

Who ate my roses?  
gardening  
@ the library



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the gardener before you

What is he talking about?

How do I find that?

Should I invite him back?



WSU Master Gardener Program  
<http://gardening.wsu.edu>



What's he talking about? gardening terms

sustainable gardening



"Gardening can feed your stomach and your soul."  
Ward Hinds  
SC Master Gardener

organic gardening



Integrated Pest Management  
IPM

"Learn about IPM and forget the chemicals."  
Wink Cushman, SC Master Gardener



Water

drip irrigation



rain gardens



Soil



mulch

compost

the edible garden



How do I find that?

gardening reference



the gardening reference interview: business as usual

- Determine what the question is
  - Clarify for specifics
  - Confirm that you've got it right
- Decide on resources
- Find the resources
- Answer the question or make referral
- Close the transaction

recommended books for reference and circulation

Where's that darn Dewey?

635 gardening  
712 landscape architecture  
581 botany

gardening and plants on the Web

John Bartram, Bartram's Garden.  
[www.bartramsgarden.org](http://www.bartramsgarden.org)

ipl2  
<http://www.ipl.org>

Pacific Northwest Plants Database  
WSU

[www.pnwplants.wsu.edu](http://www.pnwplants.wsu.edu)

"Which trees won't hit my power lines?"

"Where can I find heirloom seeds?"

CYNDI'S CATALOG OF GARDEN CATALOGS

Mail-Order Gardening Resources

The home gardener's one stop to find all the mail-order gardening catalogs in the US and Canada - over 2000 of them! Check here first to find the company and see its ratings for quality, service, price and breadth of varieties. Plus links to mail-order companies outside North America, and other gardening-related sites.

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Comments from Cyndi

The Specialist Catalogs:	The General Catalogs:	Other Links:
<a href="#">Auricularias/Auricularia Plants</a> <a href="#">Beehives</a> <a href="#">Bonsai</a> <a href="#">Bulbs</a> <a href="#">Cacti</a> <a href="#">Companion</a> <a href="#">Crop Gardening</a>	<a href="#">Auricularias/Auricularia Plants</a> <a href="#">Beehives</a> <a href="#">Bonsai</a> <a href="#">Bulbs</a> <a href="#">Cacti</a> <a href="#">Companion</a> <a href="#">Crop Gardening</a>	<a href="#">Consumer Advice and How To</a> <a href="#">Regional Advice</a> <a href="#">Specialty</a>

<http://www.gardenlist.com/>

“How do I get rid of aphids?”

WSU Extension Presents  
**Hortense**  
Home gardener fact sheets for managing plant problems with IPM or Integrated Pest Management  
Cultural controls and Washington-registered pesticides are included.

Make a selection from the list on the left:  
Hortense Home   PestSense Home   U-PEST   Acknowledgements   Disclaimer

<http://pep.wsu.edu/hortense/>

Elisabeth C. Miller Library University of Washington  
Botanic Gardens

not just academic

<http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/index.shtml>

“Well, yes, this is all very well and good, but is this the bug who ate my roses?”

<http://gardening.wsu.edu/library/inse002/inse002.htm>

After the reference interview we know:

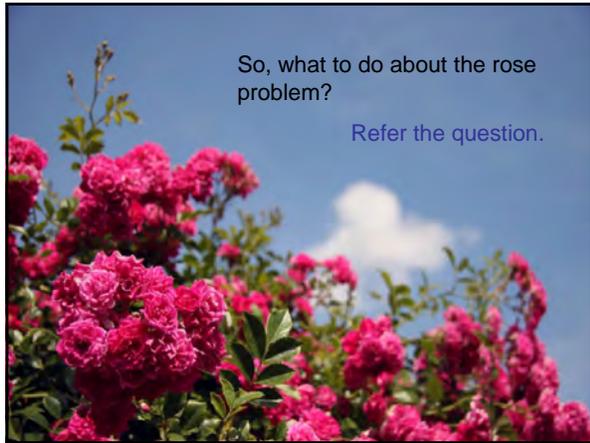
- This bug was crawling near the gardener’s rose bush.
- His rose bush is missing entire roses and there are no bite marks on the leaves.
- He wants to know what kind of bug he’s brought in.
- He wants to know who ate his roses.

