

'Sunnyside Up'

October 2011 Newsletter

October 2011 Classes

All classes are free and begin at 10am.
Advanced registration is appreciated.

'Gardening for the Birds w/ Kids'

- Sat, Oct 8th: plan to attend young children & to get sticky w/peanut butter cone feeders

'Sticks, Stones & Conifers: Growing Interest for Winter'

- Sat, Oct 15th

'Winterizing Tender & Tropical Plants and Other Mysteries Solved'

- Sat, Oct 22nd

Plus: '**Fall Pruning**'- Sat, Nov 5th
See our ['Classes & Events'](#) page for details.

**Did you know we're on
facebook?:** 

AND that you can post pictures of your hard work in the garden there?
Please: **Go ahead and share!**

Thank you to everyone who

came out to
celebrate

**Customer
Appreciation
Day!**



We had a wonderful time &, just like our being able to celebrate 63 years of business, it's because of you!

Kudos to ISC Students & Teachers- They're Still Growing!



Customer Appreciation Day was 'just another work day' for the Marysville **Interntional School of Communications** students & teachers, Emily Lefstad and Janice Clancy- except for the perk of enjoying one of 'Theo the Greek's' delicious hotdogs after harvest.

[These volunteers](#) have been busy since March, planting, weeding & harvesting a variety of vegetables in the Sunnyside Nursery Food Bank Garden that they then deliver to the Marysville Community Food Bank.

Saturday's harvest will add to the over 1,000 lbs they've contributed in 18 trips to the food bank so far this year. If they reach their 2011 goal, it will be the 3rd straight year donating over 2,000 lbs of fresh produce for the food bank.

Greetings from 'The Whistling Gardener'

Everything we accomplish in the yard this month will not only return to us a healthier & happier garden come spring but can also give us a more cheerful yard to look at through winter.



Annuals: Switch out summer color for pansies & violas. Planted now, these are actually hardy perennials that will bloom all fall, winter & early spring. They're pretty easy on the pocket book & definitely worth it.

Perennials: Asters, mums Japanese anemones, cone flowers, Russian sage, sedums, toad lilies.... Ornamental grasses fall into this category, too. There are still many beautiful perennials to take you through fall. If you leave their seed heads, they'll bring beauty this winter via birds.

Bulbs can be covered under perennials, though its not heartless to treat them as annuals. Tuck some w/bone meal in under your pansies & violas. Cram them in to pots. A little planning will allow you to enjoy them January-June.

Fall landscape color: Stay tuned on our website for my October ['Boring Yard Busters' series](#). Until then, you can't go wrong w/ traditional plantings like maples, mountain ashes, sumac & burning bushes. We'll cover a wider selection of upcoming interest in our [free class, Sat, Oct 15th](#), as well.

Vegetables: Plant fall crops now. Add a greenhouse-like cloche for cover to enjoy your harvest into winter. Stop by for an information sheet on what you can still plant from seed, but remember that soil temps will cool quickly this month. Control winter weeds w/a 2-3 inch layer of compost or, for currently unused beds, a cover crop.

Lawns: Last chance to replant or overseed. Seed spread after soil temps drop will just rot. Aerate, dethatch & control moss if needed. Fertilizing (organic keeps it in your lawn & out of Puget Sound) goes a long way to avoiding diseases like rust & red thread, though improving soil drainage &/or fungicide are sometimes needed.

Roses: Leave a few finished blooms to enjoy them as hips & stop fertilizing, but continue to clean up under plants & remove diseased leaves. November will be the time to do your fall pruning- come to our [free pruning class Nov 5th](#) for details.

Put on a sweatshirt, a rain jacket if necessary. Just don't waste this opportunity to do some last minute tweaking before winter comes to stay!