



City of Yakima

News Release

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Registrations Open for Spring Garden Webinar

The Spring 2021 Heritage Garden workshop is Saturday, April 17th. It will be in a webinar format due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions.

The free webinar is titled "Sustainable Landscapes." It will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6991175829065231885>

The Spring 2021 Heritage Garden Workshop/Webinar will feature the following presenters:

- **Dr. Stephen Love**, a University of Idaho Extension consumer horticulture specialist, has collected, grown, and/or evaluated over 1,200 species of Intermountain native wildflowers and shrubs and released over 100 native plant products into the landscape nursery industry. *His presentation will focus on incorporating wild buckwheats (genus Eriogonum) into low water-use landscapes.*
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- **Marianne Tompkins** has worked in the commercial landscape industry for 30 years. She currently spends her time as an organic landscape consultant, a certified Habitat Steward with the National Wildlife Federation, and a certified Landscapes for Life teacher. *Her presentation will focus on how to create truly sustainable landscapes by learning how to reduce, reuse, and recycle in the garden.*
- **Wendy Gible** is the manager of Conservation and Education at University of Washington Botanic Gardens as well as program manager for Washington's Rare Plant Care and Conservation program. *She will present an overview of conservation efforts to protect rare native plants and introduce some of the rare plants of Washington.*

Contact Heritage Garden Program Assistant Ann Autrey at ann-autrey@conservewa.net or 509-528-2683 for more information.

The webinar is presented by the North & South Yakima Conservation Districts, as well as the Benton Conservation District. One of the webinar sponsors is the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Municipal Water Conservation Committee, chaired by City of Yakima Assistant Director of Public Works David Brown.

This is the third consecutive Heritage Garden Workshop in a webinar format due to COVID-19 precautions. The workshops were previously held at the Yakima Area Arboretum.