



The Foundation Connection

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the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

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Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale: *Changing with the Season-Perennials*

The way we prepare and sell perennials at the Spring Plant Sale is changing. In this

month's update, Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson describes the changes and ways Master Gardeners can participate.

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Cultivate (More) Knowledge



Growing Peppers in King County: 2017 Pepper Trial Results

Master Gardener Terry Thorpe presents the results of

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the 2017 pepper tasting at Bellevue Demonstration Garden. Find out which varieties flourished and how you can spice up your next batch of chili. [Read More](#)

Cultivate (More) Knowledge



The Pocket Orchard: Growing Fruit Trees in Containers

You can grow tree fruit in Western Washington, even in a container. Master Gardener Barbara Hainley tells us what need to know: how to choose, plant, and maintain fruit trees in a small space. [Read more](#)

Advanced Education Opportunity

Here Comes Spring! Pruning Fruit Trees and Learning about Soils



Mark your calendars! March 24 is a full day of advanced education classes for Master Gardeners at Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave. N., in Shoreline.

The classroom will open at 9 a.m. The morning speaker is *Ingela Wanerstrand*, owner of Green Darner Garden Design. She will begin her talk and practical demonstration on fruit tree pruning at 9:30 a.m. Ingela will bring a selection of handouts illustrating her talk and actions and will take questions before we break for lunch at noon. This will probably be your last opportunity to prune before spring - unless you have stone fruits.

The college's catering service, Lancer, will set up coffee and refreshments mid-morning. Box lunches will be available to order during the registration process.

David Montgomery and *Anne Biklé* will share the stage in the afternoon, speaking about soils from their newest book, "The Hidden Half of Nature." David will

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Of Interest to You

Continuing Education

Learning takes place in many ways, and the Program is offering more ways to learn than ever before. [Find CE opportunities](#)

Tip Sheets for KC

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start his talk at 1 p.m. Anne will take over when he finishes, around 3:30 p.m., and will wrap up by 4 p.m. They will have a selection of their books on offer; one autographed book will be given as a door prize. Hearing this talk is a must, especially if you haven't yet read this book.

Registration for this full day is \$15; the number of seats is limited. Please watch your email for registration information and details.



Foundation Plantings: President's Message

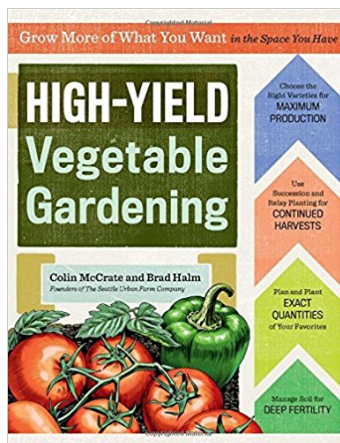
Foundation President Penny Kriese asks for nominees for open MGF Board positions, greets the new class of MG trainees, and clarifies Fact Sheet vs Tip Sheet.

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MGF Financial Results for 2017

MGF Board Treasurer Peggy Smith summarizes the Foundation's financial position at the end of 2017. Review her summary [here](#)

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection



High-Yield Vegetable Gardening

Colin McCrate and Brad Halm, two transplants from the Midwest, have embraced gardening in Washington. As founders of The Seattle Urban Farm Company, they teach

people to grow food despite space limitations or lack of experience.

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What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, **Mar. 8, 2018** at the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.



Mar. 1: Nominations for the Board

due. Submit nominations to nominations@mgfkc.org. Here's the [announcement](#).

Save the Dates: May 4 & 5, CUH Plant Sale.

Staying Smart -- Save the Dates!

Mar. 3, 2018, [Whidbey Gardening Workshop](#).

Registration closes Feb. 25, 2018.

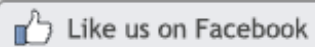
Mar. 24, 2018, KCMG CE event, 9:00-4:00 at Shoreline Community College. Watch your email for registration info.

Sep. 26-29, 2018, [MG Advanced Education Conference](#), Wenatchee, WA. Registration opens April 2018.

Check our [Training page](#) for other CE opportunities including KCMG training classes and BDG Saturday workshops.

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

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