



The Foundation Connection

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

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Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale: Changing with the

Season-Parking

...by Master Gardener and Spring Plant Sale Chair
Gary Scheider

The way we park at the Plant Sale – shoppers, vendors, and volunteers – will show some significant changes this May. Spring Plant Sale Chair Gary Scheider explains the changes with the help of a map.

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2018 Garden Gala: Celebrate Small Space Gardening

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...by Master Gardener Bonny Nordgren

The Garden Gala Committee invites you to celebrate with Master Gardeners, special guests, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and cool beverages at the garden party of the season. Jazz group Kaffeine will provide the music. Join the party at CUH!

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New Master Gardener Community Garden: *The Benefits of Partnership*

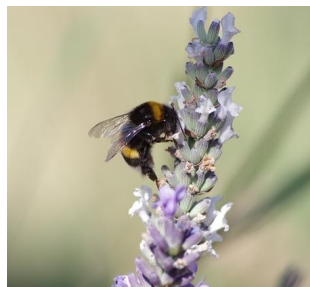
...by Master Gardener Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson

Master Gardeners on Vashon Island have joined forces with two island nonprofits to support the Vashon-Maury Community Food Bank garden. MGs and community volunteers focus on quantity and selection to grow the right crops.

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Cultivate (More) Knowledge

Flowers vs Foliage: Consider What Feeds the Bees



...by Master Gardener Wendy Lagozzino

Many of us like to include plenty of foliage in our garden plans. MG Wendy Lagozzino makes the case for including lots of flowers as well for reasons you might not have considered.

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The Gadabout Gardener: *Plains*

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

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WHERE am I?

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



Perennials for Northwest Gardens, Part 3 of 3

...by Master Gardener Emeritus Bruce Bennett

While crossing the grasslands of the United States Master Gardener has introduced us to a variety of grassland flowers that will thrive in our climate. He concludes the road trip with specimens from Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.



[Garden Gala](#)
Buy Your Ticket Today

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Extend Your Resources

Master Gardener Teaching Kits: Getting Back to the Basics

...by Master Gardener Maggie Windus

Would you like to share some of your horticultural knowledge? MG Maggie

Windus asks you to consider presenting one of our Teaching Kits to a group in your community.

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Foundation Plantings

President's Message

...by MGF Board President Penny Kriese

This month, Board President Penny Kriese encourages us to keep on learning by pushing the "Refresh" button once in a while. Listening to the same CE presentation more than once isn't always a bad thing.

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Welcome New Master Gardeners! 2018 Interns Complete Their Training

*...by Master Gardener and
Foundation President-Elect
Carrie Hill*



On March 31st, 90 Master Gardener interns graduated upon completing 12 weeks of training. This was the largest group of interns in recent years and a direct result of clinic requests for additional staff and recruitment efforts by veteran Master Gardeners throughout King County. This year's training was held at the Burien Community Center and attracted nearly 100 applicants from throughout the county.

This year's program included several new elements including "learn & work" visits to several of our Demonstration Gardens. Well-regarded new and returning speakers and topics included Todd Murray on entomology, Jim Kropf on small fruits, Christina Pfeiffer on soil and pruning, Pat Roome on landscape design, Jim Olson and Gia Parsons on vegetables, Susie Egan on botanical Latin, Jeff Daley on ornamental grasses.

Keynote speaker on the final day was Richie Steffen, the Director/Curator at the Elisabeth Carey Miller Botanical Garden and a well-known personality on the Pacific Northwest horticulture scene. His topics included "25 Ferns You Cannot Live Without" and "Wild Plants for the Civilized Garden."

Please welcome these newly minted interns as you work with them in our clinics and gardens in 2018.

Your Chance to GiveBIG!

...by MGFKC President Penny Kriese

It's time again to GiveBIG! Board President Penny

GIVE TO YOUR FAVORITE NONPROFIT.



Kriese encourages us all to continue our generous support of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County.

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Raffle Tickets: *Support Your Program*

...by Master Gardener Bob Connor

- What does the purchase of a Raffle ticket provide? **The Foundation raises almost 85%** of the funds to support all the Master Gardener activities in King County.
- **All ticket sale proceeds go to the Master Gardener Foundation** of King County (MGFKC).
- **Tickets are \$2.00 each** or \$10.00 for a pack of five.
- Drawing to win will be made on May 5th at the Plant Sale. Prizes: \$500, \$300, and \$200. One ticket, three chances to win.

The Master Gardener Program is a collaboration between WSU Extension Master Gardener Program and the Program in King County. **In 2017, nearly 600 Master Gardeners volunteered over 40,000 hours in King County.** There are **37 Plant Clinics** throughout the county and **14 Demonstration Gardens**, including an Outreach Garden and three Youth Outreach Gardens. The clinics and gardens **served 51,000 adults and 4,000 children and youth.** The Foundation also provides funding for continuing education classes for Master Gardeners.

There is no support from King County.

We, the MGFKC, raise money through the Plant Sales, Raffle, and donations. Tickets for the Raffle were distributed at the March 18 annual clinic meeting.

Please support our efforts to train Master Gardeners and improve our outreach to the King County community in our clinics and gardens.

All Ideas Welcome: *Looking for*

Applicants for the 2018 A'Key Grant Award

...by Bob Connor, MKFKC Board Member and A'Key Grant Committee Chair

The 2018 Ellen A'Key Grant application is available to any Master Gardener group in the state with a great idea for a project.

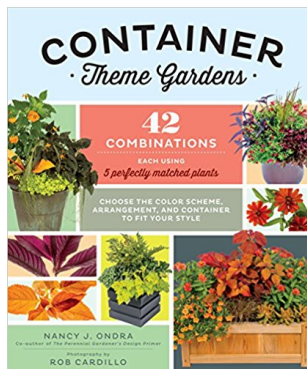


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Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Container Theme Gardens: 42 Combinations

The theme for this May's Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Market just happens to be Gardening Big in Small Spaces. Get a head start with your plant picks with this month's book selection.



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News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, **April 12, 2018.**

Save the Dates!

May 4 & 5, 2018, CUH Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Market

Watch for it!! Announcements about **potting mini-parties** in your area!

Here it is!! Volunteer for the Plant Sale: Don't miss a chance to participate. [Here is the form.](#)



Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Check out our [Training page](#) for other CE opportunities.

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

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

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