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Foundations Activities

By Sam Mitchell, President

It's good to be back in touch. We've heard from many of you how much you enjoyed the last issue of the newsletter. Thank you, Karen Benson, for getting us off to such a great start. This issue is smaller, since there is less to report as the year goes on. CE offerings will taper off over November and December so we can all focus on our families, holidays, and our gardens.

November and December are busy on the board and in many committees. The board is preparing a budget for 2011 that will include support for all the clinics, gardens, and projects around the county. If you're interested in the budget, plan to attend the board meeting Thursday 11 November from 6:30-8:30 at CUH. All Foundation members are encouraged to attend any board meeting. Like November's meeting, they're always the second Thursday of the month, typically at CUH.

Foundation board committees are currently working on publishing the newsletter and keeping the website updated and interesting, preparing a membership survey to go out soon, writing grants for Foundation support, and several other items. The Foundation board is always seeking volunteers not on the board to assist in committee work. Have an interest or idea? Contact a board member to help find the right spot for you.

Finally, turn in expense receipts! Please send receipts for clinic, garden, or other expenses incurred in 2010 to the Foundation treasurer, Bryan Woolsey. You can contact him for a reimbursement form at bryw@centurytel.net. Expense receipts will be accepted through December 15th, so turn them in now.

As always, if you have ideas about the newsletter, send them to newsletter@mgfkc.org.

Volunteer for Foundation Committees

By Newsletter Committee

The board of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County invites you to participate by volunteering for one of our committees. Get credit for MG hours and help your foundation support the MG program. See Committee leads and contact information to the right.

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You may already be entered to win!

Drawings will be held on December 1st for four \$25 gift certificates to local nurseries. Your name is already entered into the pool if you've reported your hours on the WSU website. If you haven't yet reported, do so now to be entered to win at

<http://ext.wsu.edu/testVolunteer/logon.aspx>

Another drawing will be held on December 1st for four more \$25 gift certificates to local nurseries. Your name is already entered into the pool if you've registered for the members' only section of the Foundation website mgfkc.org . If you haven't yet registered, do so now to be entered to win at <http://www.mgfkc.org/members-only>

Thank you to an anonymous MG who donated the funds for these drawings and who encourages everyone to report their hours and check out the website.



Updates on A'Key Grants

By Jerry Twitty

In 2009 the Foundation initiated an annual grant in the name of the late Master Gardener Ellen A'Key, funded by a gift from her estate to encourage rural Washington county Master Gardeners to undertake projects that further the Master Gardener Program. This \$1500 grant was awarded in September 2009 to the Grant/Adams county Master Gardeners help to establish a drought tolerate demonstration garden at the historical Old Hotel in Othello, WA.

The 2010 \$1500 grant was awarded to Asotin county Master Gardeners to establish a Sustainable Kids' Sustainable Garden at an elementary school in Clarkston, WA.

These projects were highlighted in the November 2010 State Foundation Newsletter Seeds for Thought. To see this article click on

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgfw/s/newsletters/1011Seeds.pdf> and go to pages 5 and 6.

Miller Library is 25

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, the Elizabeth Miller Horticultural Library at CUH celebrated their 25th anniversary. Click and read the [Seattle Times article](#).

Grant/Adams Counties Master Gardeners at July meeting at Old Hotel Garden



Photo by Terry Rice

Fourth-Grade Class with Their Teacher, Judi Akers (center, back) at Parkway Elementary School, Clarkston.



Photo by Deloris Jungert-Davisson

CE And Other Events of Interest

Pruning Class: Rehabilitation Pruning for Previously Mal-Pruned Plants

Where: Sand Point Magnuson Park; Building 406 (The Brig)

When: Sunday, November 14, 2010, 10am – 12pm

Cost: \$15 for the general public; \$10 for PlantAmnesty members, \$5 for horticulture college students and native Spanish speakers. No pre-registration is necessary. Just show up and pay at the door.

Questions? Email PlantAmnesty at info@plantamnesty.org or call 206-783-9813

This class covers the three most common forms of mal-pruning (tree topping, overthinning of trees and shrubs, and inappropriate shearing) and how to fix trees and shrubs that have been mal-pruned. This is an advanced course and those attending should already be familiar with principles of selective pruning. Included is discussion of watersprouts, suckers, radical renovation techniques, and crown restoration.

Planting and Caring for Young Trees

When: Saturday, November 20, 11 am–1 pm

Where: Phinney Neighborhood Center

6532 Phinney Ave N. Seattle, WA

Fall is planting time! Plant your tree before the ground gets hard and get a head start on your fruit. By using good planting, watering, and pruning techniques, and learning to recognize problems, you can give young trees the best chance to become healthy and productive. The class covers site selection, fruit tree selection (how large? What type?), where to buy fruit trees, how to plant them and how to care for young trees. Jana Dilley works on the Green Seattle Initiative with the City of Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment. She has a master's degree in Forestry and in Public Affairs and has organized community tree-planting events in Seattle and California.

Registration is \$15 for City Fruit and PNA members, and \$20 for non-members.
Register at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/135119>.

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