



# 2022 ANNUAL SPRING HORTICULTURE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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All Classes at UI Research Park  
985 S. Lochsa St. Post Falls, ID.  
83854 (just past Buck Knives)

 [Map on Website](#)

Come Grow with Us!

## Spring Class Series - in person, limited seating, preregister

### March 21st, Monday, 6 pm - 8 pm, Propagation of Seeds and Cuttings (\$10 per person)

Instructor, Steve Nokes, WSU Master Gardener. All gardening begins with a new shoot, a single tip of green pushing its way through the soil. While some plants are quite happy to propagate themselves, many need early encouragement and nurturing. Whether you're aiming to germinate rare varieties, preserve the characteristics of existing specimens or simply want to reduce material costs, propagation from seeds and cuttings will guide you through the different horticultural principles.

### March 26th, Saturday, Q&A Ask a Master Gardener, Select Session A or B (FREE)



Instructor, Kootenai County Idaho Master Gardeners. Demonstrations and one-on-one visits with teams of Idaho Master Gardener volunteers. Tables topics: seed starting, composting, canning and preserving, fruit and berry handouts and an "ask your own questions" table too! Bring your garden design plan, your questions, insects to ID, plants disease questions and more for this open house-style event. Please register and arrive during your session time so we may allow equal time to all attending. Used gardening books for sale @ .25c per inch of spine

### April 9th, Saturday, 10 am - 12 pm, Landscaping for Fire Prevention (\$10 per person)

Every summer, we see numerous media reports of homes in the woods being threatened by wildfires. Forest fires are a fact of life in the Inland Northwest. Homes located on forested lands (the "wildland urban interface") can be at high risk from forest fires. Forest fires are not always easy to stop. But you can take action to reduce the risk of damage to your home from wildfire.

This class guides forest homeowners modify their houses and landscapes to make them less likely to burn and easier for firefighters to access. Participants will view videos, discuss their wildland fire experiences, and participate in a simple exercise to assess their homes' interface fire risk.

Pre-registration  
with payment is  
required.

LIMITED SEATING

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Scan for over 60  
handouts on our  
website!

**April 11th, Monday, 6 pm - 9 pm, Raising Native Bees for Increased Pollination (\$10 per person)**

Instructor, Kara Carleton, Idaho Master Gardener Program Coordinator. Northern Idaho is home to almost 600 native, hive-less bees. We invite you to learn how to raise two species of these bees: the Spring Blue Orchard Mason Bee and the Summer Leaf Cutter Bee. Both are docile, non-aggressive, and safe for families and pets. Learn why all nests being sold aren't healthy for these insects, learn how to build or purchase correct nests, learn how to create beautiful habitat for these and other native pollinators, as well as how to grow more food with native bees in our unique climate.

**April 16th, Saturday, Q&A Ask a Master Gardener, Select Session A or B (FREE)**



Instructor, Kootenai County Idaho Master Gardeners. Demonstrations and one-on-one visits with teams of Idaho Master Gardener volunteers. Table topics: soil health, pollinator habitat, TBD and an "ask your own questions" table too! Bring your garden design plan, your questions, insects to ID, plants disease questions and more for this open house-stye event. Please register and arrive during your session time so we may allow equal time to all attending. Used gardening books for sale, .25c per inch of spine

**April 23rd, Saturday, Managing your Backyard Forest (\$10 per person)**

Presented by Dean Sutton, Idaho Master Forest Steward. Most owners of "backyard forests" (five acres or less of forest land) are interested primarily in keeping their trees healthy and their landscapes attractive. Unfortunately, many do not consider action until backyard forest trees are visibly suffering from some kind of insect or disease problem, which are usually preventable. This class will help homeowners with smaller acreages of forested land apply basic concepts of forest ecology to their trees. Topics will also include promoting native North Idaho trees, identifying common forest insects and diseases, and enhancing forest wildlife habitat.

**April 30th, Growing Tomatoes in the Inland Northwest (\$10).....**

Instructor, Susan Mulvihill, WSU Master Gardener, garden columnist, successful author, local garden hero and blogger. Register early for this one! This class will really appeal to those new to our area! Welcome and come learn about growing this favorite warm season crop in our short (sometimes cold) climate. Susan will cover, tomato types, variety suggestions, starting tomato plants from seed (when and how) the importance of hardening off seedlings, if purchasing seedlings, what to look for, what grafted tomatoes are, when it's safe to plant tomatoes outdoors, why row covers get them off to a toasty start in our area, plant support ideas, watering and nutritional needs, common insects, diseases, physiological disorders, ripening and storage...phew!

**Idaho Master Gardeners are available 3 ways:**

Pre-registration with payment is required with [this link](#).



**Walk-in:**  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Tuesdays &  
Thursdays  
April 5th – September 29th

**Website (upload photos):**  
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