



2024 Master Pruner Program

Sunday morning class schedule

This series of classes is taught by experts in tree and plant care.

To become a PlantAmnesty Master Pruner, you need to attend 12 classes and 3 hands-on workshops.

If you're not interested in the whole series, just attend the classes that interest you.

>> **We may have modifications to the July-November class schedule.** <<

LOCATION

2024 Master Pruner classes will all be online via Zoom.

SCHEDULE

Sundays
10 a.m.—12 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Register through our website, www.plantamnesty.org

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NOTE: Online classes will be recorded and will be available for a limited time after the class.

Sunday, January 14 —Fruit Tree Pruning (Ingela Wanerstrand)

Learn the basics of fruit tree pruning, and why you should prune them differently than other trees. This class will cover apple, cherry, plum, and pear trees.

Sunday, February 11 —Rose Pruning (Keith Dekker)

Learn the basics of rose pruning and how to approach the different types of roses, including hybrid tea, shrub and climbing roses.

Sunday, March 10—Tree Pruning I (Bess Bronstein)

This is the *science and biology* behind the pruning of trees. Find out how to minimize the inevitable damage done by pruning by understanding the tree's natural defenses.

Sunday, April 14—Trees II (Bess Bronstein)

This class will show you how and when to apply a specific pruning system. This class will cover the natural pruning system, including structural pruning of young trees and mature tree pruning techniques (crown cleaning, crown thinning, crown raising, crown reduction).

Sunday, May 5 —Japanese Garden Pruning (Bess Bronstein)

Creating and maintaining a Japanese Garden 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.

Sunday, June 9 —Shrubs I: Friendly, Fearless and Forgiving (Christina Pfeiffer)

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

Sunday, July 14 —Shrubs II: Shearables, Hackables and Untouchables (Christina Pfeiffer)

There are some plants that are cut to the ground each year, but there are others you barely touch and it's pandemonium! Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year.

Sunday, July 28 —Shrubs III: The Puzzlers and Consequences (Bess Bronstein)

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, September 8 — How to Renovate and Prune the Overgrown Garden Landscape (Christina Pfeiffer)

This is one of PlantAmnesty's most popular classes and offers an introduction to pruning and other approaches for landscape renovation. Learn how to undo overplanting errors, when and how to transplant, and how to clean up a neglected landscape.

Sunday, September 29—Corrective Pruning (Christina Pfeiffer)

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.

Sunday, October 13 —Vines (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, November 10— Pruning Art or Pruning Horror? (Christina Pfeiffer)

This 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.