

**Our next BCMGA Member Meeting is Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm.** Stay safe and snug at home, and join on Zoom. This meeting will NOT be hybrid; **it's Zoom only. Zoom link available soon!** We will have a well-known live remote speaker from Washington state, Dr. Linda Chalker Scott. Linn County Master Gardener Association members are also invited.

The topic:

**Mycorrhizae – The Fungal Infection your Plants will Love**

You've probably seen them before – those white threads too long and slender to be roots yet intimately associated with the root system of your landscape and garden plants. The threads are fungal hyphae, and their association with many plant species are collectively called mycorrhizae. Before you grab the fungicide, you'll want to know how these fungal partners help your plants survive and thrive. We'll also discuss the gardening practices that help, or hurt, mycorrhizal populations. Attending this presentation qualifies for an hour of continuing education credit for recertifying master gardeners.

The speaker:

**Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, Ph.D. in Horticulture from Oregon State University, is Washington State University's Extension Urban Horticulturist and an Emerita Professor in the Department of Horticulture.** She is a certified arborist and consulting arborist. Linda conducts research in applied plant and soil sciences and publishes scientific articles and university Extension fact sheets. She is also actively involved in enhancing scientific literacy by teaching how to assess the credibility of information from print and online sources.

Linda also is the award-winning author of five books and was featured in a video series – *The Science of Gardening* – produced by The Great Courses. She also is one of the Garden Professors – a group of academic colleagues who educate and entertain through their blog and Facebook pages. Linda has been recognized by Garden Communicators International, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and the International Society for Arboriculture.