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Master Gardeners celebrated another successful year by recognizing the contributions of fellow MGs. The Foundation Board hosted the breakfast, awards, and special guest Riz Reyes at the Center for Urban Horticulture on Saturday, October 21.

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...](#)

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Ballard Fred Meyer Master Gardener Clinic: *Spreading the Joy of Gardening*

...by Master Gardener Susan Dodd

This group of 20 Master Gardeners loves to share their gardening knowledge and help clients pick out just the right plant.

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Foundation Plantings: *President's Letter*

...by Master Gardener Foundation Board President Penny Kriese

Time for thanks for sharing, to the gardens and their gardeners, to volunteers and peers, to donors and supporters, to those who touch our hearts with their open and giving ways. All Master Gardeners may see themselves in these groups because each of you belongs there. Thank you all for all your efforts in the past year.

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Thanks to You! *Generous MGs Ensure Our Success*

...by Master Gardener Foundation Board President Penny Kriese

The Master Gardener Foundation has many people like you to thank for our success. WSU is not allowed to raise funds, so

the Foundation of funds that need and raises funds to support the Master Gardener Program in our county. Individual gifts, gifts through the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG, and gifts through the annual appeal help all our King County Master Gardeners to deliver research-based horticulture information to the community. In addition to individual gifts, this year we received a bequest from longtime Master Gardener Marlene Falkenbury. We are deeply grateful for these gifts.

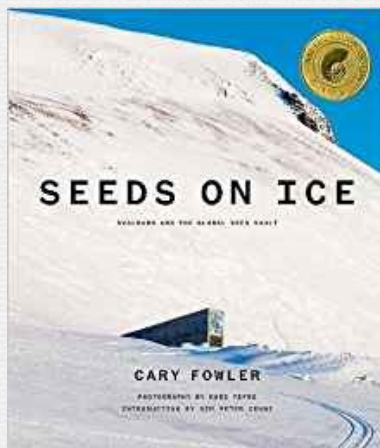
This month when you receive this year's appeals letter in the mail, we hope that you will make MGF a priority in your end-of-year giving so we can continue to support the WSU Extension's Master Gardener Program and its volunteers in King County in their efforts on behalf of the county's gardeners and citizens. We use these funds to provide ongoing financial stability to this program, our clinics and gardens, and offer more educational programs about horticultural information to the public and the Master Gardener volunteers. Thank you for making the MGF a priority in your giving.



Changes to the Master Gardener Program Internship Requirements

...by Master Gardener Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson

After careful consideration, we've decided to make some changes to our King County internship requirements beginning in 2018. We looked at other counties and discovered that most have a one-year internship. WSU has set the statewide minimum internship to be 40 hours completed within a year of training although individual counties may require additional hours. Our internship program will now be one year in length and require 40 hours, including 5 clinic shifts and 3 garden shifts. These changes will bring our requirements in line with other counties, and we hope that the changes appeal to potential Master Gardeners that are still working, raising families or juggling other responsibilities. We congratulate all our current first-year interns and our second-year interns who've completed their required hours for 2017 and will become veterans on January 1st, 2018!



Miller Library Gardening/Horticulture Book of the Month *Seeds on Ice: Svalbard and the Global Seed Vault*

Plant scientist Cary Fowler relates the history of this global seed vault, including many photographs. The book also includes the story of the first withdrawal of seeds that had been sent to the vault before hostilities began in Syria.



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

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Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

We can find a use for them

Can You Help??



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:

- **Website & Graphics** is seeking creative and 'techy' skills
- **Membership** is looking for MGs to connect with our members, celebrating their commitment and keeping 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

What's Happening? *News and Updates*

- **[Next MGF Board Meeting](#)**: Thursday, **Nov. 9**, at the Master Gardener Office at CUH. The meeting begins at 7:00PM.
- **[Recertification](#)**: It's almost reapplication time, are you ready? Do you have your [hours updated online](#)? Are your CEs for the year complete, or almost? Look for the email from the MG Program Office in early December.

[Staying Smart](#) - CE Opportunities

- **Nov. 18, Sat.**, [Epic Battle of Plants](#), at Renton Tech, all-day CE workshop. Registration required, now closed.

SAVE THE DATES IN 2018

- **Mar. 3, 2018**, [Whidbey Gardening Workshop](#). Registration opens Jan. 14, 2018.
- **Sep 26-29, 2018**, [MG Advanced Education Conference](#), Wenatchee, WA. Registration opens April 2018..

WHERE am I?


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

Do you have an event or CE opportunity to share? Submit items to consider for our list of announcements to secretary@mgfk.org.



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