

PlantAmnesty's 2017 Master Pruner Class Schedule

Classes: Sundays, 10 am to noon

Location: Warren G. Magnuson Park, The Brig
6344 NE 74th St, Seattle, 98115

Cost: \$25 per class, \$20 for PlantAmnesty members,
\$5 for horticulture college students and native Spanish speakers

Most of the classes are taught by Cass Turnbull. Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunday classes, just show up (no registration)

Sunday, January 08 — Pruning Fruit Trees (Ingela Wanerstrand)

Learn the basics of fruit tree pruning, covering apple, cherry, plum, and pear trees.

Sunday, February 12— Roses (Keith Dekker)

Learn the basics of rose pruning—hybrid tea, shrub and climbing roses. Tools and timing are also covered.

Sunday, March 12 —The Hackables, Shearables, and Untouchables (Cass Turnbull)

Some plants are cut to the ground each year. But barely touch others, and all hell breaks loose. Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year. Learn how to prune butterfly bush, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockrose, broom, witchhazel, and others.

Sunday, April 09 — Easy Plants to Prune (Keith Dekker)

This class covers basic cuts, basic plant habits, and what Cass Turnbull calls the pruning budget. Then five plants that are relatively easy to prune are discussed: nandina, evergreen azalea, lilac, camellia, and yew.

Sunday, May 14 — Difficult Plants to Prune (Cass Turnbull)

This class teaches how to prune Rhododendron, Hydrangea, Callicarpa (Beautyberry), Viburnum bodnantense and Abelia. Included in this class are basic pruning techniques, common pruning mistakes and corrective pruning.

Sunday, June 11 — Art or Atrocity (Cass Turnbull)

Class covers the three main forms of mal-pruning: tree topping, inappropriate shearing of trees and shrubs, and over thinning. We compare and contrast mal-pruning with bona fide examples of pruning art: pollarding, cloud pruning, topiary, pleaching, and coppicing. Class ends on a humorous note with photos of the Good, the Bad, and the Bizarre.

Sunday, July 09 — Trees 2 (Cass Turnbull)

This is the HOW-TO class for pruning trees (not fruit or nut trees). How to prune a tree limb, how to find the branch collar, pruning of young and mature trees, pruning standards, crown restoration, and the basics of tree risk assessment will be covered

August—no class

Sunday, Sept 10 — Renovate and Prune the Overgrown Garden (Cass Turnbull)

PlantAmnesty's most popular class, an introductory class on pruning and landscape renovation.

Sunday, October 08 — Tool Talk (Cass Turnbull and friends)

Professional gardeners bring their pruning and gardening tools for this popular show and tell class. Common and uncommon tools will be featured, as will their care and sources for purchase. Bring your favorite tools that you have questions about.

Sunday, November 12 — Rehabilitative Pruning (Keith Dekker)

Learn the three most common forms of mal-pruning (tree topping, over-thinning of trees and shrubs, and inappropriate shearing) and how to fix trees and shrubs that have been mal-pruned. Included is discussion of waterspouts, suckers, radical renovation techniques, and crown restoration.

PlantAmnesty's 2017 Master Pruner Workshops

Pre-registration is required for all workshops—space is limited.

Spring Renovation Workshop—Saturday, April 15—10am to 3pm

Fall Renovation Workshop—Saturday, September 16—10am to 3pm

Renovation Workshops are a popular hands-on all-day event that features a rare 3:1 student-teacher ratio and real-world experience. Students will learn pruning and creative solutions for the overgrown garden through hands-on experience as an entire yard is renovated during the class. The group will move through an overgrown landscape while on-the-spot evaluations of plants and demonstrations of pruning are given. Workshop participants will then cycle between jobs to learn what the landscape has to offer. Location: TBD.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$85 (PlantAmnesty members) or \$95 (non-members).

Fruit Tree Field Day—Saturday, June 24—10am – 3pm

First, the basics of fruit-tree pruning are covered in a morning lecture by an expert in the field. The lecture is followed by an afternoon of live fruit-tree-pruning demonstrations in small groups.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$65 (PlantAmnesty members) or \$75 (non-members).

Pruning Workshop (in Spanish)—Friday, October 6—8:30am to 3:30pm

This class and hands-on field day is designed for Spanish-speaking landscape professionals. The morning lecture will be given in Spanish by George Ortiz, CLT. In the afternoon everyone will assemble at a landscape for hands-on practice on common landscape trees and shrubs. Participants will work in small groups with experienced teachers. A PlantAmnesty certification of completion will be given.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members (\$8 add'l for certificate and wallet card); price includes a 2-hour pruning DVD (in Spanish) and handouts. There is a 4-1 student-teacher ratio.

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