



Other Expo Organizations

The Garden Expo features many other fine local organizations, please seek them out if you're interested in additional information or any of the products they will be featuring.

The Friends of Manito



Manito Park is a dazzling 90 acre city park located on Spokane's South Hill. The Friends of Manito encourage you to experience the many gardens at Manito Park which include the distinguished Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden, the Renaissance style Duncan Garden, the Joel E Ferris Perennial Garden, Rose Hill, the Lilac Garden, Gaiser Conservatory, and the experimental dahlia and iris gardens. There are areas for family gatherings and two separate play areas and a softball field.

The Friends of Manito is a non-profit group that supports Manito Park by providing funds to improve the park. Since 1990, the group has raised over ½ million dollars, funding over 44 projects, including the lower playground equipment, the Duncan Garden gazebo, the Rose Garden pergolas, the upper park sprinkler system, the "Walk of Hope" sidewalk, and most of the park signage.

The funds are raised through two major plant sales, the Spring Plant Sale in June and the Fall Plant Sale in August. Approximately 100 volunteers work from February to September to prepare and host these events. They love their volunteers and they thank them for making Manito

Park the city of Spokane's crowned jewel. To Join the Friends of Manito call or email them at Telephone: 456-8038 or email: tfm@thefriendsofmanito.org. www.thefriendsofmanito.org.

Inland Empire Dahlia Society



Here is a group of enthusiastic dahlia growers who grow, promote, and show dahlias in the great Pacific Northwest. Visit them at one of their meetings. They meet the second Thursday of each month, except January, September, and December. Meetings start at 7:30pm in the Manito Meeting Room, just east of the Gaiser Conservatory. www.inlandempiredahliasociety.com

Dahlia is a genus of bushy, tuberous, perennial plants native to Mexico, Central America, and Colombia. There are at least 36 species of dahlia. Dahlia hybrids are commonly grown as garden plants. The Aztecs gathered and cultivated the dahlia for food, ceremonies, as well as decorative purposes, and the long woody stem of one variety was used for small pipes.

Inland Empire District (IED), Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs



The District was organized in 1947, becoming part of the WA State Federation of Garden Clubs, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs. IED has four clubs within the district, and four affiliate groups. The district takes in a big territory going north to Canada, into Northern ID and south to Clarkston, west to Ritzville. They continue to support scholarships at Spokane Community College, and through the state organization, seven scholarships, including three at WSU. We hold fundraisers to support the scholarships and community service projects. Each club within the district has their own individual projects. They hold two or three district meetings per year, normally one in the fall and two in the spring. For details, call the Inland Empire district director at 509-523-4063

Inland Empire Water Garden & Koi Society



The Inland Empire Water Garden & Koi Society was established to promote the hobby of water gardening, the keeping of ornamental fish, to disseminate information about the above to the membership, to engage in the educational and social activities related to our purposes, and to develop an inventory that will augment and support our vision.

With their members having such a variety of interests, the experience and advice of club members is invaluable, especially to the beginner. The best way to learn more about water gardening, koi and goldfish is to be involved in a club such as ours. And there is no better time to join than before the pond is built so the beginner can benefit from their members experiences and, yes, mistakes.

Their club usually meets the first Sunday of each month, except December and January. Special events and meetings at members' ponds are posted each month on our website. Meetings are now held at the Moran Prairie Library or the Manito Park meeting room next to the conservatory. Weather permitting, they will be at a member's pond (June, July, August, and September). Meetings generally start at 3pm depending on location and whether a potluck is planned. Effort is made to provide an educational program regarding the hobby with guest speakers and a time to socialize. <http://iewgks.tripod.com>

Inland Northwest Garden Railroad Society



Their club was officially started in January 1994 by the hard work of four families living in the Coeur d' Alene/Spokane area. They wanted to form a club where people with like interests in garden railroading could get together and have fun in sharing this great hobby with one another and the public. They are a family orientated club because garden railroading involves model railroading and gardening together. It has something to offer for both husband/wife and kids of all ages. They meet on a monthly bases on the third Saturday of every month at a member's home, with the exception of December. Their meetings usually start at 11am and include a pot luck lunch, a short meeting, a raffle, lots of train running on the host's layout, and of course

fellowship with each other. Currently they have around 40 family members in our club, although they all don't show up at every meeting. Their membership dues are \$20 a year for the entire family and a one-time \$5 fee for each name tag. There are lots of benefits to becoming a member:

Fellowship (meetings)

Friendship (meeting new people)

Helping Hands (railroad building)

Learning (modeling skills)

Fun (playing with trains)

Website (full access)

Newsletter

Clothing (hats and shirts)

inlandnorthwestgardenrailroadsociety.org

SCRAPS



SCRAPS (Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service) helps over 11,000 homeless, abused and abandoned animals here in Spokane County each year. Through private donations we provide medical treatment, rehabilitation and recovery to animals who are injured.

