

Sat. Mar. 4th '23 10 AM—noon in-person FREE & Public welcome
Seattle Tree Fruit Society mtg @ Sky Nursery Shoreline, WA greenhouse
featuring 11 AM-noon talk:

SELECTING FRUIT FOR PNW GARDENS

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Outline of Ingela's Talk:

FRUIT TYPE

- * Which fruits do you like to eat?
- * How do you like to eat fruit? Are you a grazer? canner?
- * Narrowing down the choices:
 - Too easy to grow to justify store cost/quality: ie raspberries
 - Best ripened on plant: ie figs, berries, grapes, stone fruits
 - Difficult to find: ie heirloom varieties, less common fruits ie hardy kiwis or alpine strawberries
 - Beautiful ornamentals: ie cherry, peach, persimmon, blueberries

PLANT NEEDS

- * Choose cultivars for your climate zone
- * Most fruit trees need a pollinizer so consult a 'pollination chart'
- * Some plants are technically self-fruitful, like blueberries, but will make more fruit if you plant at least 2 different cultivars, ie 'Bluecrop' and 'Earliblue' blueberry, near each other

YOUR GARDEN

- * Where's the sun? Microclimates? Frost pockets?
- * Part-shade fruiterers: asian plum, pie/sour cherry, arctic kiwi, currant, alpine strawberry
- * Save your warmest spots for figs & peaches/nectarines
- * How much space do you have...realistically?

SPACE SAVERS

- * On walls? as living fences?overhead on arbors?
- * Containers- window boxes, hanging baskets
- * Stack plants-shrubs under trees, groundcovers under shrubs
- * Self-fruitful varieties
- * Family' trees: More than 1 kind on a tree so it pollinizes itself.
- * Dwarf rootstocks & genetic dwarfs
- * Training forms ie espalier

Gateway Sky websites to info on fruit plants available at Sky, growing guides, pollinizer charts, and pollinators: <https://www.skynursery.com/information-library/#trees>
<https://www.skynursery.com/fruit-vegetables-herbs/>
<https://www.skynursery.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/fruit-tree-list-2023.pdf>

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(*located @ 18528 Aurora Ave N Shoreline, WA 98133, Store open 9-6 Daily,
phone 206.546.4851 email sky@skynursery.com)

STFS Meeting Schedule

10:00-10:30 - Meet, greet and socialize with STFS members and participating members of the public.

*Give away, trade and/or sell fruit-related items amongst STFS members.

*Get maggot barriers from remaining STFS stocks.

*Exchange mason bee cocoons and get free mason bee nesting structure.

*View displays set up by STFS members.

*Browse Sky in-stock fruit plants and related merch.

10:30 Convene in greenhouse area for STFS member meeting

10:30-11:00 - STFS member meeting

*Brief overview of STFS activities for participating members of the public.

*STFS member Q&A focused on fruit growing, club activities & related matters.

*Discuss preparations for Sat Mar 25th STFS/SCFS joint spring grafting event.

*Circulate signup sheets for specific volunteer activities related to spring grafting event.

*Update on STFS demo orchard activities.

*Plan Apr & May STFS member meeting.

11:00-noon Ingela's talk Selecting Fruit for PNW Gardens

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

Seattle Tree Fruit Society

www.seattletreefruitsociety.com

A Chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society

www.wcfs.org

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Email address:

DUES (includes STFS and Western Cascade Fruit Society)

New Member – Regular Rate – \$25

New Member – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15

Renewing – Regular Rate – \$25

Renewing – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15

Optional: Donation to support fruit research (\$5 min)

Optional: Donation (other purpose) (\$5 min)

TOTAL

make checks payable to STFS., and mail with this form to:

STFS, c/o Trent Elwing,
1035 Alaska Ave E, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Our STFS club is run by and for our members - volunteers make things happen. If you would like to help, contact any Officer or Board member (see your newsletter) or email seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com