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Washington State WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference October 1-3, 2020



The 2020 WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference (AEC2020), will offer approved continuing education classes for Master Gardeners from across Washington State. The Conference will be held on October 1-3 at Fort Worden Conference Center in Port Townsend, Washington on the Olympic Peninsula. The event is also open to the gardening public.

AEC2020 is dedicated to providing new ideas and science-based information designed to inspire innovation and creativity. The goal is to help Master Gardeners develop new programs and activities in their home counties...thereby reaching tens of thousands of home gardeners across the State.

Attendees will select from over 30 classes. Topics are focused on Garden Mastery, Home Food Production, Master Gardener Skills, and Garden Sustainability and Maintenance. Master Gardener registrants will be able to record up to 9.5 hours of required Continuing Education (CE) credits for classes, keynote and plenary sessions, and enjoy custom-designed optional Tours for additional CE.

The featured keynote speaker is Ron Gagliardo, Sr. Manager, Horticultural Services, amazon.com. In 2018, Amazon opened *The Spheres* in Seattle, the result of innovative thinking about the character of the workplace and an extended conversation about what is typically missing from the urban office environment - a direct link to nature. "Year Five on Day One: Growing the Amazon Spheres" is his story of the design, building, technological advances and diverse plant collection from around the world.

The 2020 Conference will attract upwards of 300 registrants and is produced by the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS). The MGFWS enhances the ability of the WSU Master Gardener Program to support the training and projects of county WSU Master Gardener programs throughout Washington State. The Master Gardener program is an education and outreach program of Washington State University Extension.

AEC2020 Class Schedule and Instructor information will post to the conference website later this Fall and Registration opens on April 1, 2020. mglearns.org