

## 2026 WSFGC Convention--Leavenworth, WA Speakers, Workshops and Tour

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We all know that convention is a time to learn about what every district in Washington is doing as well as find out how to get involved in some of the committees. But convention is more than sitting in meetings. "Alpine Mysteries" will offer several opportunities to have FUN and expand your horizons.

### WORKSHOPS

In the creativity arena we are offering two fun and relaxing **WORKSHOPS!** On the afternoon of June 10<sup>th</sup>, you can learn the art of yarn-woven basketry with instructor Hazel Broughton. Hazel is a member of Toppenish Garden Club and is active in the Yakima Nation Heritage Center. You will be able to craft a small woven basket using the supplies provided. If you have a special yarn you'd like to use, bring it along. Workshop limit is 25.



On the afternoon of June 11<sup>th</sup>, we are offering a hand painted canvas bag workshop with Cathy Baldwin and Lindsay Osier (the painted gourd ladies). They will provide all the supplies; all you need to do is leave your stress outside the door and be prepared to have a lot of fun. The last time we saw Cathy and Lindsay, they were teaching us to paint a gourd suncatcher. Workshop limit is 35.



### AFTERNOON TOUR

If creativity is “not your thing,” there’s also a **TOUR** planned for the afternoon of June 10<sup>th</sup> where you can board a 15-passenger van and head out to Derby Canyon Natives Nursery in Peshastin. There you’ll meet new owner, Melissa Asher, who will welcome us into the world of native plants. She says she had a passion for native plants since her first botany class in college. After hearing Melissa’s story and doing a little shopping, the next stop will be the famous Aplets and Cotlets Factory in Cashmere, with a different type of shopping experience. You will be safely returned to the hotel in time for Happy Hour and Design Night Dinner. This tour is limited to 15.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Lunch **SPEAKERS** for the convention will be entertaining and informative. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Central Washington University Geology Professor Nick Zentner (“Nick on the Rocks”) will be speaking following a delicious lunch. Nick Zentner is an American academic who works as a geology professor at CWU in Ellensburg, Washington. Outside of his work with the university, he is known for his online videos covering the geology of the Northwestern United States and his YouTube series “Nick on the Rocks.”



On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Black Hills District and Friendly Neighbors Garden Club President, Anne Stedham, will be taking us on an arm-chair tour of the “Hedgerows of England.” What a perfect way to travel.

