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

compost

mulch

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

Ipl2
http://www.ipl.org

Pacific Northwest Plants Database
WSU
www.pnwplants.wsu.edu

“Which trees won’t hit my power lines?”

“Where can I find heirloom seeds?”

http://www.gardenlist.com/

http://www.pnwplants.wsu.edu

http://www.gardenlist.com/
"How do I get rid of aphids?"

http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense/

Elisabeth C. Miller Library University of Washington Botanic Gardens

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

not just academic

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

http://gardening.wsu.edu/library/insect002/insect002.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/insect002/insect002.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

classes & workshops

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, and library or gardening blogs to see what other libraries are doing.

Check out Dave’s Garden forums & articles, [http://davesgarden.com/](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.specialtynursery.org/index.html](http://www.specialtynursery.org/index.html)

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

[http://wacubs.esiteasp.com](http://wacubs.esiteasp.com)
Other possible speakers or partners

Lowe's
Home Depot
Speciality 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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