



### **Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2023**

**Friday, October 27; Saturday, October 28;**

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>; Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**All sessions via Zoom and will also be recorded for later viewing.**

#### **Neil Bell**

**Title of presentation:** Avoiding the Green Meatball: How and When to Prune Flowering Shrubs

#### **Description of presentation:**

Often what passes for pruning in many landscapes is shearing of the plant annually into some sort of geometric shape, of which the sphere (or meatball) is among the most popular. Besides being wretched and mindless horticulture, this practice often is more work than pruning to the natural habit of the plant. It also eliminates from the landscape the texture and form-and often flowers-that plants of different architectures contribute. This class will cover identification of growth habits and flowering of shrubs so that the array of plants in your garden can be pruned the right way at the right time.

#### **Biography:**

Neil retired as Community Horticulturist for the OSU Extension Service, having overseen the Master Gardener program in Marion and Polk Counties from 2000 to 2021. His efforts with curriculum development for the Master Gardener program were presentations and written materials on pruning of ornamental plants and diagnosis of plant problems, among other topics. Since 2021, he has been employed one day per week by Extension to assist with a multi-year evaluation of 118 olive cultivars at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora.



## Max Bennett

### **Title of presentation:**

Trees on the Edge: Forests and Climate Change in Southern Oregon

### **Description of presentation:**

How are the forests of southern Oregon coping with a warming climate? Which species and ecosystems are most at risk? How can we help local forests better adapt to climate change, now and in the future? This presentation will review these and related questions while providing practical, “climate smart” guidance on native tree care for landowners and homeowners.

### **Biography:**

Max Bennett is a recently retired Extension Forester for Oregon State University. He spent 24 years advising forest landowners and managers on tree and forest health, wildfire mitigation, and small woodland management. He enjoys hiking and cycling the trails and backroads of southern Oregon.



## Ronnie Budge

### **Title of presentations: Two 45 minute presentations:**

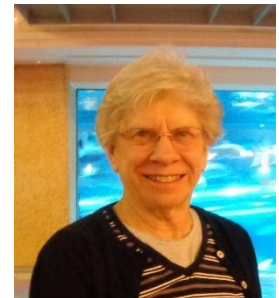
- o 1) “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Seed Catalog”
- o 2) “Coping with Critters in the Garden”

### **Descriptions of presentations:**

- 1) Every flower and vegetable variety described in a seed catalog, accompanied by a beautiful photo, is so tempting. How do you pick and choose? Learn to decipher the codes and clues in the catalog before you order, so as to grow the kind of garden you really want.
- 2) Deer, squirrels, gophers and voles – how do you keep them from destroying your garden? Learn what methods will help you control the pests, and what probably won’t work.

### **Biography:**

Ronnie Budge is a certified Master Gardener through OSU Extension Service. She’s had years of practical experience with her own vegetable garden and perennial flower beds on rural property. Her favorite thing about gardening is watching tiny seeds sprout and then grow into beautiful flowers or vegetable plants. Her least favorite thing is doing battle with the animals that want to eat them.



## Bonni Engelhardt

**Title:** Masses of Grasses

**Description of presentation:** Overwhelmed with the abundance of ornamental grass options, but ready to delve into this endlessly useful category of plants? Come explore the varieties that are best suited to our region, including many North American natives, and learn about their bountiful benefits- deer resistance, drought tolerance and wildlife habitat among them. Tips and information on the best care practices will also be discussed.

**Biography:** Bonni Engelhardt is a landscape designer, Master Gardener, and writer. She loves to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for plants with the community.



## Rosenelle Florencechild

**Title of Presentation:** Fragrance in the Garden

**Description of Presentation:** When we see a beautiful flower in the garden, instinctively we bend toward the bloom and breathe in. Often, we are disappointed. As modern hybridizers work toward increasing pest and disease resilience, scent is sacrificed. This presentation will examine varieties of shrubs—peonies, roses, and lavender, and herbs —such as mints, lemon verbena, and pineapple sage, that offer a feast for your nose as well as your eyes.

