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April and May are very busy gardening months full of opportunities. I couldn't cover it all in last week's column so we'll continue today.

Washington State University Kitsap County Master Gardeners are now on duty at diagnostic clinics. In addition to diagnosing your gardening problems they can often identify insects and will have educational materials and displays to share.

Clinics are at the following locations and times: Port Orchard Farmer's Market (Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Port Orchard Nursery (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Port Orchard Fred Meyer (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Bremerton WalMart (Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Lowes (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Home Depot Silverdale (Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Poulsbo Market Thriftway (Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Poulsbo's Central Market (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Kingston Farmers Market (Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Bainbridge Hardware (Thursdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Winslow Farmers Market (Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

If these times don't work you can drive to the County Extension Office at 715 Sidney in Port Orchard on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from noon to 4 p.m. to meet with the Master Gardeners on duty. Regular Extension Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Extension staff can help with your horticulture problems or provide educational information. If you're unable to visit a clinic you can call the Master Gardener Hotline at 360-337-7158.

Fifty new Master Gardeners have completed nearly three months of training. Many members of the Class of 2002 used their work vacation time to attend classes every Friday. They're well-trained and raring to help you learn more about IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and eco-friendly gardening.

Congratulations to: Christa Akers, Yvonne Allen, Pamalia (CORRECT SPELLING) Beggs, Susan Berg, Ruth Bloch, Betty Clark, Cindy Closson, Caroline Cloudas, Dayna Cohen, Ralph Cox, Priscilla (Tish)(CORRECT SPELLING) Culp, Frank Deebach, Linda Dougherty, Marina Fillingham, Joy Forsberg, Robin Furth, Robert and Sharon Gakin, Patricia Gilbert, Beth Gore, Debbie Harrington, Linda Helmer, Sue Henning, Henri (CORRECT SPELLING) Ann Holt, Toni and Martin Jacobson, Audrey Jones, Mike Juneau, Marion Lazarus, Cheryl Leach, Debbie Marion-Shobe, Ellen Marshall, Sherry Martello, Pam Martin, Sally Matulich, Brigham Morgan, Joe Nanfito, Phyllis (Polly) Nelson, Nanci Powell, Shannon Robinson, Joyia Rubens, John Shobe, Donna Slaughter, Robin and Caleb Summerfelt, Janice Stauffer, Linda Thomas, Donna Waring, and Jackie and Myrlene Young.

Get ready for all the plant sales. This is one of the best ways to expand your garden economically. Central Valley Garden Club's sale is April 26-27 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Club Hall 10200 Central Valley Road. Sunnyslope Garden Club's sale is May 3 at the

Sunnyslope Community Hall, Clifton Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Long Lake Garden Club's sale is at Kitsap Bank in Port Orchard on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. East Bremerton Garden Club's sale is May 4 at Perry Avenue Mall 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evergreen Garden Club's sale is May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pope Center by Olympic Savings in Belfair. The WSU Kitsap County Master Gardener's Plant Sale is May 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kitsap County 4-H Cat Barn at the Fairgrounds.

Last but not least Poulsbo Garden Club's sale is May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Poulsbo Library on Lincoln Street. Additionally they'll have informational booths (Master Gardeners, Master Composters, Weed Advisors) and the following vendors: Grandma Elaine's (bee's wax lotion and creams), Sam's Woodworking (garden furniture), Ravens Nursery (hyper tufa), Raquel Stanek (mosaic creations), Jerry Listle (Kingston Worm Farm), Bernadette Cotinola (copper garden art), Janet Sandall (embroidery dollies), Robyn Krutch (garden art), Connie Gooding and Cheryl Leach of Moose Tracks (handmade cards), Denise Johnson (Spittin' Toad Jewelry), Patricia Daily (sun catchers) and Ocean Sky Farms (herb and floral soaps).

You won't want to miss any of these events. And, I think I might have to take on a second job so I can visit all these plant sales. Until next week, happy gardening.

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