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mutual benefits. That's the allure of companion planting. However, this compelling idea is often associated with misinformation. This talk will dispel myths and offer evidence-based, practical tips. You will leave with a clearer understanding of the promise and limitation of companion planting and how to apply it in your garden.

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Gardeners are generous with their advice. But sometimes this advice lacks evidence. This session will debunk many gardening myths and explain why they do not work. Is a layer of gravel in the bottom of a container good for drainage? Do coffee grounds make the soil acidic? Does Epsom salt prevent blossom-end rot in tomatoes? Avoid these gardening mistakes for greater success while saving time and money.

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friend's garden, you can create a replica. Plant propagation becomes easy when you understand the science and apply it. This presentation will explain the science of plant growth and time-tested propagation methods, including seed starting, stem and shoot cuttings, and grafting. We will also cover the required materials and equipment, as well as the optimal timing for success.

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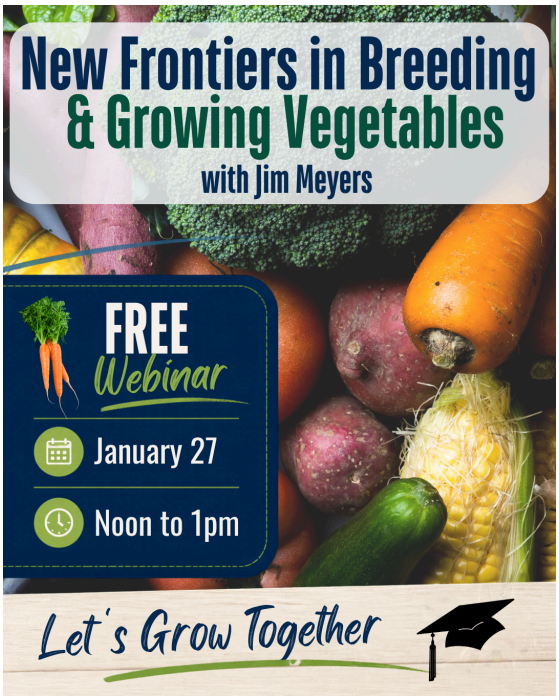

Vegetable breeding research shapes what we grow and eat. This talk will introduce you to vegetable breeding, review recent breakthroughs, and recommend outstanding varieties for this gardening season.

Jim Myers is Professor in Vegetable Breeding and Genetics at Oregon State University, specializing in developing improved vegetable varieties for the Pacific Northwest gardeners, growers, and processors, with a strong focus on organic systems, taste, nutrition, and disease resistance. Dr. Myers also contributes to the Culinary Breeding Network, which connects breeders and chefs to explore the intersection of plant breeding and cuisine.

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Healthy soil is the foundation of a successful garden. This talk shows you how to work smarter, not harder, to improve soil. We begin with a review of the soil's physical, chemical and biological properties then delve into effective strategies for improving soil health. Get tips for building soil organic matter to improve water retention and drainage. Learn how to replenish nutrients and foster healthy microbial communities. These strategies not only produce healthy soil but also save time and money.

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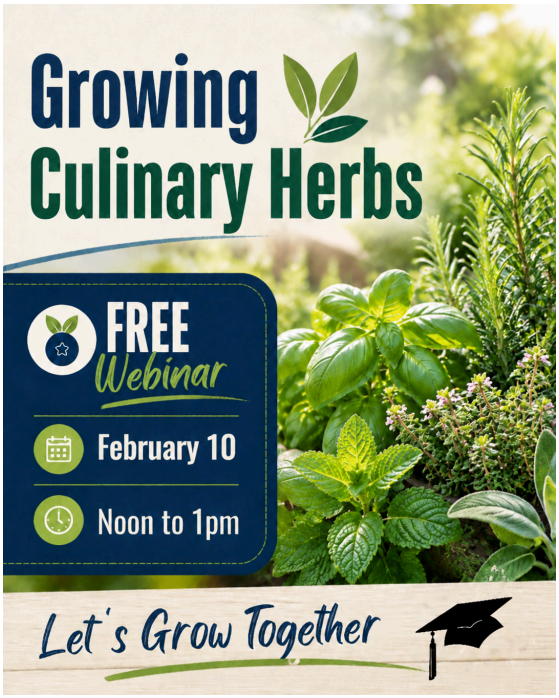

Many plants can flavor our food. They also make wonderful additions to vegetable and ornamental gardens. This session will introduce you to familiar and lesser-known culinary herbs. We will discuss how to grow, harvest, and store them. We will also highlight which herbs benefit pollinators and wildlife, and wrap up with ideas for herb garden design.

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know that blueberry plants can live for decades and still produce fruits? We will share best practices developed through years of research by Oregon State University scientists. This class will cover selecting varieties, soil preparation, planting techniques, and cultural practices, including fertilizing, watering, and pruning. We will also discuss pest and disease problems and their management.

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The United Nations defines sustainability as practices that “meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” In this talk, we will review research studies that inform the sustainable stewardship of garden soils and wildlife through intentional selection and care of garden plant communities. You will leave this talk with a better understanding of how your decisions and actions influence biodiversity within and around your garden.

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recognize the characteristics of common garden weeds and know how to effectively remove them. Equally important is to avoid introducing them into the garden. This class will cover these topics and offer tips for environmentally-benign weed control that does not lead to regrowth.

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Vine-ripened flavor makes tomatoes America's favorite vegetable. This webinar will share research-based information to improve your tomato growing and harvest.

This talk will cover selecting varieties, identifying optimum garden locations, determining when to plant, and how to prepare the soil and plant. For those with limited space, we will provide container gardening advice. We will also share effective ways to support tomato plants, discuss how to mulch, prune, water, fertilize, and manage pests and disease to promote plant health and productivity.

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nighttime garden and see how it can delight humans and provide essential habitat for wildlife. Learn how to create an oasis of plants that offer a feast for all five senses. Discover how to illuminate the nighttime garden to provide safety for people, insects, and birds. The garden after dark offers a unique opportunity to put the cares of the day away and bask in moments of peace and serenity.

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Mushrooms are low-calorie, high-nutrient foods packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber, and antioxidants. While most mushrooms we eat come from commercial production, gardeners can cultivate their own. This talk will introduce you to mushrooms you can grow at home. Learn the equipment, setup, environmental conditions, and steps for growing them.

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neither. Don't be surprised if some you consider enemies turn out to be beneficial garden helpers!

We will spotlight many garden visitors, including spiders, ants, beetles and true bugs, centipedes, millipedes, sowbugs, and pillbugs. In addition to demystifying their roles in your garden and whether they damage plants, we'll share ideas for managing their populations in an environmentally friendly way.

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Everybody knows that plants need water to live. Unfortunately, for many people, watering their yards means turning the hose on, and conserving water means turning the hose off. This fact-intensive presentation examines watering from three perspectives: first, how plants actually use water; second, how soils receive, store, and lose water; and third, practical information for gardeners at every level on how to water efficiently and conserve it effectively.

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for its landscapes and horticulture. Join us for an in-depth discussion on the key elements of this style, outstanding plants that thrive in it, and how to create your own beautiful, waterwise landscape using these principles and the plant palette.

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