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UW Arboretum Winter Garden by J. Twitty

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Foundation Activities

By Sam Mitchell, President

New year, new budget

Thank you to all MGs who continue to answer the annual appeal letter. We've exceeded our goal and are fast approaching last year's total. Although we won't have year-end figures for a while, the success of the plant sale, notecards, golf tournament, harvest dinner, as well as the appeal letter all contributed to another year of growing—quite an achievement in our national economy.

This year we're expecting to run a deficit due to the almost constantly shifting budget situation at WSU and in the state. Increasing costs are everywhere in the Foundation budget from parking and room rentals at CUH to personnel costs. MGs in King County have the luxury of some cash reserves so our program is in no immediate danger of being eliminated.

The board will be spending its time and energy strategizing how our programs can continue as the WSU budget is cut further and further. For 2011, however, all garden and clinic budgets were frozen at last year's levels. As the face of our public outreach efforts, the board felt it critical to continue to invest in what we do effectively throughout the county. We've already begun efforts to evaluate our programs and projects to ensure we're spending our money wisely. Have ideas? Please contact a board member, or attend a board meeting the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30, typically at CUH.

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

MGFKC 2011 Budget Approved

At the November 11, 2010 meeting, the board of the Master Gardeners Foundation of King County approved a budget for 2011. Expenses of \$86,270 were approved with an estimated \$16,745 deficit. Without King County support and with WSU constraints, this budget supports Elaine and her assistant Karen with salary funds. Support to gardens and clinics has not been reduced. You may contact your board liaison for details.

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

The Master Gardeners of King County will be part of the Northwest Flower and Garden Show this year. Dates are February 23-27, 2011. Volunteers will be requested. Watch for details from Elaine or call Elaine.

And the Winners are...

Linda Ayres, Nick Cooper, Rachel Grossman, Susie Thorness, Jeff Daly, Linda Holman, Leroy LaCelle, Kaye Moreton. Each receives a \$25 gift certificate to a nursery of their choosing, compliments of a past MGFKC board member.

This drawing was for registering on the MGFKC website and on the WSU hours reporting website.

South Seattle Community College Chinese Garden Opening

By Jerry Twitty

On February 6 the new Chinese Garden at SSCC will formally open. This 4.6 acre garden is one of the largest outside of China. For hours and directions go to Chinese Garden.

Another wonderful garden for January is the Witt Winter Garden at the Lake Washington Arboretum. There actually many blooming plants. It is an easy walk from the Visitor's center. See [winter garden](#) for information.



Photo courtesy Seattle Chinese Garden

CE And Other Events of Interest

Saturday, 22 January 9:30-11:00 (\$5 suggested donation to MGFKC)

Saturday, 5 February 9:30-11:00 (\$5 suggested donation to MGFKC)

The Joseph Witt Winter Garden at the Washington Park Arboretum tour. Join Sam Mitchell to explore not only this wonderful collection, but other plants in the arboretum left out of the winter garden. Come smell, see, and engage with what winter has to offer the Northwest ornamental gardeners.

Registration at the office. Email Karen Hausrath at Karen.hausrath@wsu.edu or call 206.543.0221 (Tuesdays and Thursdays are best).

Questions: Samuel Mitchell seattlebrahmin@hotmail.com or 206.949.9515.

Information courtesy of Tina Gruendike, MGF Education Committee . . .

Molbak's Garden & Home
13625 Northeast 175th Street
Woodinville, WA 98072

Monday, February 28 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Fruit Tree Pruning for yield. Do you prune fruit trees frequently enough to remember all that is involved? Review the basics of pruning and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Monday, April 4 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Creating Impact with the Best Trees and Shrubs for Western Washington Gardens

Speaker: Don Marshall - Educator, author, landscape designer and nurseryman, Don Marshall has established one of the outstanding horticulture programs in Washington state. He teaches full time, is a Certified Arborist and owns a landscape design firm. He has received many awards, including the Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Washington State Nursery & Landscaping Association in 1998.

Cost: \$15 Master Gardeners, \$20 for non-members.

Registration at the Master Gardener Office:

Email Karen Hausrath at karen.hausrath@wsu.edu

or call the MG Office at 206 543 0221 (Tuesdays and Thursdays are best)

Please do not call the nursery for registration.

