

Upcoming Woodside Ranch Gardening Events



Everyone is welcome to attend!

If you would like to attend any of these gardening events, please RSVP to Lynda Paznokas (lpaz@bendnet.com). If people have ideas for additional events, we can certainly schedule them! Remember, we have a Gardening Corner on the WRHA website that shows pictures of past events, provides monthly gardening information, tells gardening events in the community, and lists upcoming WR gardening events. Older children who are interested in gardening are welcome to join us for these events. If you want to be on the gardening e-mail list, contact Lynda.

1. July 13, Friday: L&S Gardens Tour in La Pine

The WRHA website has a flyer about this event. Meet at the L&S Gardens nursery at 11:30 (or contact Lynda if you wish to carpool). This is a very fun Western-themed nursery that carried extremely hardy plants. Bring a sack lunch. Linda Stephenson, the owner, will provide iced tea. She will also give us a presentation about plants that are hardy for our area and will discuss the importance of soil amendments. She is a wealth of information! Feel free to bring friends who might not be Woodside neighbors. Of course, there will be time to shop. Please RSVP to Lynda.



2. July 19, Thursday: Garden tours of Paznokas and Miao gardens

Two Woodside gardens will be featured on a Hardy Plant Garden Club tour from 3:30-6:30. No need to RSVP - just show up. It was suggested that you first go to the Paznokas home and then to the Miao home.

Here are the descriptions that were sent to the Garden Club:

Skip and Lynda Paznokas (60370 Woodside Loop)

Our yard has a variety of things to see. Our vegetable garden consists of six 4x8' raised beds, 28' high, enclosed within an 8' deer fence. It's a nice model for people who don't want to lean over to garden (or can't). Some of the raised beds have hoop houses and the raspberries have a screened hoop house. We also have flowers within the vegetable garden to add color. We built our greenhouse onto the side of our garage, with an exterior shelf for hardening-off plants as they transition to living outside. Our backyard has a pond and recirculating stream, surrounded by trees and flowers. There's a hidden hammock area behind a lava outcropping, with a rough trail up through the lava to an informal sitting area. The yard also has additional flowerbeds plus several bird feeding stations. We've done strategic planting to attempt to keep the deer outside our 5' fence around the backyard (so far, so good).

Chris and Ray Miao (20683 Pine Vista Drive)

Our garden is located amongst the ponderosas at the urban-forest interface. We have a primarily woodland look with ever-increasing shade as the trees get bigger and bigger.

You will see several varieties of hostas, heucheras, pulmonarias, hellebores, dicentras and many other shade tolerant perennials. These are complemented with dwarf conifers, shrubs and our found and created garden art. Our sun is limited to smaller parts of the garden but we always cherish what flowering perennials survive and bloom. It has been several years since you have seen our garden and we have since re-designed the front area, added raised bed covered cloches for vegetables and best of all a deer fence with unique metal gates. Follow the pathway around the right side of the house.

3. July 31, Tuesday: Cascade Lavender tour (Culver)

Travel to Culver to visit beautiful Cascade Lavender. (You may wish to play at nearby Lake Billy Chinook afterwards.) Arrive at 11:30 (or contact Lynda if you wish to carpool) with a sack lunch. Terry and Wayne Pearson, the owners, will provide us with lavender lemonade and will tell us about their company (plus there will be time to shop for plants or in their store). Please RSVP to Lynda. Feel free to invite friends who do not live in Woodside Ranch. Here's part of what their website says:

"The farm has approximately 5000 plants and 24 different cultivars available for U-pick. Additionally, there are other varieties in the demonstration gardens. We are constantly adding to our collection. We distill and market the oil which is organically grown without the use of chemicals or pesticides. We also sell hydrosol, dried lavender and buds along with other aromatherapy products. A large variety of lavender plants are available for purchase in the summer." (See their website: cascadelavender.com)

4. August 1, Wednesday: Woodside Ranch Summer Social

This isn't a gardening event (but we *will* be outside) but be sure you have this fun event on your calendar. The potluck will start at 6:00. Look for an invitation soon from Skip Paznokas, WRHA President.

5. August 30, Thursday: Progressive tour of Woodside gardens (Help! What do I do here?)

At 6:30 we will meet at the home of Aelea Christofferson. She has some "challenging areas" of her yard that she would like our collective wisdom to help solve. After seeing her yard and having refreshments, we will travel to some other neighborhood yards to see garden challenges and successes. Please let Lynda know if you would like to have your home included (and what the particular challenges are). A more detailed invitation will come out closer to the event. Please RSVP to Lynda.

6. September 13, Thursday: Woodside Ranch Harvest Potluck

We will enjoy a potluck together, sharing food from our garden harvest (OR food that *could have* been grown in our gardens!). It will be held at 5:30 at the home of Ray and Chris Miao (20683 Pine Vista Drive). More details will come about this event closer to the date (but meanwhile, get it on your calendar). RSVP to Chris (seamiao@aol.com).