



Aesthetic Pruning Program 2024/2025 Schedule

Structural Pine Pruning for Character: Saturday, October 5, 2024, 1-3pm - \$45

LAURA DUFALA, INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side.

Watch Laura unlock the hidden character of a pine tree by removing unnecessary branches and needles, both for the aesthetics and the health of the pine tree. Laura will demonstrate pruning in the niwaki method on a variety of pine trees at the Gresham Japanese Garden.

Propagating Conifers from Cuttings, Saturday, November 2, 2024, 1-3pm- \$55

NORM JACOBS INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side.

Learn how to successfully propagate Chamaecyparis, Cryptomeria, Tsuga, Thujopsis and other suitable conifers by rooting cuttings. Instructor Norm Jacobs will decode plant physiology, explain the selection of containers, soil mixes, and the role of rooting compounds. Norm will demonstrate, and you will prepare the cuttings from branches and sticks. Last Norm will share his experience about aftercare and future transplanting of your cuttings. Class will take place in GJG's Kyoudou Center and includes all the propagation materials: pots, soil, rooting compound, and plant tags that you'll take home. And, there will be time for questions and answers.

Assessing and Pruning an Overgrown Landscape: Saturday, November 23, 2024, 1-3pm: \$45

FRANCHESKA SNYDER, INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side.

Knowing where to begin managing an overgrown garden can be overwhelming. This workshop will take place at a residential home in the Gresham area (TBD) that speaks to the issues around this workshop. Instructor Francheska Snyder will walk you through how to prioritize tasks, how to prune based on the space, plant material, and hardscapes near. You will have the opportunity to observe while Francheska prunes a shrub and a specimen tree in this overgrown landscape. There will be time for questions too!

Hands-on Winter Pruning Workshop, Onsite: Saturday, January 11, 2025 10am-4pm - \$100

FRANCHESKA SNYDER, INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side.

This workshop is designed for the intermediate pruner looking to advance their pruning knowledge through experiential learning at a Japanese garden. Taught by GJG pruning instructor and owner of Niwa Methods, Francheska Snyder, this workshop will take place at Vanport International's Japanese garden in Boring, Oregon. Snyder will speak to the current state of this Japanese garden, about Japanese garden design and how to approach the overgrown issues at hand. All participants will prune a variety of plants and trees dependent on the needs. Workshop will be limited to 12 participants for optimal experience.

The History of Japanese Maple Cultivars: On Zoom, Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:30-8pm - \$30

NORM JACOBS INSTRUCTOR

Instructor Norm Jacob says that we are in a period of change in the world of Japanese maples, are in a period of "changing of the guard" in the world of Japanese maples with the future uncertain. That said, many select introductions of the last 30 years (the period of my most intense activity) are still rare or just making their way into propagation in numbers adequate to lower prices and improve availability. New plants continue to enter our evaluation program each year. This class will focus on JMs introduced during 1980-2018. Here are a few outstanding maple specialists instructor Norm Jacobs will discuss:

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History of Japanese Maple Cultivars cont'd

- Jack Muldoon, Trans-Pacific Nursery – Acer X circinatum Ki setsudore +
- Del Loucks, Del's Japanese Maples- Emerald Lace, Beni hoshi +
- Talon Buchholz, Buchholz Nursery, active though nursery now owned/operated by Matt and Tim Nichols (Mr. Maple) – The Ghost series (Sister, Amber, First, etc), Fairy Hair, Geisha Gone Wild, Bloody Talons
- The Dutch: Firma Esveld (the van Gelderen family) – shirasawanum aureum, Ariadne +
- Masayoshi Yano – Kurenai jishi, and author of Book for Maples

Pruning Fruit Trees, January 25, 2025 1-3pm: \$45

JONATHAN FAITH, INSTRUCTOR

Late winter pruning is a good time to prune fruit trees because it is dormant and easy to see the tree's structure to decide which cuts to make, and you can rest assured knowing that the spring is not far off and your tree will soon be able to heal any wounds from pruning. Instructor Jonathan Faith will demonstrate how to prune apple trees, cherry trees, and hopefully if Al's Garden & Home has in stock, plum trees and Asian pear trees.

