



Sandy Hammond

Sandy was born and raised in the Rogue Valley. After a career in banking, medical management and owning a wholesale and retail flower shop, she happily retired. She became a proud member of the Jackson County Master Gardener Association in 2015. She had been gardening, clearing land and planting for years, but quickly discovered all the improper methods she was using before becoming a Master Gardener. Sandy enjoys sharing her knowledge with the public. She is a mentor in the Master Gardener Practicum, and is a presenter at KDRV TV "In the Garden" segments.

Program Descriptions

DEER RESISTANT PLANTING

A bit of advance planning goes a long way to avoid plant defoliation and possible replacement. Knowing what to plant is key to avoiding troublesome pests, particularly the damaging, big, brown, furry kind (aka: deer). However, deer are not the only pests one may encounter, such as rabbits and rodents. In her presentation, Sandy discusses how to determine what pests may be causing damage, and how, what and when to plant deer resistant foliage. Her presentation does not require audio-visual equipment, but a display table is helpful. Sandy will bring examples of deer resistant plants.

DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTING

This is not the Pacific Northwest. Heard that before? The Rogue Valley has its own climate. So how and what should you plant for successful landscapes? Sandy will address soil drainage conditions, watering requirements and other factors necessary to establish draught-tolerant plants. It is essential to determine soil moisture retention, so Sandy will discuss the importance of a moisture meter and the benefits of mulching. Her presentation does not require audio-visual equipment, but a display table is helpful. Sandy will bring examples of draught-tolerant plants and distribute an extensive list of appropriate plants for your future reference.

FRESH FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN

Want to bring those beautiful garden flowers inside and have them last for more than a day? Having owned and operated a flower shop, Sandy is the right speaker for you. She has tips and tricks to make your efforts a greater success. Sandy will share how and when to make those cuttings, and how to keep them lasting longer. Not all types of flowers and vegetation work well together, and Sandy will explain. Did you know that ethylene gas is emitted from fruits and vegetables, and can kill flowers? Sandy discusses how to avoid potential problems to help ensure your future cut flower success. Her presentation does not require audio-visual equipment, but a display table is helpful. Sandy will bring examples and demonstrate cutting techniques.