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The Washington State International Kite Festival comes to a stunning ending this weekend in Long Beach, Washington.

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Master gardeners to answer questions, sell native plants at summer plant clinic

ILWACO, Wash. — Washington State University Master Gardeners of Pacific County will hold its last Summer Plant Diagnostic Clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. The clinic will take place at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum's Discovery Garden, located behind the museum's parking lot at 115 S.W. Lake St.

Master gardeners will be there to address plant questions and concerns. Bring samples if you can.

At the clinic, master gardeners will also sell native plants in 1-gallon and 2-gallon pots. There are ocean spray and serviceberry in limited quantities. Credit cards are accepted.

At the last plant clinic, attendees challenged master gardeners with questions about their plants and gardening concerns. Here's a sampling:

- Problem: My rhododendron is suffering from root weevil, both adult and larvae.

Suggestion: Use beneficial nematodes; use chemical control as a last resort.

- Problem: My green pepper plants in my greenhouse are sickly. What's my problem?

Coast Weekend welcomes comments and contributions from readers. New items for publication consideration must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesday, one week and two days before publication.

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Master gardeners will have native serviceberries for sale at the summer plant clinic.

Suggestion: The problem is aphids. Sometimes, a strong blast of water from the hose will knock aphids off of the plant and solve the problem. Spraying with insecticide soap will also eliminate

these problem pests.

- Problem: The leaves of my rose bushes have a red / orange powdery substance on them. Should I move

them into the open?

Suggestions: Your plant has rust, which is a fungal disease. Pick and destroy infected leaves to prevent spread of disease. Prune to increase air circulation.

WSU Extension also supports two websites that can help you diagnose your own plant problems.

Hortsense, <http://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu>, contains fact sheets for the home gardener to manage plant problems using Integrated Pest Management.

Pestsense, <http://pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu>, contains fact sheets for managing common indoor pest problems with Integrated Pest Management.

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Summer Plant Clinic

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Discovery Garden

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