2016 Insights into Gardening  
Class Descriptions

SESSION ONE (10:15 – 11:30)

Big Yields from Small Spaces  
_Darren Morgan, Shonnard’s Nursery_
This session will cover space-intensive planting, small beds and large containers, maximizing space by interplanting and sequencing, and small-scale vertical gardening. Some of the unique challenges to growing edibles in small locations will also be addressed.

Growing Dahlias: The Easy Way  
_Larry Buschman, Benton County Master Gardener_
Growing dahlias can be a lot of work - each year planting in the spring, along with digging, cleaning, dividing and storing tubers in the fall. This class will compare traditional, labor-intensive practices with innovative ideas that take the work out of growing dahlias. Both experienced and novice dahlia enthusiasts will benefit from the topics covered in this class.

The Enabling Garden  
_Keith Wingfield, Yamhill Master Gardener_
Is there a disabled gardener in your life? This talk encompasses evaluation of the individual, the available opportunities to adjust, modify, or design adaptive gardening practices, or create an entirely new gardening approach or experience. A handout provides drawings and measurements to follow each topic.

Climate Change and Oregon Gardens  
_Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Agent_
This program will touch on some of the implications of climate change for Oregon gardeners including impacts on garden plant and weeds biology, water issues, and the gardeners’ role in saving native species stressed by a changing climate.

SESSION TWO (12:30 – 1:45)

Growing Strawberries: Rocking Oregon for over 100 Years  
_Chad Finn, US Department of Agriculture_
Learn best practices for growing strawberries from an expert. Topics to be discussed include types of strawberries, selecting and preparing a site, planting, fertilizing, maintenance and renovation, pests and diseases, plus a short history of production and cultivars in Oregon.

Water-Wise Plants: The Best of the Best
Kym Pokorny, OSU Extension Service
Join Kym for an exploration of her favorite plants adapted to the Northwest’s summer dry/winter wet climate. As summers get hotter and drier – and next year shows no signs of changing – we need to be extra careful about our choices in order to preserve water and still have a beautiful garden. You’ll get lots of ideas!

Save $ and Grow Your Own Starts!
Andrea Mull, Territorial Seed Company
Learn what it takes to successfully grow your own vegetable and flower starts and how to avoid failures through correct timing, containers and medium, lighting, and proper disease and insect controls. We’ll discuss some amazing seed varieties and reliable seed websites and also encourage audience participation as we seek to have the best garden ever.

Chewing Insect ID (Note extended time: 12:30 – 2:00)
Rich Little, Linn County and Benton County Master Gardener
ID your garden chompers before you stomp! This class will cover three chewing insects: Root Weevils, Caterpillars (cutworms, Armyworms, Loopers), and slugs, in detail. It will also address how to use the OSU PNW Insect Management handbook website for specific controls to manage these pests.

SESSION THREE (2:15 – 3:30)
Spice Up Your Garden
Bethany Hagen, Thyme Garden Herb Company
In this session, you will learn how to incorporate herbs into your landscape for texture, color, and year-round flavor.

Hardy Plants for Shade Gardens
Thomas Johnson, Sebright Gardens
So you have lots of shade and don’t know what to grow? In this session, the speaker will share his wealth of experience and passion for hostas and other shade plants as he discusses their cultural needs and many uses in the garden. This presentation will inspire and guide you to shade gardening success.

Climate Change and Oregon Gardens (repeat of presentation in Session One)
Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Agent
This program will touch on some of the implications of climate change for Oregon gardeners including impacts on garden plant and weeds biology, water issues, and the gardeners’ role in saving native species stressed by a changing climate.

Sucking Insect ID (Note extended time: 2:15 – 3:45)
Rich Little, Linn County and Benton County Master Gardener
What sucks in your garden? This class will cover three sucking insects: Aphids, Thrips and Stink Bugs, in detail. It will also address how to use the OSU PNW Insect Management handbook website for specific controls to manage these pests.