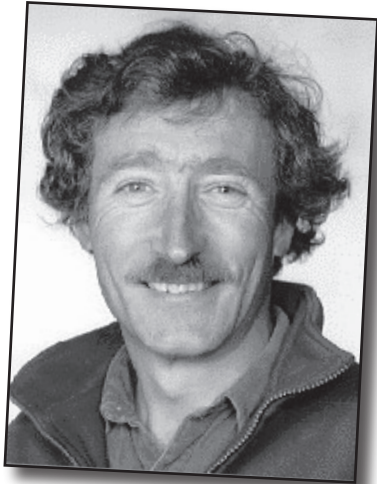


Water Ways



Ciscoe Morris

Back by popular demand: Ciscoe

Ciscoe Morris, host of the popular “Gardening with Ciscoe” program on KING 5 TV, will return to the KPQ Home and Garden Show on Sunday, March 13. Ciscoe will talk about gardening – including Xeriscape gardening – at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center on Sunday afternoon from noon to 1 p.m. The PUD will join Ciscoe at the presentation, providing information on the Riverfront Park Demonstration Garden and water conservation for our area.

Local gardeners packed the auditorium last year to hear Ciscoe’s presentation. The PUD asked him to

return, to focus once again on low-water-use landscaping.

The home show runs March 11-13.

Ciscoe is the former manager for grounds and landscaping at Seattle University and a WSU Master Gardener. He appears with Meeghan Black on KING 5 TV’s “Gardening with Ciscoe” segment.

Ciscoe has been a gardening expert for many years on both TV and radio. He has made regular appearances at the Northwest Home and Garden show. He

currently is featured on the “Home Grown Cooking” show on the Home and Garden TV cable network. His humorous and informational radio call-in

show, “Gardening with Ciscoe,” can be heard every Saturday morning on KIRO NewsRadio 710, beginning at 9 a.m.

You can also see Ciscoe each weekend on KING 5 Morning News which airs from 6 to 10 a.m. Saturdays and 7 to 9 a.m. Sundays.

Ciscoe has a masters degree from Seattle University. In addition to operating a thriving consultation business,

Ciscoe teaches at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture, Edmonds Community College, and Seattle University.

Down with deadheads

Mark your calendars: The Chelan County Master Gardener Association fundraising plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of C&O Nursery. Most of this year’s plants are

being raised from seed by master gardeners and will be sold in four-inch pots.

This year’s plant sale focuses on species that fit the needs of gardeners who

want flowers that thrive in our hot, dry climate, but require a little less maintenance when it comes to deadheading. More information will be available as the date of the sale draws closer. If you have questions about the sale or the Master Gardeners Association, contact the Washington State University Extension office at 667-6540.

KPQ Home and Garden Show

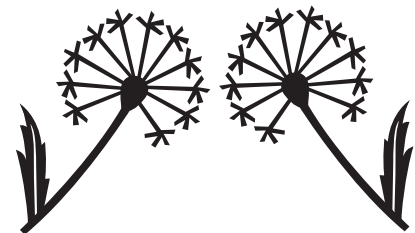
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Master Gardener Plant Sale

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Where: C&O Nursery



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Pilot water audit results

Customers who took part in the PUD's pilot outdoor water audit in 2003 reduced their water consumption by an average of 6 percent in 2004. This is less than expected; the PUD had hoped to see a reduction of about 10 percent. But the drop does indicate increased awareness of ways to cut back on landscape watering.

After examining 23 homes, our water auditors made several conclusions about watering practices in our area. To avoid common mistakes, you might want to consider these tips as you plan your landscape for 2005:

- Different sprinkler heads use different amounts of water. A spray head uses much more water than an impact

(oscillating) sprinkler, for example, but many people think of the two interchangeably. Different sprinkler heads should be used depending on the watering needs of the landscape. Changing from a spray or impact system to a drip system can save a tremendous amount of water.

- Be aware of the watering needs of your lawns and plants. Rhododendrons need lots of water; junipers don't need hardly any. Yet you'll

find the two plants side by side in some landscapes.

- Note how much water you are supplying to your landscaping, and vary your watering times to match the weather.
- Don't over-water. Lawns in 90 percent of the audited homes had root systems of 1.5 inches or less. Shallow root systems mean too much water is being used. A healthy root system should be 4-6 inches deep.

Watch for more tips in the spring issue of this newsletter.

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