

Master Gardener Newsletter
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Planting Seeds for a Green World



Master Gardener
Foundation of King County

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sam Mitchell

Plant sale! May means plant sale for many of us. If you're not volunteering your time, please attend the sale - bring family and friends - to find delicious veggie starts or new ornamentals for your garden. It's the easiest way to support our largest fundraiser, as well as connect with MGs from around King County.

This year MGFKC is participating in Seattle Foundation's **Give Big** program. Visit www.seattlefoundation.org anytime Wednesday May 2nd for the opportunity to contribute to MGFKC and your other favorite community groups. All donations will be stretched by funds from Seattle Foundation, increasing the value of your contribution toward sustainable gardening in King County.

We are recruiting **board candidates!** If you have interest (or a great idea), please contact me right away. Better yet, come see me, or another board member, this weekend at the sale. We'll be happy to tell you more.

Please join us in NHS hall at CUH Tuesday June 5th at 6:30 for our Foundation **annual meeting**. Bring a potluck item to share, connect with old friends, and thank the folks who produce the plant sale. Dr. Sarah Reichard will speak about her book "The Conscientious Gardener: Cultivating a Garden Ethic." Attendance is limited, so please RSVP to Elaine.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- Thursday May 10, 6:30 pm, CUH
- Thursday June 14, 6:30 pm, CUH
- Thursday July 12, 6:30 pm, CUH

Giving a Boost to Master Gardeners

By Rick Gillmore

In the last two editions of the newsletter, I mentioned how we all are fundraisers by simply being advocates for the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. As we get nearer to our Plant Sale and clinics, it's time to rev up our advocacy engines!

There are three critical areas you can support:

1. Your hands-on involvement with the Plant Sale, which I hope you have signed up for some shifts and plan to buy some great plants. Just spread the word around your friends and neighbors. **Maybe be a "Plant shopper" for someone who can't make it to the sale, but would trust you to buy them some plants.** You never know until you ask!
2. Your sale and purchase of raffle tickets. Who can't afford a couple of bucks on the chance to win \$1,000?
3. Your advocacy at your clinics this summer. I have made up a flyer that is brief and to the point about our need for money and what we do with the contributions. It will be available for each of the clinics this spring and summer.

If any of you need more information of a fundraising nature, or have ideas, please send me an email at crgillmore@comcast.net.

Thank you all for your work you do in your communities in volunteering your time and talent. I am proud to be a Master Gardener and I'm not shy in telling everyone I meet.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE Welcome MG Class of 2012!

This year's class of new MGs, we are told, is enthusiastic and ready to go. We hope to see you at the clinics, gardens and at the 2012 plant sale this weekend.

Here are the new Master Gardener interns:

Edie	Adams	Jim	Little
Carolyn	Alcorn	Todd	Little
Susan	Allan	Richard	Lum
Kelly	Angell	Debbie	Martin
Sarah	Bergdahl	Geoffery	McAnallo
Brenda	Bindschatel	Linda	McElroy
Lisa	Brines	Penny	Merriman
Sarah	Campbell	Shelly	Montgomery
Ann	Carden	Julie	Montiel
Billy	Colburn	Bev	Morrow
Sally	Cornish	Betsy	Mullen
Susan	Costa	Margot	Navarre
Tasha	Crider	Janice	Parker
Lisa	Crockett	Andrey	Pogorelyy
Brandee	Daniels	Pam	Pollock
Sheila	de la Cruz	Ann	Precup
Mia	Devine	Deb	Quinones
Marcia	Dillon	Ross	Radley
Deborah	Dowd	Barbara	Reisinger
Betsy	Dowling	Bobbie	Rosenthal
Lark	Fisher	Alec	Rowell
Kelly	Forsyth	Laurie	Rowell
Rain	Gilman	Andrea	Sawyer
Marilyn	Glenn	Cindy	Schneider
Richelle	Godwin	Julie	Shaw
Gerrie	Gribble	Jeremy	Smith
Jennifer	Hawkins	Nicole	Stanley
Brian	Holt	Johanna	Striar
Julie	Holt	Erin	Sweet
Don	Homer	Bill	Thorness
Andree	Hurley	Nancy	Thorp
Martina	Jaeger	Terry	Thorpe
Bailey	Jensen	Pauline	Toomb
Nami	Kimura	Loretta	Turner
Priya	Lehman	Laurie	Wilson
James	Lester	Carole	Woodard
Jenny	Lewis	Bud	Wurtz
Carole	Linse		

We must also thank the mentors for this class for their hard work. They are much appreciated.

