



The Foundation Connection

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

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Announcing Elaine Anderson's Retirement

Elaine Anderson, longtime King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator, is retiring. The Master

Gardener Foundation of King County will invite you to join the retirement party at Bellevue Botanical Garden on Saturday, September 22. Attendance will be by invitation only. Watch your email for your invitation to attend. If you missed the original announcement, here is the [email](#) sent to all King County Master Gardeners.

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**Master Gardener
Program**

Coordinator Elaine Anderson: *Retiring from the Perfect Job*

...by Master Gardener
Elaine Anderson

How many of us are lucky enough to find a paying job doing what we love? Retiring MG Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson tells us how she did just that.



[Read the full article](#)

Growing Groceries 2.0: A New Adventure in Learning About Life



...by Master Gardener Linda Jean Shepherd

The Growing Groceries program in King County is expanding, tapping the talents of Master Gardeners to help local gardeners grow their own food. MG Linda Shepherd describes the plans for the program and the coordination between our King County members and a similar program in Snohomish County.

[Read the full article](#)



Cool Plants, Hot Topics at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Gardeners know that September is a great time to garden. September 22 at the Bellevue Botanical Garden will be a full day of gardening delights: five hours of continuing education and five quality local plant vendors. Plants will be on sale at the Bellevue Botanical Garden all day. Vendors include Fancy Fronds, Chimacum Woods, Lee Farm and Nursery, Scents Nursery, and Celestial Dream Gardens.

Educational sessions start at 9:30 a.m. with Christina Pfeiffer presenting "Adapting Old Gardens for New Times and Planting Tips for Success." After a break for lunch, Master Gardener and author Bill Thorness

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Staying Smart

Aug 10 [Invasive Bugs & BMSB Workshop](#) in Des Moines

Sept 15 Propagation with Gordon at The Grange

Sept 22 [Cool Plants & Hot Topics](#)

Sept 29 Propagation with Gordon at BBG

Nov 17 November CE at Renton Tech

Oct 2018-May 2019 [Growing Groceries 2.0](#) - Register for workshops now.

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 all kinds of CE opportunities](#)

Tip Sheets for KC

will talk at 12:30 p.m. about "All-Season Vegetable Gardening."

Box lunches will be available for order during the registration process.

The educational sessions will finish at 3 p.m. You'll receive a total of five hours of continuing education credit for attending both sessions. The total cost for both sessions is \$15. Entry to the plant sale is free. Plant vendors will be available for sales until at least 5 p.m.

Watch your email for registration information for the CE event and volunteer opportunities.

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tips](#)

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



Marking Time and Passing Milestones: *Celebrating Lengthy Service*

...by Master Gardener and Immediate Past President Penny Kriese

We may not always make a fuss over those Master Gardeners who have served the Program long and well. MG Penny Kriese names those MGs who have received pins for service of 20 years or more and also recognizes how much all Master Gardeners contribute to the Program's success.

[Read the full article](#)



Master Gardener Foundation Mid-Year Financial Update

...by Board Treasurer Peggy Smith

Peggy Smith, MGF Board Treasurer, provides a summary of the Foundation's financial position at mid-

year.

[Read the full article](#)

Applications for 2019 Master



Applications for the 2019 Master Gardener class will be available starting August 1. Classes will meet at the Center for Urban Horticulture starting on January 12, 2019. Applications will be posted on the WSU King County website at:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/become-a-master-gardener/>. The deadline for submitting applications is October 15. Do you know someone who would love to apply?



Linfield College, McMinnville

The Gadabout Gardener: The Gadabout Gardener Gets Educated

...by Master Gardener Emeritus Bruce Bennett

MG Bruce Bennett traveled to Oregon recently, tempted by the fly-fishing and the opportunity to present seminars on rain gardens and attend the educational sessions at the Oregon Master Gardener Association Conference. He shares the highlights of the conference.

[Read the full article](#)

Cultivate (More) Knowledge

Oregon Master Gardener Conference Seminar: *Exotic Insect Pests of Shrubs and Trees*



*Brown Marmorated
Stink Bug*

...summary by Master Gardener Emeritus Bruce Bennett

MG Bruce Bennett shares his takeaway from one of the seminars he attended at the recent Oregon Master Gardener Association Conference in McMinnville, Oregon. Read his summary and think

about doing some additional research.

[Read the full article](#)



Short Subjects

Make Your MG Hours Count...Literally!

Thank you to the 410 King County Master Gardeners who have reported hours thus far this year. To date, King County MGs are averaging less than 35 hours per reporting MG but many

more hours than that are spent in our clinics, gardens, and continuing education events. Where are those hours? Snohomish and Pierce counties are averaging over 60 hours per MG with far fewer reporting MGs. This is a reminder that to participate as a volunteer in WSU Extension MG opportunities, you must be covered by workers' compensation, according to the State of Washington. To provide this insurance, WSU must deliver an up-to-date accounting of your time engaged in the Program. Step up and take the time to enter your hours.

[Read more about it](#)

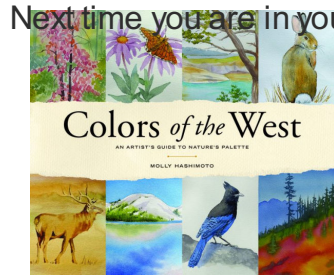
Nominate an Outstanding Master Gardener!

This is your opportunity to recognize fellow King County Master Gardeners who are standouts! We are looking for MGs (intern, vet, emeritus) who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the Master Gardener Program in our county in the last year. Read the [form and guidelines](#) for details and information. This year, we would like to recognize MGs with Extended Service Hours, so see if you or someone you know is eligible.

On October 20, 2018, plan to join fellow MGs at the annual Recognition event from 9 a.m. to noon to honor this year's Outstanding Master Gardeners. There will be a guest speaker, plenty of food, and lots of MG company to enjoy. Watch for details to sign up to attend.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Colors of the West: An Artist's Guide to Nature's Palette



Next time you are in your garden, take some time to look around you. Local artist Molly Hashimoto describes how she approaches art and the art of observation. Brian Thompson, Curator of Horticultural Literature reviews the book.

[Read the full article](#)

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Saturday, **Aug. 11, 2018**, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Neely Mansion's Demo Garden.

Become a Master Gardener: **Aug. 1, 2018** applications open online.



Save the Date!

Sept. 22, 2018, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Save this date and watch your email for details about signing up for this special "Invitation Only" event for Elaine Anderson.

Annual MGFKC Meeting and KCMG Recognition Event: **Saturday, Oct. 20**, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon at CUH.

Staying Smart -- Save the Dates for CEs!

Aug. 10, 2018, [WSU Invasive Bugs Workshop](#) in Des Moines. Pre-register.

Sept. 15 & 29, 2018, Join Gordon Polson for Plant Propagation classes at The Grange on **the 15th** and **BBG on the 29th**.

Sept. 22, 2018, **Cool Plants & Hot Topics** at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Watch for registration information.

Nov. 17, 2018, **November CE Opportunity at Renton Tech**. Watch for registration information.

Oct 2018-May 2019 Growing Groceries 2.0 -

Register for workshops from Oct. to May.

Sep 26-29, 2018, **MG Advanced Education Conference**

Wenatchee, WA. Registration open.

Do you have an event or CE opportunity to share?

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