

## 2012

### January 9, 2012

Birds of Prey - Native Birds of Prey for Sustainable Gardening, Oregon Zoo

Mandy McGuire of the Oregon Zoo will bring a feathered friend from the Oregon Zoo for her program on native raptors in our landscapes. Native raptors provide natural pest controls, and she will show us how to encourage them to our gardens. Knowing the hunting styles of different raptors helps a homeowner adapt his landscape to make the birds feel welcome. She will also talk about nesting boxes for the raptors – where to put them, how high they should be and out of what materials.

### February 13, 2012

Fat, Spiny and Weird Plants - Getting Succulent Plants to Thrive, Luther Sturevant [www.KaraCactus.com](http://www.KaraCactus.com)

Want to know how to keep a succulent plant happy and alive? Do you need to live in the desert? Come listen to Luther give you the keys to successfully growing cactus and succulent plants – both indoors and outdoors.

### March 12, 2012

Dwarf Conifers in the Garden, Sandy Ditmar, Iseli Nursery

[www.iselinursery.com](http://www.iselinursery.com) Sandy will talk about the natural suitability of dwarf and slow growing conifers for today's gardens and lifestyles. Conifers are perfectly suited for the size of our urban lots, and their low maintenance requirements are suited to our busy lifestyles, leaving us with a year-round colorful garden and plenty of time to enjoy it. The array of colors and seasonal changes are a beautiful complement to the natural landscape of the Pacific Northwest.

### April 9, 2012

Getting the Respect from your Vegetable Garden! Marc Boucher-Colbert, Urban Agriculture Solutions LLC, Garden Specialist at Franciscan Montessori Earth School in Portland, OR

You can have a great year-round veggie garden even with a minimum time investment as long as you garden smart. Cut down on back-breaking labor. Win the battle over difficult soil. Squeeze out as much produce as possible from small spaces. Enjoy fresh food year-round. Come take back ownership of your vegetable garden and tell it what YOU want it to do.

### May 14, 2012

Garden Fragrance Throughout the Year, Nadine Black, Joy Creek Nursery

Spark your imagination and widen your experience in the garden by including a variety of plants that offer you fragrance throughout the year.

### June 11, 2012

Ikebana - Creative Flower Art, Diantha Knott

Using basic Ikebana design principles, Diantha Knott will demonstrate the creative use of flowers, foliage, and other garden materials to produce unique arrangements. Diantha will show how to select and properly prepare materials to compliment their container.

## September 10, 2012

Grape Expectations, Ray Ethell, Broadacres Nursery [www.poplars.com](http://www.poplars.com)

Contrary to common belief, you can grow Seedless Table Grapes in Portland. Broadacres Nursery has been growing 35 varieties of seedless table grapes in Hubbard, Oregon for 5 years. The collection has come primarily from New York, Arkansas, and California. Most ripen in September. They even have a cookbook and trellising guide, "The Taste Of Grapes". Ray will bring grapes for tasting, and will also have plants to sell before the meeting and during break. The grapes are available for tasting at their nursery open house in September.

## October 8, 2012

Behind the Scenes at the Oregon Zoo, Rick Hanes, Supervisor of Horticulture, Oregon Zoo [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org)

Learn how the zoo habitats are designed and maintained to provide a beautiful, yet healthy and natural environment for the animals that live there. Also hear about the Zoo Browse program, the unique gardens throughout the zoo property, egress concerns, the propagation area, and more. You'll never see the zoo in quite the same way again.

## November 19, 2012

Ken Lister, Clackamas County Master Gardener

Ken takes us on a cruise around the gardens of the British Isles. His beautiful slides will show us gardens in Scotland, Ireland, the Scilly Islands, England and Monet's garden in France. Ken's great knowledge of horticulture and his love of gardening will give us a rich mixture of gardens from grandiose to tiny. Ken says the gardens are all different, but they all have weeds!

Scottish by birth, Ken came to America when he was 25. He has been in horticulture for 50 years, except when the Queen of England called him to serve in the British Army for two years. Ken worked in the Royal Botanical Garden in Edinburgh for three years. He worked for two years for The National Trust for Scotland which cares for just under 70 gardens and designed landscapes, 35 of which are classified as major gardens while the remainder are smaller gardens associated with museum properties or amenity landscape sites. Almost every style of Scottish garden history is represented - from late medieval to modern creations in older settings. Ken says he worked on everything from castle gardens to humble homes. In the United States, Ken was Production Manager of a major nursery in the Willamette Valley.

## December 10, 2012

"Remember Me" Rose Garden, Rebecca Ives

The "Remember Me" Rose Gardens will stand as a living tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, dedicated to honor those whose lives were lost and all who honor freedom.

A "Remember Me" Rose Garden will be created on or near each of the three sites to honor the spirit of the men and women whose lives were lost in New York, at the Pentagon, and at a field in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The gardens are meant to uplift and renew the spirit of our nation, and will provide a beautiful sanctuary where the families and friends of all who died in this tragedy, and all who honor freedom, can come to seek comfort and peace and release the pain felt for those who lost their lives that day.