The mentors this year were:

Ann	Acton	Ursula	Haigh
Sydney	Allison-Towle	Marilyn	LaCelle
Jean	Daniels	Kaye	Moreton
Carol	Galea	Gordon	Polson
Valerie	Garza		

TIDBITS

The Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden located at 13735 24th Ave S in SeaTac, WA is a fine community garden, free to the public. This garden grew out of the garden of Elda Bohm, whose original garden was condemned by the 3rd runway project at SeaTac. The current garden is maintained by numerous King County Gardens Societies:

<http://www.highlinegarden.org/>

Save the date - It's the 2012

Master Gardener Plant Sale



Saturday May 5, 8am to 5pm
Sunday May 6, 10am to 3pm

- Thousands of tomato plants, veggie starts, herbs, perennials, native plants, shrubs, trees and vines from Master Gardeners and local specialty growers
- Bring-a-Plant-Problem diagnosis (bring a fresh sample in a bag)
- Personal shoppers & advice from Master Gardeners make this Plant Sale one-of-a-kind!
- Free, easy-access parking and shuttle
- At the UW Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle (near University Village shopping center)
- Proceeds benefit the Master Gardeners of King County, supporting community outreach, stewardship and public education.




visit mgfkc.org for more details



Bring this flyer to get a FREE pair of garden gloves with \$50 purchase

one per person, please

MASTER GARDENER'S CALENDAR

MAY 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday), 5/10, 6:30 pm, CUH Plant Sale 5/5 8am-5pm, 5/6 10am - 3pm, CUH Preview Party, 5/4, 5:30-8pm, CUH
JUNE 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday), 6/14, 6:30 pm, CUH New Board Members Seated Foundation Annual Meeting 6/5, 6:30 pm, CUH Dr. Sarah Reichard, speaker
JULY 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday), 7/12, 6:30 pm, TBA
AUGUST 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday) 8/9, 6:30 pm, TBA Open house NEELY Demo Garden, 8/18, 10am-2pm Open house BDG
SEPTEMBER 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday) 9/13, 6:30 pm, TBA Annual Conference Tri-Cities 9/13-9/15
OCTOBER 2012	Board meeting (2 nd Thursday) 10/11, 6:30 pm, TBA Recognition Dinner, TBA

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CONTINUING EDUCATION AND OTHER EVENTS

Most classes will earn CE credit. To be sure that you will receive CE credit, please contact Elaine Anderson, King County Master Gardener Coordinator.

Bellevue Demo Garden Workshops

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
5/12/2012	Planting for Privacy	Marty Wingate
5/19/2012	Drought Tolerance in Plants	Pat Roome
6/2/2012	Ferns!	Nick Cooper
6/16/2012	The Good Bugs The Bad Bugs in your Garden	George Pinyuh
6/23/2012	Home Composing	Fred Wemer
7/7/2012	Plant Bullies Noxious Weeds In King County	Sasha Shaw
7/14/2012	Shade Gardening	Ellon Jarvis
7/21/2012	Fall and Winter Vegetables	Joy Naganuma
7/28/2012	Succulents	Don Armstrong

Neely/Soames Gardening Series 2012

Please join us at Neely Homestead for FREE garden-related classes taught by King County Master Gardeners. Bring your questions, experiences, and love of gardening to our informative classes. The Homestead is located at 5411 S 237th Pl. in Kent. To register, contact Sharon Englund - 253-835-4144 or Penny Thayer - 253-941-2628.

Saturday May 19, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Care of Roses by J. Wycoff

Learn how to care for your roses in a way that benefits the bees, good bugs, and your garden.