We also know:

- The bug looks like a beetle.
- WSU Extension has lots of information online.
- Google: black beetle wsu
- Results: “These are elongate, shiny **black beetles** that have prominent, ... and purple or **black** in color, while the front region of this **beetle** is narrow and **black** (Fig. 4). ... For more information contact your local **WSU** Extension office.” [gardening.wsu.edu/library/inse002/inse002.htm](http://gardening.wsu.edu/library/inse002/inse002.htm)

It’s a match! Woohoo!

But, this is a beneficial beetle. He’s not been eating roses.



So, what to do about the rose problem?

Refer the question.

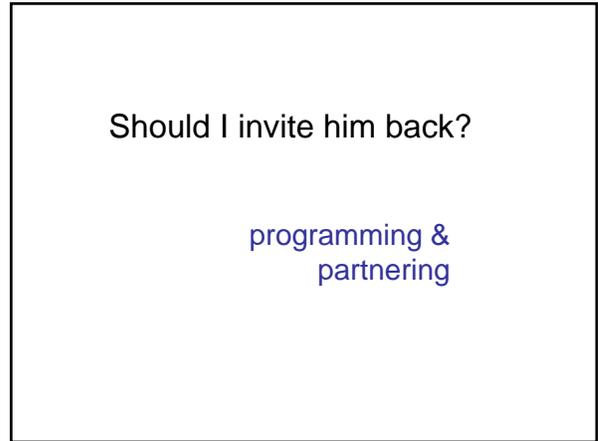
Refer the gardener to a Master Gardener community clinic in his county.

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgpcounty.html>



The Master Gardener solved the mystery.

The neighbor did it.



Should I invite him back?

programming & partnering



programming

classes & workshops

Cathy Reed of Molbak's Garden+Home speaking at the Lynnwood Library, Sno-Isle Libraries. <http://www.molbaks.com>



gardening series

Trevor Cameron, Garden Manager of Wight's Home & Garden explains IPM at a monthly gardening series at Lynnwood Library, Sno-Isle Libraries. Wight's partners with the library to present the series. <http://www.wights.com/>



learning from those who have dug before:  
gardening programs for all ages

### where to find program ideas

If there is a Master Gardener program in your county, give them a call to find out hot topics or check their website.

Use social media such as flickr, [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com), and library or gardening blogs to see what other libraries are doing.

Check out Dave's Garden forums & articles, <http://davesgarden.com/>, to see what gardeners are talking about. There is probably a forum of gardeners from your area.

See what classes local nurseries are offering.

### Partnering & speakers



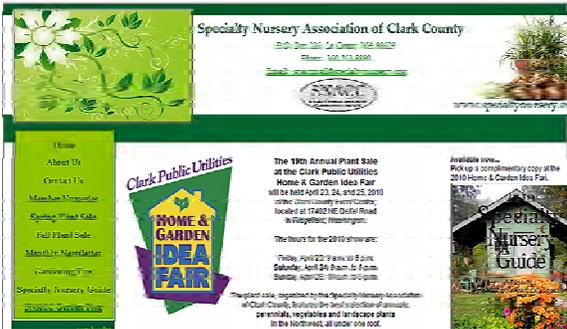
### WSNLA Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association

[www.wsnla.org](http://www.wsnla.org)



### Speciality Nursery Guide

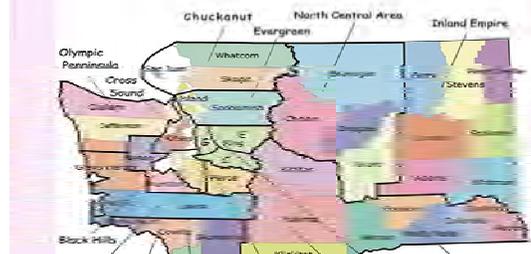
<http://www.specialitynursery.org/index.html>



### Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

<http://waclubs.esiteasp.com>

#### Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Map of Districts



## Other possible speakers or partners

Lowe's  
Home Depot  
Specialty gardening societies & clubs  
such as the Northwest Fuchsia Society  
Senior centers  
Schools

## Summary

If you don't know a gardening term, remember it's just a click away, or you can ask the gardener before you.

Gardening reference is business as usual. Remember to conduct a full interview.

Programs and partnering are a cinch if you remember that gardeners and horticultural professionals like to share.

## Happy Gardening!



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