

# Country Living

## Fall 2017



**Serving: Arlington, Lake Stevens, Marysville,  
Smokey Point & Stanwood Areas**

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# Gourd Carving and Painting

In this open studio format, gourds can be carved, wood-burned and painted for a finished look. Gourds come in all shapes and sizes and are perfect for decorating your own individual masterpiece. From earrings to baskets and everything in between, let your creativity soar!

Bring your own project and tools. Share ideas and learn techniques from fellow artists.

This class is a drop-in format for adults and is \$5 per visit. Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon through December 26 (no class Nov. 7) at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave. in Marysville.



# Homemade dog food

Dogs are being diagnosed with allergies, diabetes, joint issues, and worse in increasing numbers. A kibble diet, while convenient, may not be the healthiest option for all dogs.

Kimberly Gauthier, nationally known Dog Nutrition Blogger and Pet Food Nutrition Specialist, shares the ins and outs of a raw food diet for dogs, including what she feeds her dogs, where she gets the ingredients, and how she keeps her dogs healthy.

Classes are \$25 and are for those 16 years of age and older and will be held at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave. in Marysville, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are two dates to choose from: Sunday, Oct. 15 (code # 6893) and Sunday, Nov. 19 (code #6894). To register, call 360-363-8400 or visit [www.marysvillwa.gov](http://www.marysvillwa.gov).



## Briefs

### Book Sale

Great books available at bargain prices Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arlington Library, 135 N. Washington. October's theme is crafts.

### Tinsel Town and WWII

Experience the still powerful images, radio and film that emerged from this dramatic time at the Stanwood Library, 9701-271st St. NW, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

### Fire Engine Tour

Kids and families can explore fire safety with Fire Chief Jim Haverfield. Enjoy fire safety stories, fire equipment facts/demo, and a fire engine tour. Bring your cameras. This event for all ages will be at the Granite Falls Library, 815 E. Galena, at 3 p.m.

### Horses, Horses, Horses

Horse safety, horse riding, horse sense oh my! If you love horses come and explore horse stories, horse rescue, fun facts and much more with local horse trainer and author Shannon Kennedy of Horse Country Farm. For school-age kids and families. Granite Falls Library, 815 E. Galena, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

### Meet the Police Chief

Kids and families explore public safety with Granite Falls Police Chief, Sgt. Christopher Ferreira. Enjoy stories, equipment demo/facts and a vehicle tour. Bring your cameras. For all ages; kids 5 and under must have caregiver present. Granite Falls Library, 815 E. Galena, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

### What is "The Cloud"?

Curious about "the cloud" and what it can do for you? Are you worried about losing your pictures and documents? Do

you wish you could access your data from anywhere? This session will explain benefits of using the cloud and introduce several cloud services. Registration is recommended. Marysville Library, 6120 Grove St., Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

### Families and Dementia

Arlington Library will host a forum "Mental Health: Let's Talk About Families and Dementia" on Nov. 9. A panel of experts will explore such issues as symptoms to watch for and community support, and take questions from the audience. Mayor Barbara Tolbert will moderate. This will be at the Stillaguamish Senior Center, 18308 Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington at 6:30 p.m.

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### Photoshop Basics

Learn how to crop, adjust color, reduce red-eye, minimize wrinkles, and remove objects. Session is approximately 45 minutes. Registration is recommended. Marysville Library, 6120 Grove St., Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

### Giant Scrabble

You have probably played Scrabble or even Words with Friends, but have you ever played it on a board the size of the whole room? Fourth-grade and up. (No Scrabble or Words With Friends experience necessary.) Marysville Library, 6120 Grove St., Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m.

### Kellee Bradley in concert

Bradley has been playing around the Pacific NW for over 15 years and performed at the Gorge, Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery and The Moore Theater. She has a sound like the Cranberry's, Natalie Merchant and Cheryl Crow but has a style all her own.

Bradley will be performing at the Marysville Opera House, 1225 Third St. in Marysville, Oct. 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

### Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt

The Downtown Marysville Merchants Assoc. is pleased to present the Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt! The hunt will take place starting on Saturday, Nov. 25 and will finish on Saturday, Dec. 2. The winners will be announced at Merryville for the Holidays celebration. Check out all the details at the Downtown Marysville Merchants Assoc.

Facebook page as we get closer to the holidays.

### Haunted House

Come to the Stanwood Community Center and take an elevator ride to the basement of ghosts and goblins! Halloween fun will be October 27 and 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. The Center is located at 7430-276th St. NW in Stanwood. 360-629-7403.

### Holiday Bazaar

Stanwood Community Center's 13th annual Holiday Gifts and Crafts Bazaar will be Sat., Nov. 4 from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m.

You can also enjoy lunch consisting of chicken salad or egg salad on a croissant, tea, scone and dessert bite in the Tea Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (reservations required, \$10 per person).

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### Musicians Wanted

For Marysville City Band. Clarinets, Brass, Baritone, Trombone, Bassoon, Alto Sax Players, etc. ALL musicians are welcome to join!

Practices are held Thursdays from 6:30-8:30

p.m. at Totem Falls Middle School, 1605-7th St. in Marysville.

For more information email [marysvillecitybands@gmail.com](mailto:marysvillecitybands@gmail.com). Lots of fun! Come join the band!

### Margaret Wilder Band

Singer, songwriter and musician Margaret Wilder returns with her band to the Marysville Opera House Nov. 16 for an evening of high energy Blues, Funk and Soul. The band will play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1225 Third St. in Marysville. Admission is \$5 per person.