In addition to demonstrating how to prune each variety of fruit tree, Jonathan will discuss cross pollination, fertilizers, and fungicide and insecticide sprays. This class will take place in the Kyoudou Center at the Gresham Japanese Garden. *Don't miss out too on a discount coupon to Al's Garden & Home when you attend the class!*

Fundamentals of Conifers, On Zoom: February 6, 2025 6-8pm - \$30

MARYANN LEWIS, INSTRUCTOR

In this online course, instructor Maryann Lewis will cover a variety of conifer basics, from identifying their cultivar, growth pattern, and pruning approach. Learn fundamental pruning techniques for your favorite conifers including pines, spruce, hinoki and others, and how to interpret each cultivar. This class will help you feel comfortable making pruning decisions so you can enjoy conifers even more. We highly recommend taking Maryann class on Sunday the 9th, Pruning Conifers in the Garden. *Zoom courses are recorded and available for two weeks.*

Pruning Conifers in the Garden, Onsite, Sunday, February 9th, 10:00am–Noon - \$45

MARYANN LEWIS, INSTRUCTOR

This class will build upon the knowledge gained in 'Pruning Fundamentals for Conifers' on the 8th. It will be beneficial to take the Zoom class. We will look at various small conifers in and around Tsuru Island and apply useful techniques and strategies that can be used in any garden style.

Introduction to the Aesthetic Pruning Approach, On Zoom: March 6, 2025 6-8pm - \$30

MARYANN LEWIS, INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side.

Aesthetics are integral to the stewardship of trees in our gardens. In this online course learn to apply the aesthetic pruning approach to trees and shrubs, including how to assess your plant material, identify the role they play in your garden, and develop a pruning plan to achieve your goals. Aesthetic pruning works in any garden style. *Zoom courses are recorded and available for two weeks.*

Spring Maintenance on Pines: Saturday, May 3, 2025 1-3pm: \$45

LAURA DUFALA, INSTRUCTOR: Bio on back side..

Learn all about the why's and how's of pruning and candling pines. Laura will candle, needle, and prune a few pines at the Gresham Japanese Garden. This workshop is in person. Bring your gloves. Laura may turn the class into a collaborative session.

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Gresham Japanese Garden Pruning Program Instructors



LAURA DUFALA

Laura Dufala has been in the nursery business for over 40 years, first working with Iseli's Nursery for five years, and then with a local high-end retail nursery for 25 years. Meanwhile, she and her husband Tom, own and operate a niche cloud-pruning pine tree nursery in Boring, Oregon. Laura is also experienced in bonsai, and aesthetic pruning of maples and other landscape plant material.

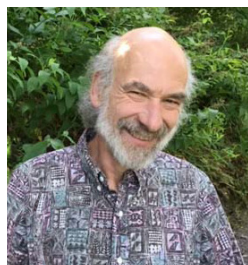
Laura teaches **Structural Pine Pruning for Character**, and **Spring Maintenance on Pines**



JONATHAN FAITH

Jonathan come from a deep history of being around a copious array of plants. For sixteen years, Jonathan helped manage his family's small orchard in Hubbard, Oregon. They had all different varieties of fruit trees. Talking about fruit trees is one of Jonathan's greatest pleasure! Jonathan is currently the store manager at Al's Garden & Home in Gresham.

Jonathan's teaches **Pruning Fruit Trees**, and **Pruning Flowering Shrubs** for GJG.



NORM JACOBS

Norm began gardening at age six, trimming boxwood, pruning roses, and tending his grandparents' vegetable garden. When his family moved to the Bay Area, CA, he landscaped tract house lots. College was math and physics at Berkeley, but fledgling programs for public "pension gardens" and "edible classrooms" drew his attention. Norm specializes in Japanese maples, dwarf conifers, Epimedium, and flirts with woodland peonies among other genera, all of which are propagated and grown from plants which have performed well in his SE Portland urban garden and nursery, Arbutus Garden Arts.

Norm teaches **Propagating Conifers**, **Propagating Broadleaf Evergreens** and **History of JMs**.



MARYANN LEWIS

Maryann Lewis is an APA Certified Aesthetic Pruner® and a co-founder of the Aesthetic Pruners Association (APA). In 2012 she began teaching various aesthetic pruning classes with the Marin Master Gardeners Pruning Guild. In 2022 Maryann was one of three pruning instructors for the International Japanese Garden Training Center's Waza to Kokoro seminar. Maryann has taught workshops and given presentations for the APA, the American Conifer Society, The Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita Oregon, the JM Winery in Woodinville Washington, and now the Gresham Japanese Garden.

Maryann teaches **Fundamentals of Conifers**



FRANCHESKA SNYDER

Originally from Pennsylvania, Francheska Snyder is the current owner of Niwa Method, a landscape business specializing in Japanese gardens. She has previously worked in public gardens such as the Portland Japanese Garden, Shofuso Japanese House and Garden, and Wyck Historic House and Garden. She has participated in work-study opportunities assisting Japanese garden builds across the United States, in Italy, and various regions of Japan. She holds a certificate in Ornamental Horticulture from Longwood Gardens, a 3rd Term Master Level certificate from the Ohara School of Ikebana and is a recognized Chanticleer Scholar. She uses her time and talent on the board of Leach Botanical Garden, and consulting and teaching for the Gresham Japanese Garden.

Francheska teaches **Pruning at Vanport International**, **Assessing an Overgrown Landscape**, and **Pruning Laceleaf Maples**.