

GARDENING CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Gardening for most of us is evolutionary – there’s always more to learn. Discover new design, seeds, soils, watering, plants, color, harvest – it goes on and on. And there’s no shortage of places to learn more, get advice, attend classes and seminars and hang out with other gardeners.

To really dig into gardening, attend Master Gardener classes offered throughout the metro area. Programs at Oregon State University and the University of Washington cater to the serious gardener. Master Gardeners in turn share their knowledge through gardening-related demonstrations, lectures, seminars and workshops in communities throughout the area.

Other options are community education gardening classes generally held in spring and fall. Search for gardening classes offered in course catalogs:

- Clackamas Community College. [Community Education catalog](#)
- Clark County Community College. [Community education catalog](#)
- Portland Community College. [Community education](#)
- Mt. Hood Community College. [Community education course catalogs](#)



Area nurseries and garden centers also hold gardening classes and hands-on workshops.

Home and Garden shows are still another source of classes and workshops to inspire and educate gardeners.

Like to share your knowledge? Contact your favorite garden club, gardens, community college, senior center or nurseries to teach a class.

Following are organizations and places that offer free and inexpensive gardening classes, events, and workshops, listed by county. (See also the list of area [Garden Clubs](#), most of which offer gardening classes, speakers, workshops, and events.)

Clark County

- City of Vancouver Parks. Sponsors [gardening and planting workshops](#).
- Clark County Community College. [Community education catalog](#), select Recreation, Home & Garden classes.
- [Green Neighbors](#). Department of Environmental Services. Community events related to gardens, wildlife, birds, landscaping. Vancouver, WA.
- Shorty's Garden & Home. [Workshops and classes](#). Vancouver, WA

- Washington State University Master Gardener Program. Sponsors, and co-sponsors with other area agencies, [events](#), [workshops](#), [nursery tours](#), and more.

Clackamas County

- Boring Square Garden. [Offers gardening classes](#).
- Clackamas County Community College. [Community Education catalog](#), search for gardening classes.
- Clackamas County Master Gardeners. [Free Lectures and seminars](#); Spring Garden Fair.
- Dennis Seven Dees. Ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) covering a wide range of topics. Lake Oswego.

Multnomah County

- [Cornell Farms](#). Join email list for events and classes. Portland.
- Dennis Seven Dees. Ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) covering a wide range of topics. Portland
- [Garden Fever](#). Ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) - mostly hands-on craft-related topics including terrariums, flower arranging and seasonal wreathes, etc. Portland
- Growing Gardens. [Volunteers](#) build organic vegetable gardens at homes, schools and correctional facilities and teach new gardeners. [Learn and grow workshops](#)
- Grow Portland. Community gardens and farming. [Publishes list](#) of organizations with gardening classes.
- Hardy Plant Society of Oregon. Offers [educational programs](#) and activities year-round. Portland
- [Joy Creek Nursery](#). A wide range of classes taught by regional and even national experts.
- Lan Su Classical Chinese Garden. [Classes and programs](#) related to Chinese culture (Feng Shui, tea, etc.) but can relate to gardening, too. Portland
- Leach Botanical Garden. [Wide range of classes](#) relating to sustainability issues, gardening with children and more.
- Learning Gardens Laboratory. Provides [garden-based education](#) for public school students and their families, university students, and community members. Portland State University. Portland SE
- [LivingScape Nursery](#). Edible and native plant classes, as well as food harvest and preservation.
- Portland Nursery. Wide range of ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) and craft demos.
- Metro. Offers [free presentations](#) by renowned experts and inspiring educators to garden clubs, neighborhood associations and other community groups.
- Metro Master Gardeners. [Hands-on education](#) for community food resources. Gardening Resources.
- Mt. Hood Community College. [Community education course catalogs](#), search for gardening classes. Gresham.
- Multnomah County Master Gardeners. Provides [science-based horticulture education](#) offered as a hybrid course including in-person classes, online content, hands-on workshops, gardening seminars, and a final exam. Portland.
- Oregon State University Master Gardener Metro Area. Provides [science-based horticulture education](#) offered as a hybrid course including in-person classes, online content, hands-on workshops, gardening seminars, and a final exam.

- Portland Community College. [Community education](#), search for gardening classes in current class schedule.
- Portland Fruit Tree. Neighbors share fruit harvests to combat hunger. [Classes and courses](#) on fruit tree pruning.
- Portland Japanese Garden. [Periodic classes](#) on elements of traditional Japanese gardening.
- Portland Parks & Recreation. Home & Garden Classes. Select Home & Garden from Activities list on [Home page](#).
- West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. [Information on gardening](#) with native plants. Backyard Habitat Certification Program and programs for community gardens.
- Zenger Farm. [Education programs](#), field trips, school programs, community workshops and demonstrations and farmer training.

Washington County

- Al's Garden Center. Ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) on a range of topics.
- Dennis Seven Dees. Ornamental and edible [gardening classes](#) covering a wide range of topics. Beaverton.
- Farmington Gardens. Various [classes and events](#) on trees, seeds, planting, garden planting. Beaverton.
- OSU Master Gardeners Program. Educates the public about all aspects of growing and caring for plants. In Washington County, Master Gardeners sponsor a variety of [gardening-related demonstrations, lectures, seminars and workshops](#) in various locations, including THPRD's Jenkins Estate and the Demonstration Garden at Washington County Fairplex. Most events are free and open to the public.
- Smith Berry Barn. Various [gardening seminars and workshops](#). Hillsboro.
- The Garden Corner. Various [workshops and events](#). Tualatin.

GARDEN EVENTS AND SHOWS

Sample a wide variety of gardens, exhibits, and gardeners' workshops to unearth some of the newest garden ideas:

- [Garden Time](#). TV show for gardeners.
- [Portland Spring Home & Garden Show](#). Portland NE. February.
- [Home & Garden Idea Fair](#). Ridgefield, WA. April.
- [Spring Garden Fair](#). Plants, classes, master gardeners, potting station. Canby. April, May.
- [Camas \(WA\) Mother's Day Plant & Garden Fair](#). May.
- [Portland Garden Club](#). Flower shows and classes. Month and location vary.
- [Portland Fall Home & Garden Show](#). Portland NE. October.

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