind Organic Mechanics
James Pettigrew – Creative force behind Organic Mechanics
- 1:30 PM** **Growing Together: Easy Garden Projects for Everyone** 
DIY Rizanino Reyes – Owner of RHR Horticulture
- 2:30 PM** **Bats & Their Benefits** 
RAINIER **David Mizejewski** – Naturalist at National Wildlife Federation and author, *Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife*
- 2:30 PM** **Blooms & Bubbles: Sensational Seasonal, Sustainable Centerpiece** 
MAIN \$ **Sarah Nayani** – Ecological florist, flower farmer and owner of Grow Girl Seattle
- 2:45 PM** **Firescape Your Home** 
HOOD **Adrienne Edwards** – Teacher, landscape designer, and co-author, *Firescaping Your Home*
Rachel Schleiger – Lecturer and co-author, *Firescaping Your Home*
- 3:15 PM** **Flowering Bulb Talk: Bulb Basics & Native Bulbs for the PNW** 
DIY **Sean & Allison McManus** – Co-owners and hosts of *Spoken Garden*, and co-authors, *The First-time Gardener: Growing Plants and Flowers*
- 4:00 PM** **Learn How to Welcome Mason Bees Into Your Garden**
HOOD **Thyra McKelvie** – Pollination Program and Operations Director for Rent Mason Bees
- 4:00 PM** **National Wildlife Federation: 25 Years of Garden Certification**
MAIN **Mary Phillips** – Head of Garden for Wildlife™*/Certified Wildlife Habitat®
- 4:30 PM** **Bling on the Wing: 12 Months of Flowers for Hummingbirds**
RAINIER **Greg Butler** – Designer, educator, and owner of Design of the Times
- 5:15 PM** **Soil Moisture Tips for a More Resilient Landscape** 
HOOD **Christina Pfeffer** – Horticulture consultant and educator, ISA certified arborist and co-author, *Pacific Northwest Gardening Month-by-Month*

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