



CHAPTER LECTURE SERIES ARCHIVE

2023

January 9

Litzy Venturi of Friends of Trees will discuss how communities work together with them to enhance their neighborhoods.

<https://friendsoftrees.org/>

February 13

Insects in Trees/ Pests or Non-Pests? Dr. Christine Buhl, Oregon Department of Forestry

Dr. Christine Buhl will speak to us about insects we find in trees and tell us if they are pests or non-pests. She is a Forest Entomologist for the Oregon Department of Forestry. Christine received her Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her graduate research focused on impacts of genetic modification in biomass crops on non-target chemical defenses and plant-insect interactions.

March 13

Lawn Innovation/Pest Disease Management: Dr. Alec Kowalewski, OSU

Dr. Alec Kowalewski is a turf expert who leads OSU's active turf extension and outreach program. His work focuses on improving the environmental and economic sustainability of turfgrass management.

This talk will cover a range of topics including sustainable turfgrass varieties and cultivars, improving fertility and irrigation efficiency, and the use of pesticide alternatives. Alec is involved with the development and implementation of integrated pest management programs designed to reduce pesticide use. <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/users/alec-kowalewski>

April 10

Growing Sedums in Your Garden: Becky Sell, Sedum Chicks

Becky will talk to us about the how-to's involving these hardy garden plants. Sedum Chicks, LLC, is a small specialty family-owned nursery in Turner, Oregon, specializing in outdoor hardy succulents for the Pacific Northwest.

<https://sedumchicks.com/>

May 8

Dr. Serundra Dara, director the North Willamette Research and Extension Center will speak about current research and findings as well as new research taking place for 2023. <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/nwrec>

June 12

Jeff Dallas from Sarracenia Northwest will talk about the fascinating world of carnivorous plants.

October 9

Growing and Propagating a Bevy of Begonias & Gesneriads: Ann Amato, president of the Mount Hood Gesneriad Society

Begonias are one of the most beautiful plants in our homes and gardens. From the huge blooms that last all summer in the tuberous group, to the luscious leaves of the indoor and conservatory types. Fibrous-rooted, tuberous, hardy, rhizomatous, and rex begonias, where should a beginner begin? From the easiest begonias to the fussiest, care, propagation, and cultivation tips will be shared for both beginners and advanced growers. Gesneriads are members of a large family of flowers with pretty blooms. They deserve to be known and grown and there is no person better than Ann Amato, president of the Mount Hood Gesneriad Society, to tell us about them.

Ann Amato is a horticulturist. She propagates for two legendary local nurseries: Cistus Nursery (Sauvie Island) and Secret Garden Growers (Canby). When not working, she tends to her houseplant collection, numbering over 500 plants, many of which are either gesneriads or begonias. She also tends to her small urban garden named Campiello Maurizio: the Garden of One-of-each-ee. Ann has appeared on "Garden Time TV," was interviewed for The Planthunter in Australia as well as for the podcast Horticulture Rising. www.amateurbotannist.com

November 13

Resilient Gardening in Uncertain Times: Kay Everts, founder and manager of the Seeds for Sharing seed libraries

The local 2021 heat dome may be a wakeup call regarding our changing environment. What can we, as gardeners, do to help secure our local food supply? Learn about the benefits of landrace gardening and how our food supply becomes more resilient through this gardening technique. Kay will be bringing a variety of locally-grown vegetable seeds.

Kay Everts is the founder and manager of the Seeds for Sharing seed libraries at the Oak Lodge and Gladstone public libraries and she manages the community seed garden at New Urban High School. She is a landrace gardener and a graduate of the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance Seed School. www.clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing

December 11

Growing Succulents in the PNW; a fearless approach. Loree Bohl, author thedangergarden.com

"You can't grow that here!" How many times have you heard that line? Everyone has an opinion about what will (or won't) grow in the PNW, especially when it comes to succulents. However, every garden is different and every species is different. Just because your neighbor killed multiple aloes, doesn't mean yours won't be a success. Loree will share stories of her own as well as other PNW gardeners' experiences. She will identify succulents worth growing here and how to go about growing them.

Loree Bohl is the creative force behind the popular blog The Danger Garden, where she shares her love for agaves, cactus, and all things spiky and a fondness for ferns and a good patch of PNW moss. Loree has written for several magazines including Better Homes and Gardens, Fine Gardening, and Pacific Horticulture. Her first book, Fearless Gardening: Be Bold, Break the Rules, Grow What You Love was published by Timber Press in 2021.

Born and raised in the PNW, Loree loves gardening within our lively horticulture community. That said, garden travel is high on her list of leisure pursuits as she enjoys exploring other regional gardening styles, how climates influence gardeners' plant choices, and how those plants are grown. Loree lives in NE Portland and is a firm believer there is always room for one more plant. Sharing her passion for plants and garden design is a driving force behind everything she does.