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There are so many events coming up in June and July you'll have to take time off from work during the week to spend in your garden so you can take advantage of all the great opportunities on the weekends instead.

Saturday June 12 at 1 p.m. you'll want to attend a class on cost-effective watering at the Raab Park Youth and Community Garden in Poulsbo on Caldart Street. Debbie Thomas from the P.U.D. will offer tips and ideas for conserving and better utilizing water in your gardens. This looks to be another very dry summer so you'll want to attend this free class sponsored by WSU Extension and the Kitsap Community Garden Foundation.

Wednesday June 16 from 1-3 p.m. at Eagle's Nest at the Kitsap Fairgrounds attend a free class sponsored by the Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County. Pierce County Master Gardener Bill Haven will speak on rock gardens. He'll offer tips on selecting rocks and plants and explain design perspectives. You won't want to miss this informative class.

Saturday and Sunday June 19 and 20 take in the "Gifts of the Garden" Tour in South Kitsap from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets call 360-535-6163 or purchase on the day of the tour at Cedar Springs. Tickets are fifteen dollars benefiting the Kerry Ogden Memorial Scholarship Fund for disadvantaged youth. Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority plans and coordinates the event every year. I've seen the gardens and had the privilege of meeting the owners. You'll find delight and inspiration galore. Artists and vendors are located at Cedar Springs where you can begin the tour and leave your car to hop on shuttle buses to all the gardens.

Saturday June 19 from 1-3 p.m. Dan Hinkley is speaking on "Foliage in the Garden: Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Perennials and Annuals with Distinctive Foliage" at the Red Lion Inn in Silverdale. Tickets are twelve dollars. The event is sponsored by the Kitsap County Master Gardener Foundation.

Saturday June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon you'll find plants for sale at the Northwest College of Arts WSU Master Gardener Learning Garden. If you haven't planted tomatoes yet hurry up to the garden to peruse heirloom varieties plus lots of annuals and perennials. Then you can race to hear Dan Hinkley and remember to keep Sunday open to take your dad, brother or husband on the South Kitsap "Gifts of the Garden" Tour.

Aging is one of the facts of life. Many of us as will become physically limited in a variety of ways. The WSU Master Gardeners have created a display garden at the Northwest College of Arts on enabled or "adaptive" gardening. The display shows many ways to continue gardening or to help a loved one continue gardening. You can attend a class on "Adaptive Gardening" at the Northwest College of Arts on Sunday June 27 from 1-3 p.m. The class is free and wheelchair accessible at the Red Building north of the garden. WSU Master Gardener Kathy Morse is the instructor. For more information call 360-337-7157.

Registration is not necessary. The Northwest College of the Arts is near Milepost 9 across from the George Fireworks Stand on Highway 305 in Poulsbo.

The award-winning Raab Park Youth Garden on Caldart Street in Poulsbo begins its eighth year on Monday June 28. Gardening activities for kids and their accompanying adults are every Monday from 10:30 to 1 p.m. continuing every Monday through August 30. June 28 join the WSU Master Gardeners and community volunteers for a “Peter Rabbit Tea Party.” You might even see Farmer McGregor. Bring a plate of cookies to share and small containers with holes for planting up a miniature Peter Rabbit Garden to take home. Wear sunblock, bring a sack lunch and be ready to have fun while learning about gardening. Most Mondays are free, however, some days a one dollar materials fee may be requested. For more information about the Youth Garden call 360-337-7157 or 360-779-9898.

Sunday July 11 come to a wonderful open house with abundant speakers throughout the day from noon to 4 p.m. at Anna Smith Children’s Garden in Tracyton. This WSU Master Gardener Learning and Demonstration Garden is fourteen years old and the first garden of its kind in Kitsap County. The Master Gardeners want to share their delight in gardening with everyone and invite you to their tour and open house. Refreshments will be provided and you’ll have the opportunity to learn about herbs, vegetables, dahlias, perennials and growing small fruits and tree fruits. Please join the Master Gardeners in celebrating fourteen years of gardening in Tracyton.

These announcements only take us half way through July. You’ll find many more classes and offerings through fall by visiting http://kitsap.wsu.edu/hort/PDF_Mgfiles/2004_WSU_MG_Events_Calendar.pdf.