



## The Foundation Connection

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

### November/December 2016 Issue



#### Editor's Note

This issue covers November and December 2016. Monthly issues will resume in January 2017. Enjoy the quiet time in your garden!



#### Master Gardener 2016 Recognition Breakfast: Celebrating Together

...by Master Gardener  
Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson

A happy group of 85 Master Gardeners celebrated their hard work and recognized the achievements of a select number of their peers on Saturday, October 29. Hosted by the Foundation Board, the morning

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also included breakfast and a guest speaker.

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Gardener

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## 2017 Spring Plant Sale: *Changing of the Guard*



*...by Master Gardeners and Board Members Alison Johnson and Gary Scheider*

The Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale has undergone some changes over the years. Long-time Plant Sale Steering Committee Leader Horst Momber is stepping down, others are stepping up. Read about the plans for the 2017 sale and consider how

you can get involved.

[Read the full article](#)

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## Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale: *Perennials Galore and More!*



*...by Master Gardener Gordon Polson*

The Bellevue Botanical Garden hosted the first-ever Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale. Master Gardener Gordon Polson's persistence and vision resulted in a successful inaugural event. He describes what it takes to set up a new plant sale: the site, the entertainment, the vendors, the continuing education classes, the plants...

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## Master Gardener Phyllis Kaiden: *Starting a Garden From Scratch...Again*

*...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne*

Master Gardener Phyllis Kaiden took on the challenge of leading the Master Gardener Clinic with the help of the dedicated Master Gardeners of Vashon Island. She also took on the challenge of creating a garden from scratch, leaving behind a mature shade garden to tackle

the tangle of vines at her new house down the road.

[Read the full article](#)



## *Cultivate (More) Knowledge* **Poinsettias: Coaxing an Encore From This Christmas Star**

*...by MG Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson*

That harbinger of the holidays, the poinsettia, is usually treated as an annual here but you can experiment with keeping it from year to year.

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## **News Shoots: Short Subjects**

### **AmazonSmile:**

**When you shop at Amazon, you can donate to the Foundation, too. AmazonSmile** is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Master Gardener Foundation every time you shop. There is no cost to you when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and you will find the same low prices, huge selection and shopping experience as at Amazon.com.

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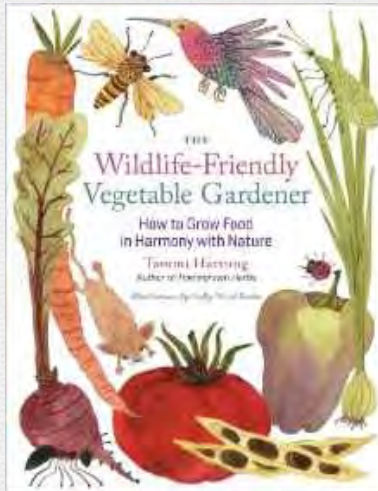
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**2017 Master Gardener Plant Sale:**

**The 2017 Plant Sale will change to a two-day event.** The plan is to open early on Friday, have the Friday evening Preview Party, and continue the sale all day Saturday. There will be not Sunday event. Be sure to read the article above in this newsletter to learn all the details that are currently known. So **hold the dates, Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, 2017**, for the Master Gardener Plant Sale at CUH.

### 2017 Northwest Flower and Garden Show:

The Flower & Garden Show organizers have let us know that they won't be using Master Gardeners as volunteers during the 2017 show. We are still planning on having a presence at the show in our MG booth. More to come on volunteering in the booth during the show.



### The Elisabeth C. Miller Library Gardening / Horticulture Book of the Month

#### *The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener: How to Grow Food in Harmony with Nature*

Staying one step ahead of the critters that ravage your vegetable garden is a constant challenge. Learn how to coexist instead of compete in this issue's book selection.

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### Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

*We can find a use for them*

The Foundation and Program need skills in several areas. Here are some of our current needs:

- **Graphics:** If you have graphics skills, we have projects throughout the year that could benefit from your creative touch. Contact us if you have some time to work on a single event or would like to join a committee.
- **Authors?** The newsletter is searching for writers to contribute articles or suggest articles of interest to MGs. We are looking for pieces on specific plants, garden techniques, book reviews, anything related to gardening.

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, [president@mgfkc.org](mailto:president@mgfkc.org).

### Can You Help??



[Read about our needs](#)

## What's Happening?

### News and Updates

- **Next MGF Board Meeting:** Thursday, **Nov. 10**, at CUH. If you are interested in serving on a committee, check the list at <http://www.mgfk.org/about-us/foundation-board>, or contact [president@mgfk.org](mailto:president@mgfk.org).
- **Time is running out! MG applications are open only until Monday, Oct. 31.** If you know someone you think would be interested, tell them how to Become a Master Gardener.
- **Last chance to register for this CE workshop is Nov. 1: Nov. 19 All Day Workshop in the South Sound.** [Register today](#) for this event at Renton Technical College.
- **Dec. 31: 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.




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