

## 'Sunnyside Up'

March 2011

### March Classes & Events

*All classes begin at 10am.*

#### 'All About Roses'

*March 5th - free*

#### 'Living Wreaths'

*March 12th - \$35 fee includes materials; advanced registration required; class limit 20*

#### 'Spring Veggies for the 'Cool' Gardener'

*March 19th - free*

### 'SUNNYSIDE'S SPRING CELEBRATION'

*March 26th - free - 11am-3pm*

Grilled hotdog lunch 11am-2pm;

Lots of freebies and expert speakers & great deals all day;

Plus, donate non-perishables in our 'Cans for Cans' Winter Food Drive!

Visit [our website](#) for more details.



Visit our booth and hear 'The Whistling

Gardener' on growing your own produce:

Friday, Mar 4th - Sunday, 6th

Save \$2/ticket:

[www.everetthomegardenshow.com](http://www.everetthomegardenshow.com)



8am-3pm, Sat, March 5th

Come hear 'The Whistling Gardener' speak at 9:30am. Enjoy classes, talks, vendors & family activities all day!

For more details, visit:

[www.growinggroceries.wsu.edu](http://www.growinggroceries.wsu.edu)

## Bareroot plants come in many forms & it's time to plant them all!



Perennial food plants like asparagus & rhubarb, Fruit trees like apples, pears & plums, Small berries like blueberries, raspberries & strawberries....

Bareroot is a great way to plant. Lighter loads, easy transport, less waste and early planting give a great start on the season. Bareroot also saves money. Waiting past when plants leaf out means paying the price for potting.

Space a concern? Fruit trees are now available as mini-dwarfs, reaching a mere 6-8 feet. Columnar apples only spread 2-3 feet. Espaliered apples, pears and cherries fit snug against a sunny wall or fence. Strawberries can be planted in baskets and pots. And the selection of container sized blueberries is growing!

Don't forget: Every Tuesday is Sr. Citizen Day at Sunnyside. If you're 60 or older, save 10% on all regular prices!

## Way to go 2010 Giving Gardeners! We're teaming up again for 2011.



In February, we were happy to present 2010's top 14 growers for the Marysville Community Food Bank [Giving Gardens](#) program w/ a good load of E.B. Stone Soil Booster to help keep their gardens growing.

Special thanks goes to the student and teacher volunteers of the International School of Communications in Marysville. With contributions from Consolidated Landscape, deJong Sawdust, Vinyl Signs & Banners and the nursery, ISC gardeners grew nearly 2,300 lbs of fresh vegetables in the [Sunnyside Nursery Food Bank Garden](#) last year, making [Giving Gardens](#) top contributor for 2010!

### Way to go ISC - You're Number 1!

For 2011, our 63rd Anniversary, we'll give anyone who grows 63 lbs of produce or more for [Giving Gardens](#) a \$25 gift certificate to the nursery for 2012 veggie gardening plants & supplies!

If my ['State of the Garden' Address](#) is right, we may loose our shorts over this one, but food bank clients will have lots of fresh, homegrown food!



## Greetings from 'The Whistling Gardener'

Ok, gardeners. It's time to get in gear!

Fertilize the lawn. Natural, organic fertilizer quickly pays for itself in a much healthier lawn that needs less help.

Prune fruit trees, tidy up hedges and cut back grasses and old perennial growth. Watch your step for emerging plants. Apply natural fungicides to stop many spring diseases.

Roses are ready for a spring cut-back, also. Come to our free class, ['All About Roses'](#) March 5th to brush up on technique.

Weed, feed and mulch. A *Hula-Hoe* does wonders w/ weeding. Follow up with a sprinkling of corn gluten and weed seeds will leave you alone for months. Fertilize w/ a quality feed, like E.B.Stone organics. Then, top dress w/ an inch of compost. This will save you enormous amounts of time and labor later on.

Weed, lime, fertilize and work compost into veggie beds. No corn gluten here, though. Give beds a short rest & come to our free class ['Spring Veggies for the 'Cool Gardener'](#) March 19th. Plant spring crops. Use 'row cover' on cold nights.

Plant. Its still a great time to work on winter interest, but definitely check out what's blooming. Pick up some summer blooming bulbs, too.

Finally, kick off spring with [SUNNYSIDE'S SPRING CELEBRATION](#) March 26th.

