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The Foundation Connection

A monthly e-newsletter from the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

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Steve Walker, the "Gardenfather" of Bellevue Demonstration Garden

..by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

***BDG Consigliere recognized 4000 hours of
unstinting service***

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Steve with son Jamie, Daughter-in law Mary grand-daughter Simone, Photo by Emilie Castle.

Steve signed up for the Master Gardener program in 1986 and immediately became active in the program..... Master Gardener Wally Prestbo has known Steve for more than 20 years. "He's like what you'd call the godfather, only I would call him the gardenfather of BDG."

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Bellevue Demonstration Garden

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The Hands-on, How-to Garden

Continuing Education

Learning takes place in many ways, and the MG Program is offering more ways to learn and keep us current than ever before.

[Find CE opportunities...](#)



Bellevue Demonstration Garden's annual bed. BDG is a cooperative venture with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, photo courtesy Bellevuewa.gov

Established in 1984, this urban demonstration garden has grown from a single P-Patch surrounded by blackberries on a steep, rock-filled slope to the flourishing garden it is today.

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Bellevue Demonstration Garden Clinic & Workshop Series

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Connecting with the larger community

The Show and Tell Clinic

"This year the workshops will take place from January 23 through October 15 on most Saturdays,"

The workshops run from 10:30am to noon and Master Gardeners earn CE credits (1.5 hours) for each class.

The first four classes of 2016 are:

Jan 23, Planning for a Vegetable Garden

Jan 30, Growing in Raised Beds and Containers

Feb 6, Trouble Free Trees and Shrubs

Feb 13, Growing Orchids

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What is it Like to Serve on the Foundation Board?

..by Penny Kriese, Foundation Board Member



Thoughts from one of your fellow Master Gardeners

The Foundation's role is mainly viewed as the economic support for the MG program in King County. We endeavor to be clear sighted about where the program needs to grow and improve.

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Doing It Better this Year

...by Gordon Polson Foundation Board Member



You can almost see....their trusses of fat scarlet fruits....

Check out the list of seminars for CE opportunities, too using the link above.

[Next MGF Board Meeting and Long Range Planning Meeting](#): on Sunday, 10 January 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Windermere Realty conference room at Redmond Town Center

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