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It's Spring! That means composting, gardening and plant sales. You'll want to attend one of these free compost class in April or May: Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Long Lake Community Center in Port Orchard; Sunday, May 18 from 1-3 p.m. at Clear Creek Nursery in Silverdale; and Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eagle's Nest Room at the Fairgrounds; and Sunday, May 25 from 1-3 p.m. at Valley Nursery in Poulsbo. The classes are presented by Bobbie Morgan, Master Composter, of Natural Landscapes Project. Reservations are requested. Contact Bobbie at 206-842-5955. One lucky attendee at each class will have the opportunity to win a free Cascadia Composter.

Here's this year's list of upcoming plant sales:

Kitsap Dahlia Society: April 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Road in Central Kitsap; and on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kitsap Saddle Club in Port Orchard. Call 360-698-0123 for details.

Central Valley Garden Club: April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Valley Community Hall, 10200 Central Valley Road in Central Kitsap. Call 360-697-1059 for details.

Pt. Gamble Sklallam Second Annual Garden Sale: April 25 in Little Boston at the Tribal Center. Call Laurie Mattson at 360-297-6274 for more details.

Long Lake Garden Club: May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from Kitsap Bank on Bay Street in Port Orchard. Call 360-769-2258 for details.

The Fuchsia Society: May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cat Barn at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Call 360-692-6632 for details.

Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County: May 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Van Zee Building at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Call 360-337-7157 for details.

Bainbridge Island Garden Club: May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ace Hardware on High School Road. Call 206-780-6819 for details.

The Evergreen Garden Club: May 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pope Center in Belfair. Call 360-275-5783 for details.

Poulsbo Garden Club: May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NW Design Center, at the intersection of Highway 305 and Hostmark in Poulsbo. Call 360-697-1172 for details.

EcoFest, possibly our county's most famous and free Earth Day celebration is April 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stillwaters, 26059 Barber Cut Off Road in Kinston. This year in addition to all the festivities, you can purchase and take native plants home. Planting

"native" is great for the environment, helps local wildlife and saves on watering costs, too! Park at Bayside Church or Gordon Elementary, take the shuttle to attend EcoFest. They'll also help you get purchased plants back to your vehicle. All plants are priced very reasonably, from \$5 to \$25. Visit www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org for a complete plant listing or call 360-297-2876.

The number of Earth Day activities are astounding this year. We'll try to list as many as we can at <http://kitsap.wsu.edu>, but also check the calendar section of this newspaper all during April. Both Bremerton and Olympic College Campuses have activities the week of April 21. Enviropalooza at Islandwood is April 13, with a complete schedule at <http://www.islandwood.org/communityevents/enviropalooza> or call 206-855-4340. Walmart in Port Orchard is celebrating Earth Day all during the month of April. Call the store for details.