**Biography:** Rosenelle Florencechild completed the Jackson County Master Gardener Program in 2013. She served as Head Gardener of the Lavender Garden from 2014-2016. She is a member of the Herb Society of America, the American Rose Society, and several local garden clubs.



## Brian Hendrix

**Title of presentation:** Fire Adapted Landscaping Best Practices and Understanding Defensible Space

**Description of presentation:** Designed to help gardeners improve their understanding of what “being Firewise” really means for gardens and landscaping around the home. Learn how various wildfire risk



reduction activities can improve the survivability of a home in a wildfire event. We will introduce terms and activities relating to wildfire mitigation, learn basics about effective plant spacing and maintenance for improved defensible space and differences between a “Firewise” or “Flammable” plant. We'll offer examples from local homes and help prioritize actions related to vegetation maintenance for wildfire preparedness.

**Biography:** Brian Hendrix is the Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator for Ashland Fire & Rescue. He has served since 2017 and is a Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialist. Before taking over the FAC Coordinator role in 2021, Brian was the Weed Abatement Coordinator and a Wildfire Mitigation Assistant for AF&R's Wildfire Division. Brian lives in Ashland with his wife and 3 sons, the youngest of which was born last October and is the reason he missed this event last year 😊.



## John Kobal

**Title of Presentation:** Rock Gardens

**Program Description:** Create a unique feature, exclusive to your property. Try a Rock Garden. Each rock garden is unique to its developer and varies by plant and hardscape variety. It's not hard to build one but does take some planning and forethought. The plants are usually on the small side, but a well-placed tree can be a welcome addition. Create living pathways, garden walls, and points of interest using rocks (and plants).

**Biography:** John has 30+ years of gardening experience. He relocated to Rogue Valley in 2014, and is a Master Gardener, certified by the Oregon State University Extension in Jackson County. John has an extensive orchard, an in-ground garden and 18 raised beds used for growing vegetables. He has three worm bins which compost a majority of kitchen scraps. John is a garden lecturer for civic organizations, interfaces with several local school gardening programs, is an instructor in the Practicum aspect of the Master Gardener Training Program, is an OLLI instructor, and hosts the garden lecture series at the annual Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair.

## Andony Melathopoulos

**Title of presentation:** Taking a walk on the wild side... in your own backyard.

**Description of presentation:** Last year we talked about how Oregon is leading the nation in cataloguing its bee biodiversity.





But all the data provides some great insights into the top plants for your garden. In this lecture we talk about what we are learning from the Oregon Bee Atlas in terms of top plants for bees in southern Oregon.

**Biography :** Andony Melathopoulos is an Associate Professor of Pollinator Health Extension in the Department of Horticulture. He leads the Master Melittologist and Bee Steward Program and hosts the podcast PolliNation.

## **Maud Powell**

**Title of Presentation:** Identifying and Managing Weeds in your Garden

**Presentation Description:** Understanding weeds is the key to controlling them, whether in a garden, farm or elsewhere. Controlling weeds can save you time and money and make room for the plants you want growing to thrive. This class will introduce you to what weeds are, how to identify them, and how to manage them.

**Biography:** Maud Powell has worked in the OSU Extension Small Farms program for seventeen years. Additionally, she and her husband own and operate Wolf Gulch Farm, a small, diversified vegetable, and seed farm in the Little Applegate Valley. She is passionate about reinvigorating rural communities by strengthening local economies and increasing food and fiber production.



## **Nicole Sanchez**

**Title of presentation:** Herbs: Fun and Function in the Garden

**Description of presentation:** Herbs include some of the most versatile of plants, providing fragrance, food, beauty, and even pest control! In this session we'll explore the world of herb cultivation including practices for specific uses, consideration of pollinators, and even herbs as cut flowers!



