

John Kobal



John has 30+ years of gardening experience in both urban and rural settings. His first garden was a 15-foot row of pole beans on a city lot. He now enjoys living on a rural property with 16 raised beds and an orchard of apples, nectarines, plums, pears, cherries and persimmons. John's gardening knowledge has been fueled through numerous books and periodicals, lots of trials and experimentation, shared experiences in a community garden setting (his plot was a 20-foot square), and establishing his orchard. John retired to the Rogue Valley and is a certified Master Gardener.

Program Description

Gardening with Raised Beds: The "Whys" and "Wherefores"

Have you ever thought, "There must be a better way?" Do you have rocky or sandy native soil? Are you tired of fighting through all that clay? If so, then gardening in raised beds may be your solution.

Gardening in elevated structures provides a number of benefits: greater yield in less space, lower levels of resources, reduced maintenance, less cost, and less physical exertion. This program will help you learn what materials to use, how to build your soil, planting schemes, watering, pest prevention, season extension, and annual upkeep.