

# PlantAmnesty's 2018 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

Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunday classes, just show up, no preregistration.

## **Sunday, January 14 — Fruit Tree Pruning (Don Marshall)**

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

## **Sunday, February 11— Rose Pruning (Keith Dekker)**

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

## **Sunday, March 11 — Vine Pruning (Laura Watson)**

This class covers pruning and management of some of our most common ornamental vines: wisteria, common varieties of clematis, Boston ivy/Virginia creeper, trumpet vine, and honeysuckle.

## **Sunday, April 8 — Tree Pruning 1 (Bess Bronstein)**

This is the *science and biology* behind the pruning of trees. Bess Bronstein, honored horticulture 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 taught 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.

## **Sunday, May 13 — Japanese Garden Pruning (Don Brooks and Pete Putniki)**

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 sharing of lower-story elements.

## **Sunday, June 10 — Five Easy Plants to Prune (Mary Machala)**

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

## **Sunday, July 8 — Difficult Plants to Prune (Ken Tuomi)**

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.

**August**—no class

## **Sunday, Sept 9 — How to Renovate and Prune the Overgrown Garden (Keith Dekker)**

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

### **Sunday, October 14 — Tree Pruning 2 (Bess Bronstein)**

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

### **Sunday, November 11 — The Shearables, Hackables, and Untouchables (Anna Moore)**

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, witch hazel, and others.

## **PlantAmnesty's 2018 Master Pruner Workshops**

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

### **Winter Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop—Saturday, January 20—10am – 3pm**

### **Summer Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop—Saturday, June 21—10am – 3pm**

Fruit-tree pruning experts will demonstrate fruit-tree pruning throughout the day in small groups providing ample opportunities for students to give it a try.

***Pre-registration is required.***

**Cost:** \$75 (PlantAmnesty members) or \$85 (non-members).

**Prerequisite:** attendance at a Master Pruner Series Fruit Tree Pruning class (one of the above classes either on Sunday, January 14, or on Thursday, January 18, or a Fruit-Tree Pruning class in a previous year).

### **Spring Renovation Workshop—Saturday, March 31—10am to 3pm**

### **Fall Renovation Workshop—Saturday, September 15—10am to 3pm**

Renovation Workshops are a popular hands-on all-day event that features a rare 5:1 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. Topics discussed include pruning, transplanting, and landscape maintenance. The group will move through an overgrown landscape while instructors give on-the-spot evaluations of plants and demonstrations of pruning. Workshop participants will then cycle between jobs to learn what the landscape has to offer. These workshops typically take place at a private residence within King County selected for its neglected state and diverse plant material. All participants receive a pruning DVD and handouts on various pruning topics.

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

### **Japanese Garden Pruning Workshop, Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10am – 3pm**

Two experts in the field, Don Brooks of the Kubota Garden and Pete Putniki of the Arboretum's Japanese Garden, will cover the basics of Japanese pruning, followed by an afternoon of live pruning demonstrations in small groups with opportunities for students to give it a try! Workshop will take place at the Kubota Garden in South Seattle.

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

### **Fall Renovation Workshop In Spanish—Friday, October 5, 2018, 8:30am – 3:30pm**

This class and hands-on field day is designed for Spanish-speaking landscape professionals. George Ortiz, CLT, will give the morning lecture. 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 \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members

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