

Jo-Ann Canning on Container Gardening

For the small space gardener containers are a necessity, yet success can be elusive. For the gardener who wants to keep their garden environment ecologically sustainable and healthy it can be an even bigger challenge, yet all can be accomplished when you follow a few simple rules. Jo-Ann will review the realities of container gardening and talk about how to keep perennials and trees healthy as well as what and how to plant food crops for maximum yield and flavour. She will cover a few pruning tips, and provide take-home guidelines and lists to follow regarding container types, volumes, amendments and suitable cultivars.

BIO:

In her 25th year as Master Gardener, Jo-Ann has been an ornamental plant enthusiast and urban food gardener for over 45 years. Her gardens have taught her how to follow Nature's rules in climates as diverse as Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the American Southwest, Nova Scotia, and the UK. As part of her volunteer work, Jo has piloted community projects in integrated pest management, invasive species control, and urban small space gardening of vegetables, fruit and herbs for sustainability and food security. She has presented seminars on various subjects at VanDusen Garden, many gardening associations on the Mainland and the Island. She was a guest lecturer on vermiculture for the Horticultural Technicians' Program and at the Advanced Gardener's class and basic training class for the Master Gardeners at VIU's Paine Centre. Her articles and photographs have appeared on the MGABC's website, in local and international gardening newsletters, and magazines.