

## Expand your sustainable gardening skills at master gardener workshop

Learn to propagate herbaceous plants, join work party at Discovery Garden

ILWACO, Wash. — The Washington State University Master Gardeners of Pacific County will hold their final 2016 gardening workshop at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum: “Sustainable Gardening by Propagating Herbaceous Plants.”

Master gardeners will demonstrate how to successfully propagate plants using stem cuttings. Bring a small sharp knife and a favorite plant to propagate and share. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the museum’s Discovery Garden, located behind the museum’s parking lot at 115 S.E. Lake St.

After the workshop, master gardeners invite attendees to join a work party in the Discovery Garden. Bring your favorite gardening tools, and dress for the



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Roots for the raspberry sundae variety of peonies will be for sale.

weather. The WSU Master Gardeners of Pacific County and the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum aim to renovate and maintain a Pacific County Master Gardener demonstration garden at the museum.

The workshop and plant clinic are free and open to the public.

If you have plant questions or problems, stop by and ask a master gardener

any time between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If possible, bring samples of your plant problem.

In addition, master gardeners still have raspberry sundae peony roots available for sale, just in time for fall planting ahead of next year’s spring-time blooms. Add showy color to your garden with these hardy, dependable shrubs.

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## Learn how a former dairy farm is being restored to wetland habitat

Lower Nehalem Watershed Council kicks off 2016-17 speaker series

MANZANITA — How do you restore tidal channels and wetland habitat in floodplain areas that have historically been diked and disconnected? The Lower Nehalem Watershed Council’s kick-off event for its 2016-17 speaker series will aim to answer that question.

Dick Vander Schaaf, associate director of the Coast and Marine Conservation Program for The Nature Conservancy, will talk about the Kilchis Estuary Restoration Project, which focuses on restoring critical habitat for native salmon in Tillamook Bay.

The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 13 at Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments. The presentation will start at 7:20 p.m. following an update from the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Nature Conservancy purchased a former dairy farm in 2010 on the lower Kilchis River with the intention to restore the tidal wetland habitat that once dominated. The Conservancy used hydrologic modeling to develop restoration scenarios for the project and to foresee impacts due to climate change. Vander Schaaf’s presentation will step through the planning and restoration process and discuss future work at the site. The project also has broader implications for wetland restoration on agricultural lands in Tillamook County.

Joining Vander Schaaf on



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At the Kilchis Estuary Preserve in Tillamook County, The Nature Conservancy is working to restore the land of a former dairy farm to tidal wetland habitat.

Oct. 13 will be Tillamook County Community Development Planner Hilary Foote, who will give a short introduction to Senate Bill 1517. Sometimes called the Oregon Wetlands Bill, it designates Tillamook County as the site for a 10-year pilot review process where the restoration and agricultural communities of the county can engage in an exploration of the ways in which the agricultural use of high-value farmland can be preserved in coordination with wetlands restoration and enhancement to the benefit of the larger community. SB-1517 resulted from Oregon’s 2016 legislative session in response to the restoration work at the Kilchis Estuary Preserve.

Vander Schaaf provides leadership and oversight in coastal and marine projects that guide and support The Nature Conservancy’s conservation work in Oregon. He leads estuary conservation activities on Oregon’s North Coast, coordinates the Conservancy’s involvement in marine reserve implementation in Oregon’s territorial waters, and is working on climate change adaptation as

it relates to coastal conservation. Before focusing on coastal conservation issues, Vander Schaaf directed ecoregional conservation assessment work for the Oregon Nature Conservancy and led The Nature Conservancy’s effort at public lands conservation in Oregon. He has been with the Conservancy since 1983 when he was the Cascade Head field intern. He has a Master of Science in ecology from the University of Oregon and a Master of Planning from the University of Oregon’s Urban and Regional Planning Department.

Foote is a land-use planner for Tillamook County focusing on farm and forest uses and is the project manager for the implementation of SB-1517. In her spare time she runs a grass-fed beef cattle operation in Nehalem with her husband. Prior to moving to the North Coast, Foote spent over a decade working in utility-scale renewable energy development and regulatory affairs.

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