

# PlantAmnesty

## 2010 Master Pruner Class Schedule

**Classes:** Sundays, 10 am to noon  
**Location:** Magnuson Park, Brig (Bldg #406), 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, 98115  
**Cost:** \$15 per class, \$10 for PlantAmnesty members  
\$5 for horticulture college students and native Spanish speakers

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

### **Sunday, Jan. 10—Pruning Fruit Trees (Bob Baines, Seattle Parks & Rec)**

Basics of fruit tree pruning, covering apple, cherry, plum, and pear trees.

### **Sunday, Feb. 14—Roses (Keith Dekker)**

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

### **Sunday, March 14—Tree Pruning 2 (Cass Turnbull)**

This is the *HOW-TO* slideshow for pruning trees (not fruit or nut trees). How to prune a tree limb, how to find the branch collar, pruning for young and mature trees, pruning standards, crown restoration, and basics of Tree Risk Assessment will be covered. Time allowing—we will go over some specific tree pruning: magnolia, purple-leaf plum trees, and dogwoods.

### **Sunday, April 11—The Hackables, Shearables, & Untouchables (Shrubs 2)**

Some plants get cut to the ground annually, others are barely touched or all hell breaks loose. Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are commonly—and appropriately—sheared every year. How to prune butterfly bushes, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockroses, broom, witch hazel, winter sweet, doublefile viburnum, perovskia, senecio greyii, and others.

### **Sunday, May 9—Japanese Garden Pruning**

Japanese gardens are among the most admired gardens in the world. To create and maintain them requires a high level of pruning skill and dedicated annual maintenance. This class covers the pruning of Japanese maples (upright and weeping), bamboo, cloud pruning pines, and tamamono shearing of lower-story elements.

### **Sunday, June 13—Difficult Plants to Prune**

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, July 11—Tree Pruning 1 (Bess Bronstein, Edmonds Community College)**

This is the *Science and Biology* behind the pruning of trees. Bess Bronstein, honored hort teacher from Edmonds Community College, will give us the inside story on how trees grow and survive to become the longest-lived, most massive species on the planet. Famous arboriculturalist, Dr. Alex Shigo teaches us that all pruning wounds trees, find out how to minimize that damage and work *with* the tree's natural defenses. Students will gain an understanding of compartmentalization, included bark, branch collar identification, and more.

### **August - no class**

### **Sunday, Sept 12—How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden**

This popular class covers basic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs as well as creative solutions to the overgrown or overplanted garden. The types of pruning cuts are shown and discussed. The concept of the pruning budget is introduced. Plants are divided into three categories according to their natural habits and pruning techniques given for each. Before and after photos will be used to illustrate pruning for size reduction and for definition (thinning). You will gain insight into the process of yard renovation, where pruning is but one tool in restoring a garden.

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### **Sunday, Oct. 10—Easy Plants to Prune**

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 dealt with specifically: nandina, evergreen azalea, lilac, camellia, and yew.

### **Sunday, Nov. 14—Rehabilitative Pruning for Previously Mal-Pruned Plants**

This class covers the three most common forms of mal-pruning (tree topping, overthinning of trees and shrubs, and inappropriate shearing) and how to fix trees and shrubs that have been mal-pruned. This is an advanced course and those attending should already be familiar with principles of selective pruning. Included is discussion of watersprouts, suckers, radical renovation techniques, and crown restoration.

**December—no class**

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## 2010 Workshop Schedule

**Spring Renovation Workshop—Saturday, March 20—10 am to 3 pm**

**Fall Renovation Workshop—Saturday, Sept 25—10 am to 3 pm**

Renovation Workshops are a popular hands-on all-day event that features a rare 3:1 student-teacher ratio and real-world experience. Pruning and creative solutions for the overgrown garden will be taught as an entire yard is renovated during the class. The day begins with a lecture followed by hands-on experience out in the yard. Topics discussed will be pruning, transplanting, and landscape maintenance. 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—space is limited.** Cost is \$65 (PlantAmnesty members) or \$70 (non-members); price includes a 2-hour pruning DVD and handouts.

**Japanese Garden Pruning Workshop—Saturday, May 15—10 am to 3 pm**

The Japanese Garden Pruning Workshop will be held at Kubota Gardens. Japanese style pruning of pines, including the demonstration and practice of needle and candle pruning, Japanese maple (upright and weeping) pruning, and bamboo pruning will be covered. Prerequisite: attendance at the Japanese Pruning lecture on May 9 (see the list of Master Pruner classes).

**Pre-registration is required—space is limited.** Cost is \$65 (PlantAmnesty members) or \$70 (non-members); price includes handouts.

**Pruning Workshop (in Spanish)—Thursday, Oct. 7—8:30 am to 3 pm**

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, of Signature Landscape Services. 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—space is limited.** Cost is \$30; price includes a 2-hour pruning DVD (in Spanish) and handouts. There is a 4-1 student-teacher ratio. This workshop is co-sponsored by PlantAmnesty, WNSLA and WALP. ISA, CLT and CPH credits can be earned.

**Questions:** contact PlantAmnesty at 206-783-9813 (please leave a message) or [info@plantamnesty.org](mailto:info@plantamnesty.org). For more information about the Master Pruner classes go to our website at <http://www.plantamnesty.org>.