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Congratulations to the following new Master Gardeners: Christa Akers, Yvonne Allen, Pam Beggs, Susan Berg, Betty Clark, Cindy Closson, Caroline Cloudas, Dayna Cohen, Ralph Cox, Frank Deebach, Linda Dougherty, Marina Fillingham, Joy Forsberg, Robin Furth, Robert and Sharon Gakin, Patty Gilbert, Beth Gore, Debbie Harrington, Linda Helmer, Sue Henning, Henri Ann Holt, Toni and Martin Jacobson, Mike Juneau, Cheryl Leach, Debbie Marion-Shobe, Ellen Marshall, Sherry Martello, Pam Martin, Sally Matulich, Brig Morgan, Joe Nanfито, Polly Nelson, Nanci Powell, Shannon Robinson, Joyia Rubens, Donna Slaughter, Janice Stauffer, Robin and Caleb Summerfelt, Linda Thomas, Donna Waring and Jackie and Myrlene Young.

These dedicated new Master Gardeners have just completed over 50 hours each of volunteer service in Kitsap County. They've put in a minimum of 24 hours each in plant and insect diagnostic clinics throughout Kitsap County and have helped in a myriad of ways teaching others about horticulture. They've worked in the WSU Cooperative Extension Gardens from the South end of the county all the way to Bainbridge Island. They've each put in more than 60 hours of class time too. Their contributions this year are invaluable as have been the efforts of the other one hundred and fifty Kitsap County Master Gardeners. I'm honored to work with and know each of you. Thank You!

Valley Nursery in Poulsbo and Bainbridge Gardens on Bainbridge Island have a plethora of classes to help make your holiday giving and decorating enjoyable. Visit www.valleynurseryinc.com and www.bainbridgegardens.com for a complete listing of classes. Or call Bainbridge Gardens at 206-842-5888 or Valley Nursery at 360-779-3806 for a complete listing or to register for the classes.

Classes at Bainbridge Gardens run five dollars a class with an additional materials fee. Bow Making with Mary Camp on Saturday November 16 at 11 a.m. sounds great. If you've been dying to get rid of that ivy try "Ivy Out!" on November 23 at 11 a.m. Wreath Making is Saturday and Sunday November 23 and 24 at 11 a.m. and you definitely won't want to miss Light Master Tim's class on Light Flower Crafting on Saturday November 30 at 11 a.m. Tim's class runs two hours. The fee ten dollars plus materials. Many of these classes are repeated in December.

Bainbridge Gardens has its own "Festival of Light" each year. The kickoff is November 16 with a juried art show called "Illuminations: Solstice Garden Art." Artists from all over the northwest have been invited to create original works to set your garden aglow. The grand opening and artist's reception is Saturday November 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hot cider and freshly baked cookies. December promises to continue with even more events and classes. I'll tantalize you in another column. Or call the nursery to get on the mailing list or visit the Bainbridge Gardens website.

Valley Nursery in Poulsbo has abundant offerings too. "Connecting with Nature" is Saturday November 16 at 10 a.m. You'll find gift ideas for people who love the outdoors.

The free class includes instructions for ideas for take home projects. Terri Mitchell will inspire you with this class.

Holiday Wreath Making at Valley Nursery begins with a class on Friday November 22. After the class you can reserve a time to use the wreath making machines for free. Classes are also offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 22, 23 and 24; Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 29, 30, and December 1; Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 6, 7 and 8 all at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On Saturday November 23 at 11:30 join Tim Lowell from Garden Artworks to make two stepping stones for a materials fee of twenty-five dollars. The class is repeated on Saturday December 14 at both 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you miss the class during the holidays you'll have another chance on Saturday January 18.

Deb Riley's class could be an early holiday present for yourself. Come join Deb to learn how to paint wonderful flower scenes with watercolor on paper. Then after applying gel medium, front and back and a little drying time your hand crafted placemat is ready to take home. The material fee is \$40 and includes supplies for use in the class. Class is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reserve your space early by calling 360-779-3806.

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