# Focus on Farming Nov. 1

The 14th annual Focus on Farming Conference, "Ideas to Grow With," is scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

Come and enjoy hearing world-class speakers as they discuss a variety of topics. You will find 24 great workshop classes with six industry tracks presented by some of the top experts in the country. Again this year "Focus on Forestry" will be added to the great lineup.

The 2017 lunchtime keynote speakers will be John Ikerd and Ben Hartman. Ikerd will address "The Status And Future Of Local Foods." Hartman will speak on "Using The Lean System to Earn a Comfortable Living on a Farm."

The great commodity super cycle that fueled much of the income statement and



balance sheet growth in agriculture is in the rearview mirror. What will be the emerging trends impacting agriculture and rural America's bottom line in the short and long run? What are the latest trends and views in agriculture? What are some of the best management practices that could help you to position during this economic reset?

Spend an outstanding day of learning, networking and enjoying farm fresh local products prepared by regional gourmet chefs. Learn

about innovative ideas from local and national farmers. See how new and upcoming farmers are shaping the future of the agricultural world and providing tomorrow's food.

Plan to visit the 17,000 square foot "trade show" . . . everything you need, all in one spot. You can shop for everything from a new tractor to greenhouse supplies. Learn about new products and find new resources.

For more information visit [www1.co.snohomish.wa.us](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us) or [www.focusonfarming.org](http://www.focusonfarming.org).

# Living peacefully with beavers



Beavers, and how to live with them, will be the topic of seminars in October sponsored by Snohomish Conservation District and



Beavers Northwest.

While beavers can cause headaches for landowners, they can also be invaluable for protecting and preserving water resources and wildlife habitat. If beavers are causing issues on your property, there may be solutions available to help you to live peacefully alongside them.

The October seminars are taught by local beaver experts, Alex Pittman and Ben Dittbrenner, and will cover the benefits that resident beavers provide, cost-effective devices that

can help you manage the impact of beaver flooding on your property, and technical and financial assistance available from Snohomish Conservation District and Beavers Northwest.

The October seminars will cover the same topics and will be held on October 12 at the Stanwood PUD and October 19 at the Monroe Library. All classes begin at 6 p.m. and are free. Please register at <http://scdbeavers.eventbrite.com>.

# Grow your own food in large or small spaces



Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 7 – 9:30 p.m. will be the first in the 2017-2018 Growing Groceries Education series, Healthy Soil = Healthy Plants Part 1. Bring a soil sample from your garden to this first class (instructions and costs available with registration) and it will be sent to a soil lab for testing. Go over the results during Part 2, Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. All classes take place at WSU Snohomish County Extension's Cougar Auditorium, 600 128th St SE in Everett, inside McCollum Park.

During Part 1, soil scientist and WSU Small Farms Educator Dr. Doug Collins will explore the physical, biological, and chemical properties of the soil and then describe how to enhance and manage these properties using organic methods. He'll

also cover the importance of testing and preparing the soil to insure high quality crops and yields.

During Part 2, Dr. Collins will demystify the results of the soil tests, helping 'translate' the numbers. You'll learn what amendments to use, and when, along with the importance of adding organic matter and how to use cover crops. In addition, you'll hear from Snohomish Conservation District Resource Planner Carrie Brausieck on the topic of what is good compost, where to find it, how to use it to enrich your garden, as well as how to make compost from your own kitchen and yard waste.

No matter if you only have a tiny apartment deck, small garden space, or plenty of acreage, learn how you can grow fresh, healthy

food in a healthier, more environmentally friendly way.

The Growing Groceries Education Series is a set of ten classes (with one bonus class) focused on growing food. With an overall focus on limited space and resources, the speakers and topics will help beginners, as well as long time growers, learn more about growing food using healthy and sustainable practices. Take one, a few, or all ten classes and get a jump on the next growing season.

• Healthy Soil = Healthy Plants, Part 1: Oct. 18 ~ Proper soil & fertility management; soil testing

• Healthy Soil = Healthy Plants, Part 2: Nov. 15 ~ Interpreting soil tests; making/using compost

• Vegetables A to Z #1: Jan. 17 ~ Growing the onion,

broccoli and beet families

• Small Fruits, Big Harvests: Jan. 31 ~ Strawberries, cane berries, blueberries and other small fruit

• BONUS CLASS! Growing Tree Fruit: Jan. 24 ~ Variety selection, care, and management best practices

• Vegetables A to Z #2: Feb. 14 ~ Growing the pea, carrot and lettuce families

• Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, & Pollinators: Feb. 21 ~ Learn who's who and how to attract the good guys

• Seed Starting & Raising Transplants: March 7 ~ Save money and raise varieties that do best in the Pacific NW

• Vegetables A to Z #3: March 21 ~ Growing the tomato, potato and pepper families

• Weeding & Watering: April

4 ~ Get smart about weeds and water; save time and harvest more

• Vegetables A to Z #4: April 18 ~ Growing squash, cucumbers, melons and corn families

Cost is \$20 per person per class or take all ten for \$175 (includes Bonus Class). Register online

at [GrowingGroceries.EventBrite.com](http://GrowingGroceries.EventBrite.com). For more information about all classes in the series or download a form for mail-in registration, visit [snohomish.wsu.edu/growing-groceries](http://snohomish.wsu.edu/growing-groceries).

For more information about the program, contact Kate Ryan, (425) 357-6024, [kate.ryan@wsu.edu](mailto:kate.ryan@wsu.edu).