Saturday June 23, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Garden Design for Easy Maintenance by B. Bush

How to design a beautiful and easy to maintain garden. Learn tips on which plants are tough as well as how to make gardening chores easier.

Saturday July 28, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Lavender Wands by R. Jackson

Learn to make beautiful lavender wands from fresh lavender stems.

Saturday August 25, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, Fall Fireworks in your Garden by S. Egan

Enjoy a colorful slideshow showing wonderful plants that add drama and excitement to the end of gardening season. Take advantage of the glowing colors that fall brings. You will learn about making wonderful combinations of perennials, grasses, shrubs and vines that add color, texture, movement and drama to your fall garden.

PlantAmnesty Classes

PlantAmnesty founder Cass Turnbull and other guest instructors teach these popular two-hour slideshows on the second Sunday of most months, and you can attend one or all.

Classes are held at Sand Point Magnuson Park - just follow the "Pruning Class" signs from the 74th Street entrance off Sand Point Way.

The classes are just \$15 each 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. The following pruning classes are scheduled:

Sunday, May 13, 2012 10:00 am - noon

Shrubs 2 (The Hackables, Shearables, and Untouchables) *Cass Turnbull.*

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

Some plants are cut to the ground each year. But barely touch others, and all hell breaks loose.

Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year. Learn how to prune butterfly bush, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockrose, broom, witchhazel, and others.

Sunday June 10, 2012 10:00 am - noon

Rehabilitative Pruning *Cass Turnbull*

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. Included is discussion of watersprouts, suckers, radical renovation techniques, and crown restoration.

Sunday July 8, 2012 10:00 am - noon

Tree Pruning 1 *Bess Bronstein, Edmonds Community College*

This is the science and biology behind the pruning of trees. Bess Bronstein, honored hort teacher from Edmonds Community College, will give us the inside story on how trees grow and survive to become the longest-lived, most massive species on the planet. Famous arboriculturalist, Dr. Alex Shigo, taught us that all pruning wounds trees. Find out how to minimize that damage and work with the tree's natural defenses. Students will gain an understanding of compartmentalization, included bark, branch collar identification, and more.

For details on these and other classes given by PlantAmnesty: info@plantamnesty.org or 206-783-9813.

Seattle Tilth

Seattle Tilth has many classes for adults and children. See <http://seattletilth.org/learn/classes-and-workshops/adultclassessorted> for details.

Don't Miss the Plant Sale Preview Party & Appetizer Competition! **Friday, May 4, 5:30-8:00 pm**

It's an evening of fantastic food, wines, entertainment & your chance to shop before the crowds.
Ciscoe Morris & Graham Kerr will bestow awards on the best appetizers.

Ample food and wine are provided while you browse the plant sale selections and shop early.

Reserve your spot on Brown Paper Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/234526

NHS Lectures

Reception 6:45 pm – Lecture 7:15 pm

Location: Center for Urban Horticulture

No Reservations are Taken for Wednesday Evening Lecture Series

Members \$5.00 Non-members \$10.00

Wednesday May 9, 2012 Soul Gardening Jenks Farmer

Jenks Farmer, writer, lecturer, curator of Moore Farms Garden and owner of LushLife Nursery in South Carolina, will talk about the missions, research and style of two botanical gardens he has built since moving back to South Carolina, and other private gardens. He will touch on how growing up in the ruins of plantations and farms he learned to love plants as a child and how plants from around the world. You will see how the gardens he creates are places where the soul rather than the hand of man is in charge.

Wednesday June 13, 2012 Hydrangeas: What, How, WOW! Nita Jo Rountree

Nita Jo Rountree, lecturer, garden designer and former president of NHS, will take us beyond our grandmother's hydrangeas to discover a world of exciting cultivars and species. Nita-Jo will review flower color, cultural requirements, bloom time, pruning, and inspire you with design tips. She will demonstrate how to successfully care for and grow these showy, versatile beauties and how to enjoy their lovely, large blooms inside as dried or cut flowers.

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