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***EMILY BISHTON BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!***

***Getting Plants off to a Great Start: Proper Planting, Watering, and More!***

**HOSTED BY KCWD90**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018, 11:00 – 12:30 P.M.**

**AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE**

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**The Class Will Be Part Inside (PowerPoint) And Part Outside Hands-On Demos.**

Adding plants to your garden is an investment of time, money, and energy, so it's important to get them started off right for many years of health and vigor. Knowing how to choose plants with good trunk and branch structure, and the right growth form for your site will also help you make choices that will fulfill your long-term garden needs. It's also important to understand how to recognize and remedy any root problems you find rather than burying them out of sight until it's too late. Last but not least, under-watering or over-watering and improper pruning are some of the most common mistakes that cause plant decline or death.



This class will cover how to examine plant structure, predict future growth habit, properly plant bare-root, ball-and-burlap, and container-grown plants, correct girdling roots, "J" roots, and other root problems, good mulching methods, how often/how much to water new plants, and proper pruning methods. The presentation includes a PowerPoint, a handout with a step-by-step guide to getting plants off to a great start, a display of healthy plants and plants with root problems, and hands-on demos of planting, mulching, and pruning!

**Emily Bishton-** is a landscape designer and educator who has designed sustainable landscapes throughout the Seattle area since 1997. She specializes in wildlife-friendly and child-friendly gardens, edible landscapes, and in teaching clients how to use organic practices to install and maintain their gardens. Her public projects include the Magnuson Community Center Bird-friendly Landscape and Resource Conservation Landscape, the Orca at Whitworth School Garden, and Bradner Gardens Park Winter Interest Garden. Emily is also the Director and Lead Instructor for Magnuson Nature Programs, which provides hands-on outdoor education for children, adults, and families. Among many other credentials, Emily is a Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH), as certified by the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association (WSNLA).

## ABOUT ME...

**M**y earliest garden memory is of crawling to the center of my mom's raspberry patch to sit and eat the ripe berries that no one else could reach but me. I've had a garden of my own for over 35 years, and I still get a thrill from eating organically grown raspberries right out of my backyard.



### Education and Training:

- Edmonds Community College - Assoc. of Arts Degree in Horticulture/Landscape Design
- WSNLA - Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH)
- National Wildlife Federation - Certified Landscape Professional
- Seattle Tilth - Master Composter
- WSU/King County - Master Gardener
- Seattle Audubon - Master Birder
- Plant Amnesty - Master Pruner
- Seattle Public Utilities - Stormwater Management/RainWise Training
- Arbor Day Foundation - Nature Explore Training

During the past 20+ years, I have also attended dozens of conferences and workshops on a wide variety of topics, including: Children's Garden Design and Program Planning, Outdoor Classrooms, Community Gardens and Coalition-Building, Volunteer Management, Horticulture Therapy, the Soil Food Web, Integrated Pest Management, Plant Disease Diagnosis, Native Plants and Peoples, Salmon-Friendly Gardening and Water Quality, Orchard Mason Beekeeping, Drip Irrigation, Trunk and Root Exams, Slope Stability, Mosses and Lichens, and more.

One of the best things about nature and horticulture is that you can never know it all! Besides attending organized educational events, I consider each day to be another exciting opportunity to learn.

### Professional Experience: <https://sites.google.com/site/greenlightgardening/about-us>

- Sustainable Gardening Educator for municipalities and other entities in the Puget Sound area: 1997 - present. Clients include: Seattle Public Utilities, Cascade Water Alliance, Woodinville Water District and other members of the Saving Water Partnership, City of Bellevue, Snohomish County Public Works, City of Federal Way, Savvy Gardener Program, Green Gardening Program, Washington Native Plant Society, nurseries, garden clubs, libraries, and community groups.
- Lead garden educator for the 70th & Sandpoint Child Care Center preschool classes: 2006 - present
- Director and lead educator for Magnuson Community Center Nature Programs: 2005 - 2017
- Lead garden educator for Sand Point Elementary School: Spring 2014 - Fall 2015
- Lead instructor for the "Adventures in the Garden" after-school program at Jane Addams K-8 (now Hazel Wolf K-8): 2012 - 2014 Designer of Sand Point Elementary School Native Plant Garden: 2014
- Designer of private gardens throughout King and Snohomish Counties: 2002-2015
- Designer of Magnuson Community Center Resource Conservation Landscape: 2011
- Designer of Sand Point Child Development Center children's garden: 2009-2010