Checks should be made out to MGF of King County.

Send to: Master Gardener Program

Box 354115

Seattle WA 98195

Attn: Karen H

These sessions will be open to the public so be sure to register early.

Directions at www.molbaks.com

There is a café on site for refreshments and drinks.

The Master Gardeners at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden hold weekly workshops on various topics. These are on Saturdays at 10:30 AM at the garden (15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue) and are free to the public. Contact Pat Naselow for information, pnaselow@plnmortgage.com

Date	Topic	Speaker
1/15/2011	Flowering Shrubs and Trees	George Pinyuh
1/22/2011	Vegetable Gardens and Their Rotations	Mick Duggan
1/29/2011	Pruning & Espalier - Fruit trees & Grapes	Larry Davis
2/5/2011	Compost and it's varieties How and When to Use Them	Katie Bach, Horticulturist Cedar Grove Compost
2/12/2011	Fruit Trees Selecting and Planting	Larry Davis,
2/19/2011	Organic Primer	Katie Burke
2/26/2011	No class. NW Flower and garden show	
3/5/2011	Pruning Shrubs and Ornamentals Overgrown Garden	Kathy Ewert, MG
3/12/2011	Roses	Lonnie Garceau
3/19/2011	Fragrant Plants	Helen Weber
3/26/2011	Drip Irrigation 101	Kevin and Susie Egan

Plant Sale Help is Needed

MG Plant Sale 2011 is May 6, and 7, Mothers Day weekend. Please consider volunteering for at least one shift. As our operating costs have gone up, budgetary cut-backs have significantly reduced support from sources we relied on. The bottom line is that we need the proceeds from our annual sale to keep the program going.

Consider signing up again, or volunteering for at least one shift for the first time. It's hard work and great camaraderie. Contact me, Horst Momber, Plant Sale Chair, at momberh@mac.com before February 7, to let me know your availability for any shift: Set-up on Friday, May 5, or the actual sale on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8.

A Lecture of Interest to Gardeners

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 7:30 - 9pm Downstairs at Town Hall; (1119 8th Avenue) enter on Seneca Street.

Planting native trees, plants, and shrubs in this crowded world carries both a moral and an ecological responsibility we cannot ignore. With 33,000 species imperiled in the U.S., gardeners and landscapers have never been so empowered to help save biodiversity—and the need has never been so great. Celebrity naturalist David Mizejewski introduces Entomology and Wildlife Ecology Professor Douglas Tallamy, author of Bringing Nature Home, who discusses how native plants sustain wildlife in our gardens. Presented by the National Wildlife Federation.

Tickets are \$5 at www.brownpapertickets.com or 800/838-3006, and at the door beginning at 6:30 pm.

Clinic Liaison:

Board members have been assigned to facilitate communication between the board and the clinics. Emails and telephone information available at mgfkc.org

Clinic	Liaison
Auburn Farmers' Market	Joyce Harms
Ballard Farmers' Market, Ballard Fred Meyer	Rob Lehman
Bellevue Demo Garden clinic	Chris Cady
Bellevue Home Depot, Bellevue Nursery	Cecilia McGowan
Bothell	Steve Scott
Burien	Mark Pival
City People's, CUH	Anne Forestieri
Fairwood Library	Judy Porterfield
Federal Way Farmers' Market	Joyce Harms
Issaquah/ Snoqualmie	Bryan Woolsey
Kent/Covington	Jerry Twitty
Lake City Fred Meyer, Lake Forest Park	Karen Benson-Huck
Magnolia library	Laurie Myer
Maple Valley	Jerry Twitty
Mercer Island	Samuel Mitchell
North Bend	Bryan Woolsey
Redmond Farmers' Market	Cecilia McGowan
Renton Farmers' Market, Renton McLendon's	Judy Porterfield
Shoreline Fred Meyer	Karen Benson-Huck
U District Farmers' Market	Carol Arnold
Vashon	Mick Duggan
Washington Park Arboretum	Samuel Mitchell
West Seattle	Mick Duggan
Woodinville WDW Garden clinic	Chris Cady
Zoo	Karen Benson-Huck

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