

Gardens of Merit Tour



Sat, Jun 26th, 11am-4pm

An unprecedented chance to view 6 exceptional private gardens.

Tickets are one sale here.

Don't miss the Arboretum's annual plant sale and raffle, too,
10am-4:30pm.

Steve will be there all day helping sell tons of plants we've donated, including two potted topiary pines for the raffle.

Help raise funds for the Arboretum!

[Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens](#)

Come Hear the Whistler!



[Marysville Healthy Communities Day](#)

Sat, Jun 5th,

Alan Creek Elementary School

Steve speaks at 11am

on "Container Vegetable Gardening"



[Sorticulture](#)

Everett's Garden Art Festival

Jun 11-13, Legion Park, Everett

Steve speaks 4-5pm, Fri, Jun 11th

Time to tend your Rhodies: deadhead and prune after flowering



As gorgeous as rhododendron flowers are in bloom, their aftermath is an eyesore. Deadhead! With gloves on, snap the flower heads off at their pine cone-looking base.

Shown here is a greening primary shoot and several budding secondary shoots after deadheading. For a more compact plant, snap off the primary shoot and instead of one foot-long stem you'll have 3-4 couple-inch long stems.

Do standard pruning now for space control. If size is out of control, transplant. Newer varieties offer much more manageable sizes.

Check leaves for the distinctive notched edges of root weevils while you're at it. If present, apply Bonide's Tree and Shrub spray.

Visit our website: www.sunnysidenursery.net for weekly updates on our home page, Steve's column and 'What's Hot'!

New Glass Art in Greenhouse #4



Looking for that perfect accent for your garden? Consider Barbara Sanserson's blown glass garden art.

Featured in ***Better Homes and Gardens*** and soon ***Fine Gardening*** magazines, and working right here in Mukilteo, Barbara's blown glass is as exceptional as it is unique!

Come see our new selection of this amazing garden art. It may be just what your garden is looking for.

Pestilence and Famine... ok, that may be stretching it...

But, cold temps and drenching downpours *are* bringing issues. Here's a few:

Red Thread: Reddish-tan patches in the lawn this fungus is usually just ugly, but who knows this year. Remove lawn clippings, fertilize and apply Bonide's granular Infuse.



Downy Mildew: Brown angular leaf patches, we rarely see it on roses here, except *this* year. Bonide's Rose Rx 3-in-1 doesn't cover it. Luckily, their Copper Fungicide does.

Scab: On apples and pears, it deforms and cracks fruit. Discard fallen leaves. You can remove infected leaves and twigs. Mild infection can be cut out of fruit to salvage for sauce or butter. Use Bonide's Orchard Spray for better yield.

Aphids are certainly enjoying the weather, as will other pests if the weather doesn't change. Bring questions to us, with samples in baggies. And wish for sun!

Greetings from **'The Whistling Gardener'** : June 'to do's'

June brings plenty more gardening tasks for the year:

Foremost, weed, fertilize and mulch your beds. Adequate time and resources spent here will reap untold summer benefits.

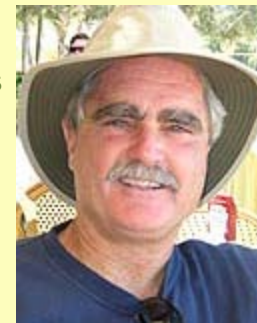
See to the lawn. Deal with moss if you haven't yet. Apply a 2nd application of fertilizer. Reseed as necessary.

Deadhead annuals and feed regularly for continuous blooms.

Trim to tidy early-blooming perennials. Cut by half fall-blooming perennials.

Plant summer and fall blooming perennials. This is best done a few at a time during regular visits to the nursery to ensure continuous blooming in your garden.

Finally, don't forget to wish for sunshine. And **"Come garden with us"**!



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