

Seattle Tree Fruit Society
Spring Lecture Day
May 14, 2011 - Magnuson Park
7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA - Building #406 ("The Brig")

All Lectures are Free and Open to the Public

Lecture Schedule & Descriptions

10:00 – 11:00 ‘The Newest Buzz About Mason Bees’ (Missy Anderson)

Missy is a Master Gardener, and has been a bee farmer for many years. She has given numerous lectures about the marvelous pollinator that is the Mason Bee. She has spoken at nurseries, garden clubs, schools, scout troop meetings, and private home gatherings. She will teach you about caring for Mason Bees, keeping your hives healthy, and maximizing the pollination benefits of these creatures.

10:00 – 11:10 ‘Producing Apples Organically’ (Harry Burton)

Harry Burton retired at age 50, then began devoting all his time to running Apple Luscious Organic Orchard on Salt Spring Island. He grows over 200 varieties of the best tasting, rare, heritage and unique connoisseur apple varieties, and does so organically. His orchard produces over 8,000 Lbs. annually.

11:10 – 12:15 ‘Growing Kiwis in the Pacific Northwest’ (Hildegard Hendrickson)

Hildegard is a retired educator. She manages her “edible backyard” on a city lot. She has grown kiwis for 25 years, as well as figs, apples, pears, plums, raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries. She is the past Treasurer of the Western Washington Fruit Society. Her other passion is hunting wild mushrooms. She coordinates the identification of wild mushrooms for the Puget Sound Mycological Society, and teaches wild mushroom identification classes.

11:20 – 12:30 ‘Common Diseases and Insect Pests of Berries’ (Elizabeth Vogt, Phd.)

Elizabeth is the president of the Vashon Island Fruit Club. She is an entomologist and beekeeper and organizes pest management panels for the Vashon Island Fruit Club each year. She will discuss all the common pests of berries, including the Spotted Wing Drosophila, Botrytis, Powdery Mildew, Verticillium Wilt, Leaf Spot, etc. You will learn important biological characteristics of each pest, how to identify them, the damage they cause, and best management practices.

12:30 – 1:30 ‘Summer Pruning’ (Larry Davis)

Larry is a Master Gardener and a 20 year member of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society. He lives on a quarter acre city lot with great fruit diversity. His lifetime of gardening has included several years as a volunteer at the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden in Bellevue. He will explain the benefits of summer pruning, when it is appropriate, and how it should be done.

12:40 – 1:45 ‘Red-Fleshed Apples’ (Harry Burton)

Harry will discuss the history of red-fleshed apples, as well as other historic varieties. He will explain why he finds such delight in these varieties. He grows over 20 varieties of red-fleshed apples.

1:45 – 3:00 ‘Fruit Production in Limited Spaces’ (Ingela Wanerstrand)

Ingela is a professional horticulturist with 16 years experience pruning fruit trees and designing edible gardens. She lectures and teaches fruit-related classes through City Fruit and Plant Amnesty, and is an active member of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society and the Friends of Piper’s Orchards. She will be discussing methods for growing fruit beautifully in small spaces using container, vertical space, espaliers, and more.

1:55 – 3:00 ‘30 Years of Applied Permaculture’ (Kristan Johnson)

Kristan is a former President of the Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation. He is also a founding member of the Permaculture Institute of North America Board. He has practiced permaculture for over 30 years, and has taught numerous classes.

Directions:

- I-5 – Heading South - Take Exit 175 (NW 145th St.); go left on 145th; after 1.4 miles, take a right on Lake City Way; go one mile and take a left on 125th St.; 125th St. turns slightly right after .4 mile and becomes Sand Point Way; Magnuson Park is 2.7 miles further, on your left.
- I-5 – Heading North – Take Exit 171 (WA-522/Lake City Way); stay on lake City Way; after 1.3 miles, take a right on 95th Ave. NE; travel 1.3 miles until 95th Avenue ends; take a right on Sand Point Way; Magnuson Park is 1.1 miles further, on your left.
- Upon entering Magnuson Park, go about 500 feet. You will see a huge hangar-type building on your left. Building #406 (“The Brig”) is directly east of that building. It is best to park on the large parking area to the right, toward the athletic fields.

