

# Site Requirements for PlantAmnesty's Renovation Workshops

The Renovation Workshop is a hands-on all-day event that features a 3:1 student-teacher ratio and real-world experience. **Pruning** and creative solutions to the overgrown garden will be taught as a yard is renovated during the class. **Cass Turnbull** gives a slide-show lecture followed by hands-on experience in the yard. Professional gardeners and arborists assist Cass in teaching the hands-on portion of the workshop. Homeowners and professional gardeners attend the workshop.

## Site requirements

- Lots of **overgrown, neglected shrubs** and **small trees** that are at least 15 years old. And a diversity of types of shrubs (i.e. not just a yard of mostly Rhodys).
- A private home, church, or commercial landscape located in **King County**.
- Large enough so that it is maneuverable by a group of about 20-30 people.
- Nearby parking for as many as 20-30 vehicles.
- Indoor space for the lecture and lunch that will hold 20-30 people. (A tidy garage is okay.)
- Site prepared in advance – move breakable landscape ornaments, clean up toys and dog pooh, so that workers can move around easily.
- Is there a place to dispose of yard waste?
- A bathroom for use by muddy workers. (We have rugs to protect your floors.)
- Owner must be present during the workshop.
- A donation of \$700-\$1000 to PlantAmnesty.
- **This type of work will NOT be done:** hedge shearing, a lot of blackberry and weed removal, and work on steep slopes. One or two large trees may be pruned by a certified arborist.

## Benefits to the site owner

- A pre-workshop consultation with author-expert Cass Turnbull, and the benefit of several professionals' insights into possible solutions to your yard problems.
- Pruning and renovation work done by about 8 landscape professionals and 20 students.
- Value of work is 2-3 times the amount of donation.
- Lots of wood chips! Other debris stacked neatly.
- 50-80% of all potential work discussed with the owner will be completed in one day.
- Opportunity to attend the workshop and receive all workshop materials (a pruning DVD and handouts on pruning topics).
- A beautiful yard at the end of the workshop!

## Benefits to PlantAmnesty

- Helps to fulfill PlantAmnesty's goals: to encourage proper pruning techniques and to educate the public.
- The fees paid by students and the site owner's donation go to PlantAmnesty. The instructors (PlantAmnesty tested and approved professional gardeners), the arborists, and other workshop helpers volunteer their time to put on this workshop.

If you are interested in having a workshop held at your site, contact PlantAmnesty at 206-783-9813 or [info@plantamnesty.org](mailto:info@plantamnesty.org).