The SCRAPS Hope Foundation is a non-profit created in 2009 to support SCRAPS through private donations and grants by funding additional services and community support. SCRAPS Hope Foundation fund:

- Animal Medical Program
- Transport Program
- Free Dog Training Classes
- Behavior classes and literature
- Humane Education classes
- Food bank and Dog houses for low income families

SCRAPS works to build a more humane community, protect public safety and ensure animal welfare through compassionate, responsive, professional enforcement of laws and public policy.

SCRAPS

6815 E. Trent

Spokane Valley, WA 99212

scraps@spokanecounty.org

509-477-2532

www.spokanecounty.org/scraps

Open seven days a week!

Mon-Fri - 10am - 5:30pm

Wed - noon - 6pm

Sat-Sun - 10am - 5pm

Spokane Community College (SCC) Horticulture Club



The field of environmental horticulture pertains to floriculture, landscape design and maintenance, and greenhouse and nursery management. This program provides a study of ornamental plant materials, plant propagation, and nursery and greenhouse management methods. At the completion of the second year, the student may receive the associate in applied science degree.

Every year, SCC's greenhouse management students raise plants to sell at the Garden Expo as part of their crop-management education. Proceeds from the sale go back into the horticulture programs at the college. The sale will be in SCC Greenery, Building 10 (mint colored) on the north side of the SCC campus, 1810 N Greene St. They will have a sale going on during the Garden Expo at their greenhouse also a display table in the main Expo Building.

Floral and greenhouse products made and grown by students. The Greenery is a student-operated flower shop and nursery with three greenhouses where students grow flowering plants, holiday and seasonal plants, many baskets and novelty gift items, wide variety of house plants, annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs. Plants and fresh flower arrangements made by the students are available for purchase. Special arrangements can be made by calling 509-533-8167. They accept: MasterCard or Visa, check or cash, special orders.

Email: Greenery@scc.spokane.edu - Hours: 10am-2pm Tue-Fri while classes are in session.

www.scc.spokane.edu/?envscigreenery

Spokane Conservation District



The Spokane Conservation District (SCD) has been active in the Spokane-area since the 1940s, teaching & facilitating sustainable land use and conservation practices to meet current needs while also planning resource use for the future.

The SCD was formed in 1973 through the consolidation of the Southwest Spokane, North Spokane, Central Spokane, and Latah-Rock Creek districts. They currently serve the citizens and resources of Spokane County, excluding Deer Park, and they work across county lines through the use of Memorandums of Understanding. An example of this is their Direct Seed Loan Program, which is administered in more than 15 Washington State counties, and a few North Idaho counties.

What is a conservation district? A conservation district provides technical assistance and tools to help landowners manage and protect natural resources throughout the United States. Conservation districts work with landowners on a voluntary basis, which means they have no regulatory authority.

Conservation districts were formed on a national level following the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, which brought attention to the need to conserve natural resources, particularly soil. A model Conservation District Law was developed in 1937 under the leadership of President Franklin Roosevelt with a goal of creating local leadership to coordinate the conservation efforts of various entities and tailor them to meet local conditions and priorities. The Washington Conservation District Law (RCW 89.08) describes the responsibilities and purpose of conservation districts, which include:

- Conduct education and demonstration projects
- Carry out improvements to conserve natural resources
- Cooperate or enter into agreements with others, including other districts
- Make equipment and materials available to landowners to assist them in conserving natural resources
- Prepare and maintain a long-range and annual work plan
- Hold public hearings, annual meetings, and perform other actions to keep citizens and agencies informed

SCC

210 N Havana St
Spokane, WA 99202
509-535-7274 - phone
Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm
www.sccd.org

Spokane Lilac Society



Promoters of Spokane as the Lilac City. The common purple lilac first arrived in the United States around the middle of the 1700s. The first recording of a lilac bush in Spokane was in 1906. Two lilac bushes were planted by J.J. Browne, one of Spokane's early builders, at West 2226 Second Avenue in Browne's Addition. In 1912, John Duncan obtained 128 named lilac cultivars from Rochester, New York. This marked the beginning of the official Lilac Garden in Manito Park. Today, the Lilac Garden contains well over 100 named cultivars from 23 distinct species, making it one of the most important lilac gardens in the West.

In 2003, the Spokane Lilac Society made a contribution to Manito Park for an extension of the garden that is now home to *Syringa Spokane*, the lovely double pink lilac. The idea to promote Spokane as "The Lilac City" came in the early 1930's when the local garden club was encouraged by community leaders to plant lilac bushes throughout the City. By 1938, there were 144 in Manito Park. The annual Spokane Lilac Festival has been a spring tradition since 1938. You can check out the Spokane Lilac Society's booth at the Garden Expo in the inside building at the end of the main hallway.

