

WSU Discovery Garden



The Discovery Garden, a WSU demonstration/learning garden, was established in 1996 by Master Gardeners on the grounds of the WSU-Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center on State Route 536 (Memorial Highway).

The garden is **open to the public from dawn to dusk, seven days a week, through all four seasons** in the Pacific Northwest. It's a great place to visit, gather ideas, answer questions for your own landscape, learn what does well in Skagit County, or to simply sit and enjoy the beauty that is the Discovery Garden. Tuesday mornings, Master Gardeners maintain the garden. Feel free to stop by and chat!



WSU Skagit County Extension

MASTER GARDENERS

Newsletter

"The Gardener" newsletter is available online at www.skagit.wsu.edu/MG. Packed with season-appropriate planting tips and articles on gardening gear, the newsletter also includes a calendar on special events and educational opportunities.

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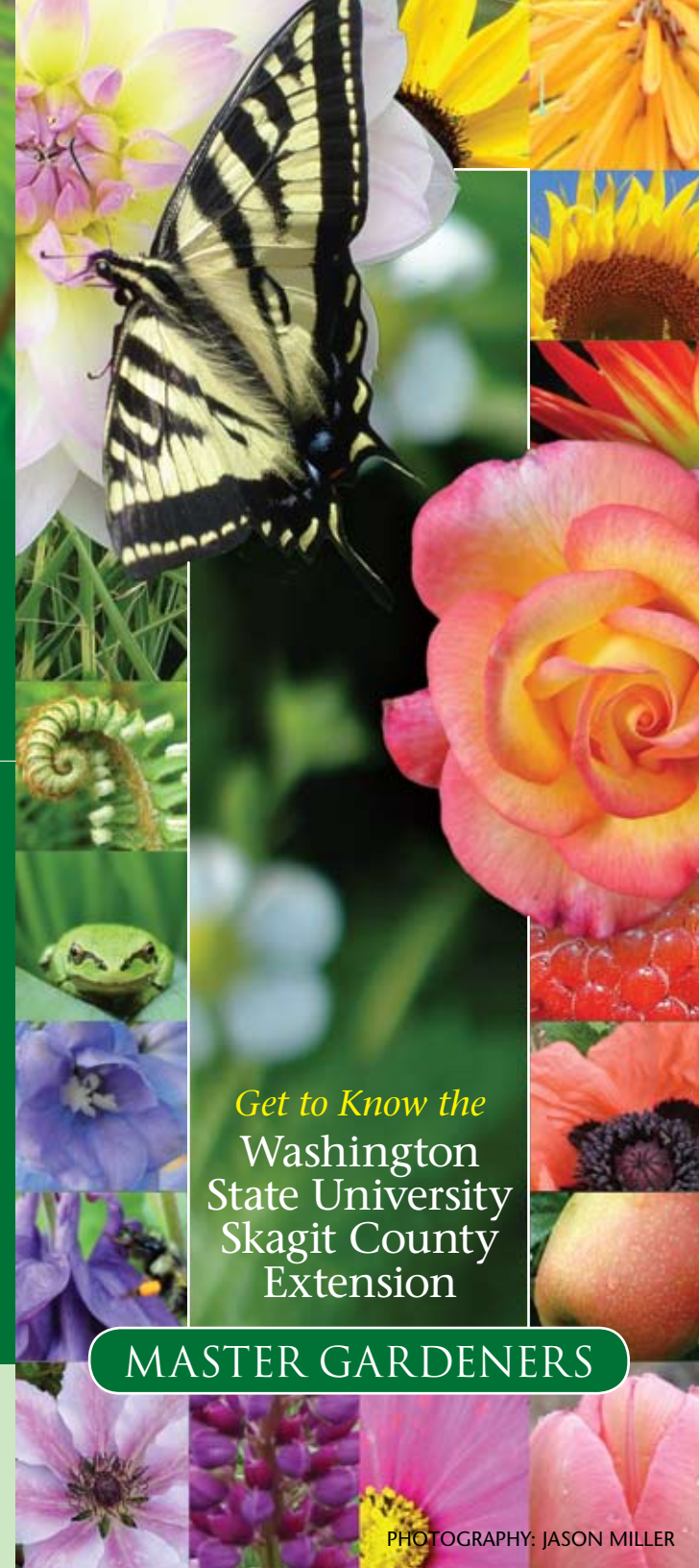
16602 State Route 536
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Web site: <http://mtvernon.wsu.edu/index.html>

We gladly accept donations of time, materials, and money to support our local programs. Call the WSU Extension office or visit our Web site for more information.

