



Master Gardener Foundation of King County Request for Nominations for 2018 Board Election

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County is soliciting nominations for Master Gardeners interested in serving on its Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning on June 1, 2018, and ending on May 31, 2021. Four (4) directors will be elected to the Board in May 2018.

In accordance with the Foundation's bylaws, the Board shall solicit nominations from the membership to be submitted not later than **March 1, 2018**. The Board will prepare a slate of potential candidates and interview them by April 1. If you know of a Master Gardener who might be interested, feel free to forward their name to the Search Committee at nominations@mgfkc.org by **March 1, 2018**.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit a brief biography (one or two paragraphs), including your contact information and a description of your involvement in the Master Gardener program, to the Board by March 1, 2018 at nominations@mgfkc.org or by mail to:

MGFKC Search Committee
WSU Extension Master Gardener Program Office
Center for Urban Horticulture
Box 354115 Seattle, WA 98195

If you have any questions or want additional information, please send an e-mail to president@mgfkc.org or call Penny Kriese at 206.527.3161.

About the Foundation and the Board of Directors

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity that provides 80% of the financial support for the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County. Membership in the Foundation is free and open to all Master Gardeners in good standing in the King County Program.

Volunteering on the Board is an excellent way to join other dedicated Master Gardeners to develop and implement innovative strategies to keep the MG Program vibrant in King County. The Foundation seeks to include board members who have experience and skills in one or more of the activities in which the Board is engaged, such as, but not limited to, finance, marketing, education, communications, fund raising, clinics and gardens management, etc. The Board tries to have geographic representation across all areas of King County. In 2018, we are looking for more representation from West Seattle, central Seattle and the South Sound area. The Board is searching for representatives from each of our program areas, including clinics, youth programs, diagnosticians, and gardens. Experience with nonprofit organizations is helpful but not required.

Board positions do require a time commitment. All directors are expected to attend our monthly Board meetings and other program events, and to participate on one or more of our committees. The Board generally meets at the CUH on the second Thursday of each month, although summer meetings are often held at our demonstration or youth education gardens.

If you have questions about what's required, please feel free to contact the President. We are happy to discuss these positions with you. Time spent working on the Board does count toward Program Support hours. Please consider applying for one of these very important positions. **An active and engaged Board is critical to the long-term success of our Master Gardener Program!**