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# The Foundation Connection

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

## May 2017 Issue



**MASTER GARDENER**

**PLANT SALE**

**& GARDEN MARKET**

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*New this year, sale is open to public Friday & Saturday!*

**May 5, 4pm - 8pm**  
**May 6, 9am - 5pm**

Special Preview Party May 5

**New** Garden Education Talks on Saturday May 6th  
Speakers include:  
Ciscoe Morris  
Karen Chapman  
Bill Thorness  
Elaine Sherbrooke

**Ticket details for Garden Talks and Preview Party at: mgfk.org**

[Get the details](#)

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## University District Clinic: *A Well-established Presence*

*...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne*

The University Master Gardener Clinic has been around almost as long as the farmers market itself. These MGs learn from and support each other, enjoying the diversity of their group and their Clinic visitors.



[Read the full article](#)

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## Master Gardener Jim Little: *Learning and Doing*

*...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne*

Jim Little's scientific background eventually led him to the Master Gardener Program. Now he applies that training in multiple ways as a member of the University District Master Gardener Clinic.

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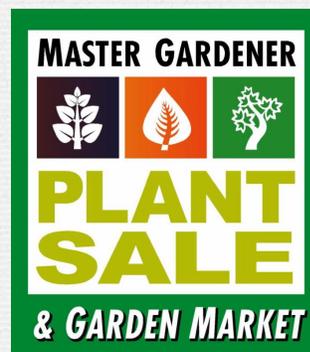
## *Cultivate (More) Knowledge* Listen and Learn: *Plant Sale* *Continuing Ed*

You can cultivate knowledge in more ways than one: attend one or more Education Sessions during the Plant Sale & Garden Market. Four local garden experts will speak on topics of interest, starting at 10 a.m.:

- Karen Chapman: 3 Easy Steps to Fabulous Container Design
- Bill Thorness: 10 Steps to Your Best Tomato Year Ever
- Ciscoe Morris: Plants You Can't Live Without
- Elaine Sherbrooke: Plant Problems You Would be Glad to Live Without

All talks will be at the Center for Urban Horticulture in the NHS Hall. Registration for each session is \$5 and you can register for up to three guests to attend with you. Plan to take a break (before or after your Plant Sale shift). Get the details and register [here](#).

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## The Gadabout Gardener: *The View from Here*

...by Master Gardener Emeritus Bruce Bennett

MG Bruce Bennett has attained Emeritus status but he hasn't hung up his gardening skills just yet. This is the first in an occasional series from Bruce as he and wife Karson start their retirement with some travel and volunteer work that will certainly include gardens.



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### Master Gardener Foundation Board Elections

Ballots must be submitted by May 15, 2017, in order to be counted. Look for the link to the online ballot in your April 15 email from the Foundation. Subject: VOTE for 2017 Board Elections by May 15.

### Give Early and GiveBIG!

New this year: Early Giving begins April 27.

Starting Thursday, April 27, at 12 a.m., donors can schedule their donations using a donation button at [givebigseattle.org](http://givebigseattle.org). Scheduled donations will not be charged until May 10. For early giving only, donors will need to create a simple profile that includes name, email and a password. Learn more about early giving at GiveBIG's [FAQ](#) and donate to the [Master Gardener Foundation of King County](#). Thank you for your continuing support.



### Washington State Master Gardener of the Year Award

Each year the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS) recognizes a state-wide Master Gardener of the Year. The award is presented at the annual WSU/MGFWS Advanced Education Conference. This year the conference is being held in Yakima.

The selection process is quite intensive. If you have someone that you would

like to nominate, please visit the MGFWS website for detailed forms and instructions:  
[mgfws.org/Awards](http://mgfws.org/Awards)

Send completed forms by May 7th to [president@mgfkc.org](mailto:president@mgfkc.org). Our Foundation Board will review all applications and send a nominee to the State Foundation.



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### ***Cultivate (More) Knowledge***



### **Late Bloomers: Plant Now for Summer and Fall Color**

*...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne*

Tulips and daffodils get all the attention this time of year. Spring is also a good time to think ahead to the late summer and fall, when you would welcome some new color as the blooms of summer fade.

[Read the full article](#)

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### **Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!**

*We can find a use for them*

### **Can You Help??**



The new board term begins June 1, and we are looking for interested Master Gardeners to participate. Would you like to help build a strong Foundation for the Master Gardener Program? Join a committee! We need skills in several areas to carry out the work of the Foundation. Here are some of our current needs:

- **Education** is looking for MGs to identify seminar and series topics, find speakers, coordinate speakers and events for training
- **Website & Publicity** is seeking those with creative and 'techy' skills to learn to use the tools that help us outreach
- **Membership** is looking for MGs to help recognize volunteers, celebrate their commitment and keep them engaged.
- **Communications** is searching for writers to contribute articles of interest to MGs, short subjects, editing and working with our online template.

Much of the important work of our Foundation is handled by our committees. You do not need to be on the Board of Directors in order to participate on a committee, and yet you can have a big impact. Are you up for it? Contact us if you are interested or want to find out more.

[Read about our needs](#)

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## What's Happening? *News and Updates*

- **Volunteer for the Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale **May 5 and 6!****  
We are still looking for help with set-up, various plant departments, parking and more. You can find information and [register here](#).
- **May 5 Cinco de Mayo Preview Party**, a fundraiser for the Foundation. [Buy tickets online](#).
- **May 5 (4-8pm) and May 6 (9am-5pm) MGF Plant Sale and Garden Market**
- **May 13-14 MGF Plant Sale at Cesar Chavez Demo Garden.** [Details](#)
- **Next MGF Board Meeting:** Thursday, **May 11** at Center for Urban Horticulture. If you are interested in serving on a committee, check the list at <http://www.mgfk.org/about-us/foundation-board>, or contact [president@mgfk.org](mailto:president@mgfk.org).
- **May 15 Voting closes** for MGFKC Board elections. Find the April 15 email from the Foundation with a link to vote.
- **July 1** Deadline for **A'Key Grant Program** applications. Find information about this award program at <http://www.mgfk.org/resources/ellen-a-key-grant>.
- **Bellevue Demo Garden Fall Harvest Festival & Plant Sale: Sept. 12**, 10am to noon. Find [other fall classes](#) at Bellevue Demo Garden.
- **Master Gardener Rain Garden Workshop & Build: Sept. 12**, 11am, at the Newcastle Days celebration.



**Looking for CEs?** Check our [Training](#) web page for opportunities year round. Right now look for talks at **BDG** and **Snoqualmie Valley Library**. Don't miss talks at the **CUH Plant Sale**, they count, too.

### **WHERE am I?**

Find Master Gardener clinics and gardens in King County using this [MGFKC map](#).

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