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## King Conservation District and Pierce Conservation District offer up workshops focusing on “Carpentry for Critters” and “Native Plant Landscaping”

TACOMA—King Conservation District (KCD) and Pierce Conservation District (PCD) have teamed up to offer a pair of fun and educational workshops for the first time at the 2007 Tacoma Home & Garden Show®.

“Carpentry for Critters” is the focus of the King Conservation District’s workshop at the show. During the hour-long seminar, KCD Farm Planner Paul Borne will share information on how homeowners can transform their outdoor space into a wildlife friendly area by building nest and habitat boxes for a variety of animals. The seminar will include birdhouses for chickadees, robins and barn swallows, bat boxes, mason bee blocks, brush and rock piles and raptor perches. Attendees will also learn what their natural neighbors need to survive and how to create a backyard where they can thrive.

Pierce Conservation District will focus on how homeowners can use native plants in their landscaping. Rene Skaggs, manager of the PCD’s annual native tree and plant sale, will educate attendees on the benefits of using native trees and shrubs in their yards. She will also share information on where homeowners can get native plants for a great price and how to plant bare rootstock.

Conservation districts, formed as an outgrowth of the “dustbowl era” in the 1930’s, are the only entities with the sole mission of serving the natural resource issues arising from private land management.

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KCD offers a free program of services that helps urban, suburban and rural landowners manage the natural land and water resources on their property. KCD is hands-on, site specific, action and results oriented. It also initiates community outreach activities that include workshops, education programs, site visits, farm plans, and consultations on land, water, and wildlife management.

Since 1949, the KCD has been educating and assisting landowners, schools, scientists, consultants and agencies in recognizing problem situations and correcting them, and showing them how to avoid creating problems. The program promotes conservation through technical assistance, demonstration projects, and educational events such as public workshops.

Admission to the 2007 Tacoma Home & Garden Show® is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors (62 and older) weekdays only and juniors \$5.00 (6-16). Children under six are admitted free

when accompanied by an adult. Two-day passes are also available for \$14.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors. Discount coupons good for \$2.00 off adult and senior weekday admission are available at exhibitor locations, all Western Washington Lowe's Home Improvement Centers and Key Bank locations, Metro Parks, Baxter Auto Parts and online at [www.tacomahomeandgardenshow.com](http://www.tacomahomeandgardenshow.com).

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 4.

The 2007 Tacoma Home and Garden Show® is produced by O'Loughlin Trade Shows of Tacoma. For more information call 253.756.2121 or visit the company's website at [www.tacomahomeandgardenshow.com](http://www.tacomahomeandgardenshow.com).

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