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WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference Update

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Hope everyone is still holding the dates September 30—Oct 2 , because here’s ***great news*** for Master Gardeners across Washington State and beyond! The 26th WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference will be **Virtual**.

In addition to being a safe alternative in this crazy year, here’s what this means for everyone:

* Join other gardeners from near and far to learn from leading instructors and researchers
* Choose from a lineup of 30 great classes and learning opportunities offered in six sessions…with plenty of interaction options with instructors and presenters.
* Enjoy an inspiring Keynote presentation by world-renowned garden photographer and visual storyteller, David Perry
* Join live Chat Parties and moderated small group discussions
* Access recordings of classes you weren’t able to experience live … all included in your registration
* Choose from creative and entertaining optional pre-Conference Tours …virtual experiences you won’t want to miss!
* Check out the Conference traditions: Marketplace and Silent Auction — all enjoyed from the comfort of your home
* *And …No extra costs for travel and hotel*

**Learn and Grow!**  This year’s Conference is presented by the Washington State Master Foundation of Washington State and offers an exciting range of approved CE/Continuing Education. Classes are focused on Garden Mastery, Growing Food, Master Gardener Skills, Garden Sustainability and Maintenance, taught by a broad range of topic experts and WSU educators. Registered attendees will be able to log 10 hours of CE credits during the conference, take advantage of recorded classes totaling 36 CE credits AND enjoy custom-designed optional virtual pre-Conference tours for additional CE.

**Get Ready! Registration Opens June 1.** Meantime, take a look at the fabulous lineup of classes and make plans to attend. Registration information, all details, class and instructor information can be found on the 2021 WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference website at [mglearns.org](http://mglearns.org), with regular updates posted. It’s going to be a great Conference!

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