*Free* Gardening Workshops

#### May 19-20, 2018

#### Cowlitz County Expo Center—Fairgrounds

#### In conjunction with the Home and Garden Show

**May 19      Home & Garden Show**

**9:30 a.m.   Using Native Plants for Landscaping**

**WSU Master Gardener Dixie Edwards and her husband Scott,** owners of Watershed Garden Works will discuss the advantages native plants have to offer. They will discuss considerations when using native plants and offer great alternatives to using them to spice up your yard. Native plants that offers a large variety of colors and shapes that flourish all year long in this climate.

**11:00 a.m.     How to Grow a Red Tomato**

Is trying to grow red tomatoes frustrating to you? **WSU Master Gardener Alice Slusher** will discuss the tips he uses to produce a bountiful crop of red tomatoes. You will learn how to get your tomatoes off to get an early start and what it takes to produce a great harvest of tomatoes.

**12:00 p.m. Lawn Care**

Professional groundskeeper and **WSU Master Gardener Bryan Iverson** will explain everything you wanted to know about managing your lawn.  Discussion on the proper techniques in lawn maintenance will include watering, fertilizing, weed control and mowing.   Learn the best way to prepare the area for planting a new lawn.

**1:00 p.m.   Tips to control moles**

Sadly, all too many property owners know the frustration of having that vision of a beautiful lawn ruined by moles.  **WSU Master Gardener Bryan Iverson** will talk about which techniques are the most effective in getting rid of moles.   Bryan will discuss what works and what products fail to get results.

**2:00 p.m.** **How to Compost using worms**

**WSU Master Gardener Tom Welch** Washington State University Master Gardener, will discuss the advantages of vermi-composting which uses worms to break down food into compost.  Learn how to manage worms to produce great compost while getting rid of your food waste.

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**11:00 a.m.** **Growing Vegetables, where to start!**

**WSU Master Gardener Billie Bevers** will discuss what to do in your vegetable garden to plan and prepare it for planting.  You will learn when to plant, how to start get an early start and what to takes to maintain healthy plants to get a great harvest.

**12:30 p.m.     Tips to Save When Buying Groceries**

**Debbie Fredricks** will discuss ways for you to reduce your grocery bill.  Do you really save money using coupons? Are BOGO’s (Buy one get one) always cheapest? Do the big box stores really offer big savings? Retailers are skilled at separating you from your money. Learn insider tips from a former advertising manager on how to save money not only on groceries but on many other items you purchase.

**1:30 p.m.** **Fruit Tree Pruning for summer**

**WSU Extension Agent Gary Fredricks** will demonstrate the technique used when pruning fruit trees. Pruning your trees will control the size of the tree and improve fruit quality. Fruit trees should be pruned every year. Proper pruning techniques reduces disease and promotes greater fruit production.

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