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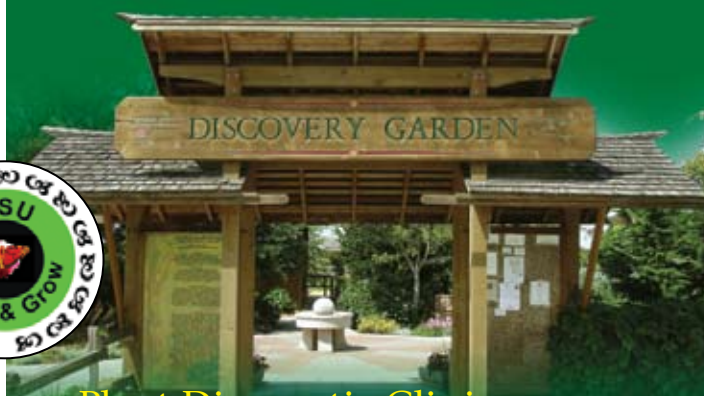
The focus of the Master Gardener program is education. In Skagit County, the Master Gardeners have developed a series of 90-minute workshops that are free to the public. Speakers are drawn from expert Master Gardeners and our region's top horticulturalists and researchers. Held at the WSU–Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center, these workshops are as varied as the world of gardening. Visit our Web site or call the office for a schedule of topics.



DIG-IT!

(Discovery In Gardening Is Terrific!)

This award-winning program brings second- and third-grade students to the Discovery Garden to work with Master Gardeners to learn about home gardening and commercial agriculture in the Skagit Valley. Teachers participate by teaching five lessons in the classroom prior to the field trip to the Discovery Garden. Parents and other supporting adults are an integral part of the process and help to create the low student-to-adult ratio (5:1). While at the Garden, students participate in learning stations that cover planting and composting, tools and modifications for exceptional individuals, plant dyes and art, and animal tracks.



Plant Diagnostic Clinic and Insect Collection

Plant Clinic is staffed by Master Gardeners who have been trained and certified to **diagnose plant disease and cultural problems, as well as assist with plant, weed, and insect identification.** Supported by numerous references and knowledge about issues common in Skagit County, Master Gardeners at Plant Clinic assist home gardeners with information, management ideas, and problem-solving tips.

Our insect collection showcases insects that have been collected in Skagit County. Plant Clinic Master Gardeners can recommend insect management strategies for you that are specific to this area.

Plant Clinic/Anacortes:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., April – September, at Anacortes Senior Center, 1701 – 22nd Street

Plant Clinic/Burlington:

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., May – October, at WSU Skagit County Extension Office, 11768 Westar Lane, Suite A, near the Burlington airport, 360.428.4270, ext. 0

Plant Clinic/Mount Vernon:

Last Saturday of every month, May – September, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at WSU–Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center, 16650 State Route 536 (Memorial Highway)."

Visit our Web site for information on collecting and packaging samples for plant diseases, insects, and plant/weed identification.



Anacortes Kid's Garden

The Anacortes Kid's Garden located at 23rd and Q, where Master Gardeners have constructed a tool shed and 11 raised beds. The Master Gardeners work in partnership with the Anacortes Housing Authority and the children living at Site 3 to grow vegetables and fruit the children can harvest and take home to their families.

Speakers Bureau

Spreading the word about sound gardening practices is the mission of the Master Gardener program. If your group would like a speaker, call our office and let us know what topic you would like covered. Among our 170 Master Gardeners in Skagit County, there is someone who could be your next speaker!

Newspaper Articles

Written by Master Gardeners, our **gardening column appears in the Home and Garden section of the Skagit Valley Herald** three Fridays a month. The column addresses gardening challenges and successes unique to Skagit County and the Pacific Northwest, and contains information valuable for every gardener, from novice to experienced green thumb.

