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Happy New Year!



Master Gardener Tom Church

Master Gardener Tom Church: If You Want Something Done...

Tom Church's love for tomatoes motivated him to become a Master Gardener. He

couldn't find what he wanted in a tomato in the stores, so he started growing them himself. He took the same approach to continuing education in his area.

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Red Currants

Winter Propagating: *Soft Fruits*

...by Master Gardener Gordon Polson

This time of year is usually a bit on the slack side for garden chores. Apart from browsing the seed catalogs as they arrive and cleaning up a few messy spots outside and maybe cleaning up the greenhouse, what else is there to do?

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Master Gardener Clinic at Molbak's

Molbak's Clinic: *A Happy Place To Be*

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

Master Gardeners who staff the Clinic table at Molbak's in Woodinville describe it as "a plant wonderland" and "a delightful place for a clinic because so many plants are already there." Find out why this is such a happy place to be.

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Cultivate (More) Knowledge **Biosolids: *Beyond the "Yuck" Factor***

...by Master Gardener Barbara Hainley

Biosolids are the processed solid material from wastewater treatment plants. Despite their considerable benefits, there is controversy over the use of biosolids, some of it heated. So what's a home gardener to do?

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Extend Your Resources

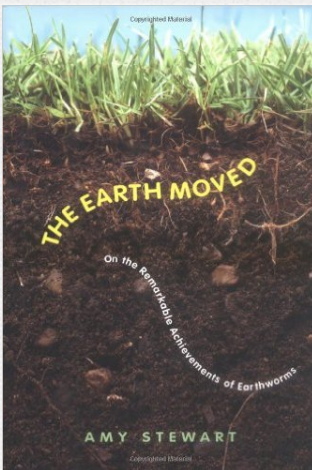
An occasional series highlighting recent WSU Extension home gardening publications and other helpful clinic resources.

WSU Extension: Dealing with Drought

...by Master Gardener Carrie Hill

Does it seem like more clinic clients are asking for drought-tolerant plant recommendations or how to water smarter? The winter season is a good time to catch up on gardening topics to be ready for the season to come.

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January Book Selection

The Earth Moved: On the Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms

January's featured book is *The Earth Moved: On the Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms* by Amy Stewart. You may not want to be outside with your hands in the dirt right now; not so the earthworm. What are they up to?

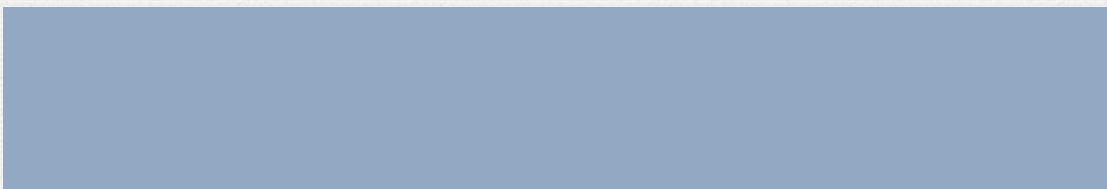
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News Shoots: Short Subjects

Leadership Opportunity

A strong and committed Board is critical to the Foundation's success. Serving on the Board is a great way to hone leadership and communications skills, learn what is going on in other areas of the Program and forge new relationships. In 2017 we will have six open positions to fill on the Foundation Board. Board terms run for three years beginning in June and the Board meets monthly. If you have considered running for the Board but hesitated for whatever reason, we'd love to talk with you and answer any questions. Please contact me Anne Ellett president@mgfkc.org or any of the Board members.



Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

We can find a use for them

Would you like to help build a strong Foundation for the Master Gardener Program? Join a committee! We need skills in several areas to carry out the work of the Foundation. Here are some of our current needs:

Can You Help??



- **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.

[Read about our needs](#)

What's Happening?

News and Updates

- **Next MGF Board Meeting** from 9am-noon: Sunday, **Jan. 15**, at OpenSquare, 5601 6th Avenue S., Ste. 470 in Georgetown. This meeting will include a Long Range Planning meeting.
- **Search for new Board members:** If you are interested in serving on the Foundation Board or on a committee, check the list at <http://www.mgfkc.org/about-us/foundation-board>, or contact president@mgfkc.org.
- **Remember:** The Flower and 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. Look for opportunities to volunteer in the Master Gardener booth during the show.
- **International Master Gardener Conference:** Early registration ends January 13. Please refer to Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson's recent email for details or go here to [register](#).



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