Spokane Regional Solid Waste System



The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System (System) was created by Inter-local Agreement between Spokane County and the City of Spokane on October 11, 1988. All ten of the existing regional cities and towns, as well as Fairchild Air Force Base, subsequently joined the System by executing inter-local agreements with the City and County of Spokane. In 2003, the newly incorporated cities of Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley also executed Inter-local agreements and joined the System.

The system operates as a department of the City of Spokane's government, and manages solid waste facilities and contracts for the benefit of all citizens residing in Spokane County. The concurrence of the County is required for certain major decisions. A Liaison Board was established by Inter-local Agreement in 1987. Its purpose is to recommend policy and provide direction on matters pertaining to the management of solid waste and related environmental issues in the incorporated and unincorporated areas throughout Spokane County. Areas of responsibility include recycling/waste reduction, composting, solid waste disposal, household hazardous waste and litter programs. The Liaison Board is also responsible for monitoring capital assets and recommending capital improvements of the System.

Residents and commercial establishments in Spokane County generate over 563,000 tons of solid waste annually. The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System (SRSWS) was created by interlocal agreement between Spokane County and the City of Spokane on October 11, 1998, to manage all of the County's garbage. The System developed an integrated plan to include: Waste Reduction/Reuse; Recycling (includes composting); Energy Recovery - the Waste to Energy Facility; Landfilling - both for the Waste to Energy Facility ash and for those items that cannot be reused, recycled, or do not burn.

Operating hours at all Spokane Regional Solid Waste System facilities are 7am to 5pm, 7 days a week. www.solidwaste.org

Spokane Rose Society

“There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Their objectives are:

- To educate the public that roses are easy to grow in the Inland Northwest,
- To provide free basic rose care information and share the knowledge and experience of our Consulting Rosarians,
- To invite neighbors to come together to discuss roses, gardening, and companion plants,
- To promote and contribute to Rose Hill at Manito Park in the City of Spokane, and
- To provide activities that benefit our community.

Membership in Spokane Rose Society is open to everyone. They meet February through November, with a special program each month. (There are no meetings in December or January.) Their regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Manito Meeting Room (near by the conservatory) in Manito Park, Spokane, WA. Their meetings are open to the public, as are some of our other events. Guests and Visitors are always welcome.

Some meetings are replaced with special events, and workshops or classes on a range of topics may be held at various times throughout the year. They have an annual Rose Show, free and open to the public, which is an excellent opportunity to see the wide variety of beautiful roses that grow in the Spokane area. <http://spokanerosesociety.org>

WSU Master Gardeners



The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program trains volunteers to be community educators who provide science-based information on horticulture and environmentally sound gardening practices.

Information Booths - Master Gardener Volunteers engage in numerous educational services throughout the community. Major projects must be scheduled a year in advance. If you or your organization would like assistance in one of the following areas, call 477-2181.

Master Gardeners staff booths at a variety of locations such as community events, parks, school fairs, and garden stores to answer questions, hand out free fact sheets, and sell County publications. Organizations may request specialized information such as gardening for the disabled or sustainable gardening.

Plant Problem Diagnosis

Don't know what's bugging your plants? Bring insects and sick plants into the Master Gardener Plant Clinic and Resource Center. Master Gardeners can identify insects and insect damage, diagnose various types of plant disease, and suggest pest management solutions ranging from cultural to organic to WSU-approved chemical treatments. Avoid pesticide misuse and overuse. Master Gardener Volunteers serve as human links between WSU research-based horticulture information and the general public. Becoming a Master Gardener involves completing an application packet, being accepted for training, attending an orientation and 64 hours of horticulture training, passing weekly quizzes and a final exam, and volunteering 40 hours or more each year in Spokane County.

Volunteers answer questions about a wide variety of horticulture issues, including plant selection, installation and maintenance, plant problem diagnosis and treatment, environmentally sound gardening practices, pest identification and management, and effective landscaping practices. Volunteer work includes helping in the Master Gardener Center, teaching youth, adults

and seniors about gardening, researching and writing educational information, staffing information booths at community events and other activities.

Master Gardener Volunteers make significant contributions to furthering safe and sound gardening practices. If you are an experienced gardener, want to increase and share your knowledge, and are available to volunteer during weekday hours, think about applying to be a WSU Master Gardener. www.spokane-county.wsu.edu/spokane/eastside

Got a Gardening Question?

The WSU Master Gardener Plant Clinic and Resource Center is open seasonally. You may continue to bring your plant problems and questions to the Extension Office, Room 205, for diagnosis. We're located at 222 N. Havana, just south of the Spokane Fairgrounds and the Indians Ballpark. Feel free to stop by for help with pest identification, plant diagnosis and for answers to all of your gardening questions. If you cannot visit us, we can be reached by email at mastergardener@spokanecounty.org or give us a call at 477-2181. There is always a crew of WSU Master Gardeners here to help you!

"If I had influence with the good fairy...I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life." - Rachel Carson

