



Chapter Meeting – Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. (following the potluck at 6:00 p.m.)

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

Fantastic Ground Covers and Where to Find Them – Mark Leichty, Little Prince Nursery www.littleprinceoforegon.com



Mark Leichty will share his wisdom about ground covers for our part of the world, and if that wasn't exciting enough, he'll give us the inside track on all the wonderful plants Little Prince has to offer. Besides groundcovers, there are perennials, NW natives, succulents, ornamental grasses, ferns, and other far-from-ordinary plants. The Little Prince brand includes unique categories of plants, separated by how they are used in the garden or other distinct qualities. [More info at cmastergardeners.org](http://www.cmastergardeners.org).

Annual Potluck & Resource Fair & Seed Swap beginning at 6 p.m.

The fun all begins at 6:00! This meeting will be our Annual Potluck welcoming the 2019 Interns to the Chapter. Take some time to meet our new members, and visit with old friends. * Veterans, please bring your favorite dish to pass, and your plate and silverware. The potluck will begin at 6:00 followed by the monthly program. Let's make our new members feel welcome to the Chapter!

Resource Fair. The Chapter Resource Fair will be held before and after the meeting as well as during the break. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about chapter activities for the coming year.

Seed Swap.

Questions: Please contact Roxane Russell to get on the volunteer list, or if you have any questions about the swap. [Seed-Swap Information Page](#)

Coming next month May 13: Landscape Mulches: The Good, The Bad, and The Really, Really Ugly – Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD, WSU <https://puyallup.wsu.edu/lcs>, www.theinformedgardener.com, www.gardenprofessors.com

Mulches are an ideal alternative to chemical weed control. If correctly chosen and applied, mulches can not only reduce weed invasions, but also reduce management costs by improving water and air movement, moderating soil temperatures, improving soil structure and nutrition, and enhancing beneficial microbes and insects. How can you decide which mulch is best for your landscape? This seminar will teach you how to make these decisions.



*MG Education Credit [More info at cmastergardeners.org](http://www.cmastergardeners.org).

Washington County Master Gardeners Gardenfest Plant Sale washingtoncountymastergardeners.org

Saturday April 27, 8 am - 2 pm. Join Washington County Master Gardeners™ for a fun-filled day shopping from a selection of 1000s of plants expertly selected for the PNW, generating inspiring ideas from our new Education Garden, asking questions of our experts, or taking classes. Offering perennials, shrubs, vegetables, herbs and more for flower-filled gardens and bountiful harvests. Kid's activities, plant combination ideas, & gardener gifts too. Our Master Gardeners are delighted to welcome you, inspire you, and help you succeed in your garden by providing practical knowledge on plants, garden care, and diagnosing problems. At PCC Rock Creek Campus - 17705 NW Springville Road, Portland.

Spring Garden Fair is just around the corner

We will be hosting our 35th Fair May 4th & 5th. If you haven't already, please consider signing up for a shift helping out the Chapter during this worthwhile event. Head over to <https://springgardenfair.org/volunteers/> for more details and link to sign-up. Remember, you get free admission to the Fair when you sign up!

We can also use some help getting the word out - [click here for a pdf version of our flier](#) that you can email to your family and friends. You can also share our [Spring Garden Fair page](#) using the share buttons on the bottom of the page. Just scroll down - they are on the left side of the page.

Looking ahead: 2019 Programs and Events Preview - *list is subject to change*

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ May 4 & 5: 35th Annual Spring Garden Fair at the Clackamas County Event Center➤ May 13: Landscape Mulches: The Good, The Bad, & The Really, Really Ugly. <i>Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD, WSU *</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ September 9: 'Deerly' Missed: A Pangram Garden - <i>Dave Eckerdt, MCMG</i>➤ October 5: Fall into Gardening at the <i>Milwaukie Center *</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ June 10: Strange, New and Wonderful Vegetables - <i>Tim Russell, Territorial Seed Company *</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ October 7: <i>Seed Swap before meeting Naturescaping with Seeds - Amy Campion *</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ June 13: ••• <i>Special Event!</i> ••• Evening Party and Shopping at N&M Nursery, Hubbard - <i>Hosted by Rosie Sullivan.</i>➤ July 8: Chapter Outing/ Ainsworth House & Gardens <i>presented by Bud Bowen, CCMG Master Gardener</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ November 9: Master Gardener Recert - <i>Clackamas Community College *</i>➤ November 11: <i>Annual Book Sale Growing Resilience: Dry Farming Vegetables - Amy Garrett, OSU *</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ August 12: <i>Chapter Picnic and Potluck at the Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ December 9: We're Rich! Exploring the Many Nurseries of the Pacific Northwest - <i>Loree Bohl</i>

*Items marked with * eligible for MG recertification credit*