

Water Ways



Julie Winters

Learn Xeriscape gardening from a "Gardening Goddess"

Join gardening expert Julie Winters at two free workshops on Xeriscape™ gardening April 23 and 30 at Sleepy Hollow Nursery.

Winters, known as the "Gardening Goddess"™ from her talk show on KOHO Radio, is the owner of Eden Design in Leavenworth. She has been a Chelan County Master Gardener since 1996 and teaches in the program.

She has been a guest speaker twice at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle.

On Saturday, April 23, the workshop will focus on "Xeriscape from A to Z." Come learn the seven

principles of Xeriscape gardening, and how to use those easy steps to save up to 80 percent in landscape water use. The workshop runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

The following Saturday, April 30, the workshop will feature tips on plant selection. Along with Winters, the experts at Sleepy Hollow Nursery will help you select drought-tolerant perennials, shrubs and trees that suit your location and lifestyle. The workshop is from noon to 1 p.m.

The workshops are sponsored by the PUD, Sleepy Hollow Nursery and Eden Design. Sleepy Hollow Nursery is located at 1276 Lower Sunnyslope Road.

For more information on Winters, visit her Web site at www.gardeninggoddess.com. Xeriscape information is located at the PUD's Web site: www.chelanpud.org. Click on "conservation."

On the calendar

"Xeriscape from A to Z"
April 23, 10-11 a.m.,
Sleepy Hollow Nursery

"Water-Wise Plant Selection"
April 30, noon to 1 p.m.,
Sleepy Hollow Nursery

Master Gardeners Plant Sale
April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
C&O Nursery parking lot

Sale features drought-tolerant plants

The Chelan County Master Gardeners' popular annual plant sale takes place Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the C & O Nursery parking lot, 1700 N.

Wenatchee Ave. Water-wise and low-maintenance plants will be featured. Vendors joining the sale with displays or items for sale include Jan's Hanging Gardens, S & W Irrigation, Derby Canyon Natives, Sleepy Hollow Nursery and The Dahlia Society. The Master Gardeners will host a Xeriscape display and a diagnosis clinic to answer questions and provide information.



Watch this garden grow

Several new varieties of drought-tolerant plants have been added to the Riverfront Park Xeriscape Demonstration Garden. Brochures identifying all the plants and grasses in the garden have been updated for spring 2005 and are available at the garden. This is a good place to get ideas for your own water-wise landscaping.

The garden is located in Wenatchee along the Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail between Fifth Street and the Nile Saunders Steam Train. Take a look!



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Make every drop count

With a possible drought looming this summer, this is a great time to review your water conservation practices, both indoors and outdoors. Here are a few quick tips to help you make every drop count:

OUTDOORS

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Spread a layer of organic mulch around plants to retain moisture and save water, time and money.
- Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.

More ways to save

Brochures with tips on water-wise practices are available at the PUD office in Wenatchee. Call us and we'll mail them to you: 661-8008. Or visit these web sites: www.chelanpud.org (click on "conservation") and wateruseitwisely.com

INDOORS

- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save

up to 150 gallons per month.

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

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