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WHIDBEY ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Last Call: Native Plant Sale!

Pre-sale ordering on our Native Plants ends midnight on Tuesday January 31st! In response to requests, we've created new pages on our storefront for drought resistant species and fire-resistant species - note: fire-resistant doesn't mean fireproof. Water your plants well.

Pacific Ninebark



We also have several species on sale - \$10.15 for a bundle of five plants. (regularly \$11.25). This includes: Pacific Ninebark, Douglas Spirea, Redstem Ceanothus, and Snowberry. View the complete storefront, and pre-order/purchase plants online! Phone orders can be taken by calling 360-678-4708 or by walk-in at our office, 1 NE 4th St., Coupeville. Order now for pick up Saturday, February 25, 9am-1:30pm at Camp Casey, Coupeville.

Redstem Ceanothus



Come learn about "The Benefits of Native Plants" and other workshop topics presented by staff and volunteers from WICD and WSU Extension Island County Waste Wise.

## FREE GARDENING WORKSHOPS!

Presented in conjunction with our Native Plant Sale Pick-up and Open Sale, **Saturday, February 25 at Camp Casey, (in the Auditorium), Coupeville**

- **10:00 - 10:30 am: Benefits of Native Plants** presented by Whidbey Island Conservation District
- **11:00 - 11:30 am: Rain Gardens** presented by WSU Extension Waste Wise
- **12:00 - 12:30 pm: Soil Building/Vermicomposting** presented by WSU Extension Waste Wise

### Plastic Garden Pot Exchange, Feb 25th



As part of our Plastic Garden Pot Exchange at Camp Casey, you are encouraged to drop off your 4" or larger pots in advance at WSU Waste Wise, 406 N Main St, Coupeville. For more information, contact Sarah Berquist at [ic.wastewise@wsu.edu](mailto:ic.wastewise@wsu.edu).



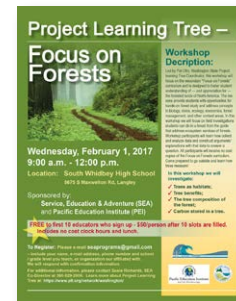
## Enjoy our 1-Page Newsletter Blast!

### What's happening on Whidbey Island?

When it comes to sharing information about local and regional natural resource conservation events, WICD strives to be a hub for Whidbey residents.

Check out our **NEW** Calendar at

[www.whidbeycd.org/calendar/](http://www.whidbeycd.org/calendar/)



### Focus on Forests curriculum workshop -

Are you an educator or teacher interested in teaching more forest-focused lessons? Do you

work with students in grades 6-12 and are looking for clock hours? Project Learning Tree's Focus on Forests curriculum is a fantastic resource . . . and it's coming to Whidbey Island!

**This 3-hour workshop is at South Whidbey High School on Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Lunch is provided, and all attendees will receive a copy of the Focus on Forests curriculum.

RSVP to [seaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:seaprograms@gmail.com).



### WICD Drought Plan complete and available to view

In 2016, Whidbey Island Conservation District

developed a comprehensive drought plan with support from the Washington State Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resources

Conservation Service. WICD worked extensively with San Juan Island Conservation District, who also designed their own drought plan. The plan provides an overview of water management within Island County, resource conditions and concerns, and conservation, mitigation, and adaptation strategies to address seasonal drought. To view the completed Drought Plan, visit the 2016 Whidbey Island Drought Plan [project page](#).