



CHAPTER LECTURE SERIES ARCHIVE 2021

January 11, 2021: Aging in Your Garden Space – Making Your Garden Age with You Helena Wagner, 4 Season Gardens, LLC [Click here for recorded webinar](#)

Do you love your garden and enjoy spending time caring for it? As we age, gardeners go through the process of considering alternatives to keeping up their gardens. Some choose to move, others hire out help, yet others change the garden to suit changing physical capabilities of the gardener.



Garden Designer and fellow Master Gardener Helena Wagner will share ideas for transforming your garden to suit you. Helena has been a Clackamas County Master Gardener since 2010 and studied landscape design and horticulture at Clackamas Community College. Her company, 4 Season Gardens, LLC, helps homeowners create a unique and functional outdoor garden space and improve the curb appeal.

Helena's garden has been featured in numerous magazines and garden publications. Visitors to her garden share fond memories of her skillful use of plant combinations, shapes, perspective, and traffic flow to create a highly attractive and functional space.

[Resources for Aging in Your Garden Space](#)

<https://www.4seasongardens.com/>

*February 8, 2021: What to Do About Herbicide Contaminated Compost and Soil Mix and How to Use Compost in Gardens and Landscapes – Weston Miller, OSU *recertification credit* [Click here for recorded webinar](#)

Persistent herbicides sometimes make their way into the regional composting system. Unsuspecting gardeners then purchase herbicide contaminated compost and soil mix leading to plant damage. Learn how to recognize the damage, what to do about it, and how to avoid the problem. Also learn how to use compost in your vegetable garden, landscape, and lawn. Avoid problems from over applying compost.



Weston Miller serves as Community and Urban Horticulturist for OSU Extension Service. Since 2007, Weston has managed the popular Master Gardener™ program in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Weston enjoys gardening and hiking with his family in SW Portland.

March 8, 2021: Mix and Match – Tips for Creating Perfectly Coordinated Plant Combos – *Darcy Daniel, Bloomtown Gardens*



Darcy’s method for creating perfectly coiffed and coordinated garden vignettes will bring out the stylist in you. Darcy will show you her easy-to-understand, fresh approach to breaking down the sometimes-mysterious act of combining plants which will give you the tools you need to create the perfect ensemble. Before you know it, you’ll be mixing and matching plants in your garden to create a look that’s unique to you and a match for your personal style.

Darcy Daniels is a Pacific Northwest-based garden designer with Bloomtown® Gardens and the creator of eGardenGo, a web-based tool for simplifying planting design. Darcy created the eGardenGo site in response to questions and concerns she heard throughout the years she’s spent designing gardens and consulting with gardeners. She’s been designing residential gardens with Bloomtown® since 2001 and is well known for her rich, textual plantings and creative use of small spaces. Her gardens have been featured in many publications, including *Country Gardens*, *Sunset*, *Fine Gardening*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Pacific Horticulture*, *Garden Design* online, and more. <https://www.egardengo.com>

April 12, 2021: Twelve Months of Bloom: From Garden to Vase *Linda Beutler, Author, From Garden to Vase: Growing and Using Your Own Cut Flowers* [Click here for recorded webinar](#)



Linda Beutler, author and cutting garden instructor at Clackamas Community College, will explore the plant kingdom for flowers, foliage and fruit you may not have thought to use, but that you may already be growing! This illustrated talk will offer a visual feast to the eye and inspiration for making your own floral arrangement. In addition, Linda will provide tips for making cut plant material last longer.

Linda specializes in the cultivation and use of herbaceous perennials and cutting gardens for home and commerce. She grows a diverse collection of plants on a city lot in Portland. She is the author of three books: *Gardening with Clematis*, *Garden to Vase*, and *Plant Lovers Guide to Clematis*. She lectures nationally on numerous gardening topics, and she has made numerous appearances on Portland’s Garden Time TV.

Click here for handout: [12 Month Cutting Garden presentation notes](#)

Click here for handout: [Flower Conditioning Tips](#)

May 10, 2021: Backyard Birds Elaine Murphy, Naturalist, Nature Services [click here for recorded webinar](#)



Brighten your yard by inviting birds to visit. Learn what you can do to attract birds by providing for their basic needs, including how to improve your backyard habitats with plants that provide food and shelter and proper use of bird feeders and baths. Elaine also will share tips for identifying common local birds.

Elaine Murphy is an avid birder and has been an educator for nearly 40 years. She teaches nature classes and leads bird walks in the Portland metro region.

Recently she appeared at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Backyard Bird Shop, numerous garden centers and many garden clubs.

<https://backyardbirdshop.com/elaine-murphy/>

Handouts: [Plants with Berries & Seeds for Birds](#) and [Resource Page](#)

June 14, 2021: *The Most Fabulous Western Natives for Our Gardens* – Sean Hogan, Owner of Cistus Design & Nursery, author [Click here for recorded webinar](#)

Gardening with Nature does not have to be punitive! All around the winter rainfall west, plants abound with not only flowers but incredible leaves, fruit and bark to delight us and our “wild” and “wildlife” friends.



Sean Hogan enjoys introducing people to the plant world with all its diversity. He has lectured extensively in North America and

Europe and has conducted explorations in South America, South Africa and the western regions of the United States and northern Mexico. His writing and photos can be found in a wide range of horticultural and botanical literature. Pictured right: *Arctostaphylos* shrubs – Photo by Sean Hogan



Click here for handout: [Western Native Plant List](#)

Monday, November 8, 2021: Firewise Landscaping - Priscilla Robinson

[Click here for a recorded version of this talk.](#)



In 2020 Oregon experienced one of its worst wildfire seasons with more than one million acres burned and thousands of homes destroyed. The combination of continuing drought and increasing numbers of homes located in the urban/wildland interface suggests it is high time to make our landscape firewise.

This talk introduces you to what firewise means and offers strategies that actively mitigate the impact of wildfire. It also acquaints you with fire-resistant plants by understanding factors that help a plant survive a fire and factors that make a plant flammable. Although there are no guarantees, making structures and the landscape firewise reduce the risk of fire damage.

Our speaker, Priscilla Robinson, is a member of the Clackamas Chapter. She gardens at home and actively participates in the “Grow an Extra Row” program.

Monday, December 13, 2021: *The ABCs of Creating Fall and Winter Containers*- Laura Eyer

[Click here for a recorded version of this talk.](#)

How do we use containers to add interest to the garden when temperatures drop and annuals have turned to mush? This class offers timely tips for creating a Fall & Winter container.



Join us and be inspired! We will venture far beyond important basics such as selecting a suitable container and potting media. Images of beautiful and interesting containers will illustrate each of the four factors used to create a successful container planting.

Our speaker Laura Eyer is an Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ and fellow Clackamas County Master Gardener who teaches for our 10-Minute University™ Program. She designed gardens for others in the past and now gardens at home and on neighbors’ properties, usually with their consent.

Program Notes for *The ABCs of Creating Fall and Winter Containers 10.23.2021*

- [Slide list of plants mentioned in presentation](#)
- [Color and the Color Wheel](#)