**Biography:** Born and raised in Virginia, Nicole began her horticulture career in the retail florist and garden center arena, then went on to study horticulture and entomology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (bachelor's 2000, master's 2002). After college she worked for 10 years in botanical gardens, first at the large and established Callaway Gardens (Pine Mountain, GA), then as the keystone employee of the Columbus (GA) Botanical Garden, a then- new garden with no employees and almost no budget. At North Carolina State University she served as a crop consultant for fruit and vegetable growers in eastern NC for five years. She's been at Oregon State University's Klamath Basin Research & Extension Center since July 2016 as a professor of practice, working with both commercial and home horticulture programs as well as a variety of insect- related projects.

## **Annie Schreck**

**Title of Presentation:** Succulent Gardening for Drought Resilience

**Description of Presentation:** Looking for easy, drought-tolerant plants that can bring color to your garden *and* attract pollinators? Explore why succulents are ideal for low-water landscaping and learn how to incorporate them into a stunning, low-maintenance rock garden. Learn which types to select for your climate and how to design, build, and care for a succulent garden. Let's get inspired to plant beautiful, waterwise gardens!



**Biography:** Annie Schreck is the researcher and editor-in-chief for [Mountain Crest Gardens](#), a family-owned, online nursery that grows succulents in Northern California. She found her passion for horticulture as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay. Upon returning to the US, she worked in a native plant nursery in the Willamette Valley and earned her certification in Permaculture design. She now has the great pleasure of researching and writing about succulents, talking plants with novices and experts alike, and helping people cultivate resilient, waterwise plants at home and in the landscape.

## **Cody Scoggins and Aaron Adachi**

**Title of Presentation:**

Irrigation Systems: Common Problems & Solutions for a Water Wise Landscape

**Description of Presentation:** Irrigation systems provide us with a convenient way to water our landscapes more evenly and at the most optimal times of day (early morning and late evening). However, these systems also need regular maintenance to ensure that water is being used as efficiently as possible. This presentation will cover common problems that can occur in irrigation systems and best practices for creating a thriving water efficient landscape.

### **Cody Scoggins**

#### **Water Efficiency Coordinator**

I began my career 5 years ago as a Water Treatment Operator and have since moved into my current role. Since starting my career, I have obtained my Master's Degree in Natural Resource Management and also have been involved with community outreach and education. I'm part of a committed team who thrives on being good stewards of our water and are reliable resources for those who look to be good stewards themselves.



### **Aaron Adachi**

#### **Water Efficiency Technician**

I began my career in water efficiency in 2022. My background is in Business Management and Project Management. I received my Master's Degree in Business Administration and have spent the earlier part of my career in the software/technology industry. I chose to come to Medford Water for the opportunity to implement lasting change in the surrounding community with the skills that I learned from the private sector.



### **Govinda Shrestha**

**Title of presentation:** What you can do to identify and manage insect pests in your garden?

**Description of presentation:** Gardening is the area where we would like to see no or minimum insecticide use. Govinda will share his



knowledge on what IPM methods (such as identification, pest monitoring, cultural control, biological control and biological insecticides) can be used to manage harmful pests on garden.

**Biography:** Govinda Shrestha is an Assistant Professor (Practice) and Hemp Extension Specialist at Oregon State University. Govinda, an applied entomologist, has over ten years of working experience in crop insect pest management. He is very passionate about gardening. Govind sees gardening as a natural therapy center, improving mental health and family and societal bonding.

## **Marsha Waite**

**Title of Presentation:** Identifying and Attracting Beneficial Insects to the Home Garden

**Description of Presentation:** This class will help students identify, attract and protect some of the best garden helpers in Southern Oregon. Come learn which factors are depleting beneficial insect populations and what we can do to help them survive these challenging times.

**Biography:** Marsha Waite, a Master Gardener since 1995, has been a Plant Clinic Specialist and an Entomology and Integrated Pest Management instructor for the past 28 years. She has given many classes to garden clubs in Oregon and written articles for the Mail Tribune and Garden Beet, She was given the Jackson Co. Master Gardener award in 2000, Oregon State Master Gardener award in 2007, and was the State Behind the Scenes award recipient in 2016.

