



City of Yakima

News Release

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The Fall 2020 Heritage Garden workshop on Saturday, October 24th, will be in a webinar format due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions.

The free webinar is titled "Floods, Bugs & Design." It will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register online at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3450944096661763855>

The Fall 2020 Heritage Garden Workshop/Webinar will feature the following presentations:

- **Rick Thompson — The Lake Missoula Flood in Your Backyard**
At the end of the Ice Age a deluge of 540 cubic miles of water burst through an ice dam at the Clark Fork River in northern Idaho, rampaged across Central Washington and down the Columbia River Gorge and finally out to sea. Author, photographer, and artist, Rick Thompson will give an overview of the entire Lake Missoula Floods path and highlight some of the effects still seen today in central and southeastern Washington.
- **Emily Norris — Native Plants for Columbia Basin Pollinators**
Emily is an ecologist working for Mission Support Alliance on the U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Site. Her specialties include shrub-steppe habitat restoration and pollinator-plant relationships.
- **Traci Degerman — My Wildland-Inspired Garden: Lessons From a Living Experiment**
Traci's presentation will feature her own garden and the many lessons it has taught her. Traci has more than 25 years of public and private sector professional experience in ecological disciplines that include research, vegetation surveying, mapping and monitoring, ecological restoration, recreation site rehabilitation and native plant landscaping.

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 second Heritage Garden Workshop in a webinar format. The Spring 2020 workshop was scheduled for March at the Yakima Area Arboretum before moving to an online webinar in May due to COVID-19.