# Recognition of Your Heritage Garden

Your Conservation District recognizes homeowners and businesses who create and maintain Heritage Gardens.



Landscaping may range from the more conventional, manicured look to that of natural gardens resembling the shrubsteppe and riparian habitats of our region.

Landscaping is evaluated based on a checklist. By meeting the minimum requirements, an appropriately landscaped area will be designated as a Heritage Garden. Owners of Heritage Gardens receive a yard sign.

By displaying the Heritage Garden sign, property owners show their commitment to water-smart landscaping and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.



"Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you."

- Frank Lloyd Wright

# Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts provide:

Information & education on creating a Heritage Garden;

Review of your design & plant selection before you plant; and

Certification of your Heritage Garden!

### About Us

The Heritage Garden Program is brought to our community by the Benton and Franklin Conservation



Districts in partnership with the Columbia Basin Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society.

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# Heritage Gardens



Water-Smart Landscaping

honoring the Heritage of the Columbia River Basin

# Bring the Columbia River Basin into Your Garden

### Flora & Fauna

Include flora that are native to our area.





Select plants and other features such as water sources that will attract birds, butterflies and more. Heritage Gardens are landscaped areas designed to honor the cultural & natural heritage of the Columbia River Basin while utilizing sustainable gardening practices.

### **Indigenous Peoples**



have inhabited the Columbia River watershed for thousands of years, utilizing

The tribes

its plant and animal resources. Incorporate the ethnobotany of the tribes into your Heritage Garden by including plants used for food, shelter, and medicines.

## Heritage Gardens:

Promote the use of native plants, especially those of cultural significance;

Promote low-water use landscaping & efficient irrigation methods: and

Educate our community about the history & biodiversity of the Columbia River Basin.

### Lewis & Clark **Expedition**

The expedition's travels took them along the



Snake and Columbia rivers where numerous plant species were discovered. Include in your Heritage Garden some of the species noted in Meriwether Lewis' journals.

### Geologic History





