

City Fruit Classes – Winter 2010

City Fruits offers a series of fruit tree care classes starting in January 2010. Register at Brown Paper Tickets or send a check with the name of the class and your contact information to City Fruit, PO Box 28577, Seattle 98118. After registering, you will receive confirmation and the address of the class. If you can't afford a class but really want to learn, email us at info@cityfruit.org. The Phinney Neighborhood Association serves as City Fruit's fiscal sponsor and is the co-sponsor of these events.

[Jan 30 Fruit Tree Pruning, North Seattle](#) 10 am – noon. \$20/\$15 (City Fruit members). Phinney Ridge. Pruning your fruit tree will improve its health, productivity and appearance. This beginner's class covers the basics, including pruning tools, reasons for pruning a fruit tree and basic techniques. Ingela Wanerstrand, Green Darner Garden Design, specializes in edible garden design and coaching and has been pruning fruit trees professionally for 14 years.

[Jan 30 Fruit Tree Pruning, South Seattle](#) 10 am – noon. \$20/\$15 (members). Mt Baker. Learn to prune apple, plum, and pear trees and some berry bushes at one of Seattle's most beautiful teaching gardens. Bill Wanless is co-owner of brooke/wanless gardens, specializing in pruning of small trees, shrubs and vines. He is an ISA-certified arborist with 20 years' field experience. **This class is almost full.**

[Feb 6 Fruit Varieties for the Pacific NW](#) . 1 – 3 pm. U-W Botanic Gardens. \$20/\$15 (members). Sam Benowitz is the owner of [Raintree Nursery](#), a nursery specializing in fruit trees and other edibles. Whether it's plums, apples, pears, or berries, Sam knows what varieties do best in any particular situation. He will discuss the best fruits for the Northwest, why rootstocks are important, and how to determine how big a tree will grow.

[Feb 20 The Art of Espalier](#). 1 – 4:30 pm. U-W Botanic Gardens. \$30/\$25 (members). Dave Conners, former president of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society, has been training 18 different antique apple varieties on his city-sized lot for more than a decade and has been teaching "The Art of Espalier" at the UW's Center for Urban horticulture for many years.

[Mar 6 Pruning Grape Vines](#) 9 am – noon. \$20/\$15 (members). North Seattle. Learn to prune and train grape vines and get tips on growing grapes for best production. Larry Davis is a Master Gardener and teaches grape and other fruit production classes for the WSU-King County Master Gardener program.

[Mar 20 Planting and Caring for Young Fruit Trees](#) 10 am – noon. \$20/\$15 (members). South Seattle. Find out how and where to plant your new tree and how to keep it healthy. John Reardon, vice president of the Seattle Tree Fruit Society, teaches tree care classes for Plant Amnesty, Seattle Tree Fruit Society and City Fruit.

Fruit tree care classes are also offered by the following organizations. See the City Fruit [Calendar](#) or their Web sites for details.

[Community Harvest of Southwest Seattle](#)

[Friends of Piper's Orchard](#)

[Seattle Tilth](#)

[Seattle Tree Fruit Society](#)

[Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation](#)