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The Foundation Connection

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

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Kent-McLendon Hardware/ Covington Library Clinics: Covering the Territory

Home gardeners from the Kent Valley to the foothills of the Cascades bring a variety of questions to these Clinics.

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Master Gardener Linda Heaney: Focus on Continuing Education

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

MG Linda Heaney originated the idea of continuing education (CE) forums for her clinic at Center for Urban Horticulture.

Over time, the forums have covered a variety of topics, including diagnostics. Clinic members take the opportunity to become better MGs and to get to know each other.

[Read the full article](#)



Cultivate (More) Knowledge* Attracting Beneficials to Your Garden: *Bring in the Posse!

...by Master Gardener Barbara Hainley

Learn more about attracting pollinators and "good guy" predators to your garden. MG Barbara Hainley presents some tips and references for choosing the right flowering plants for your garden while keeping some helpful messiness.

[Read the full article](#)

Extend Your Resources

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

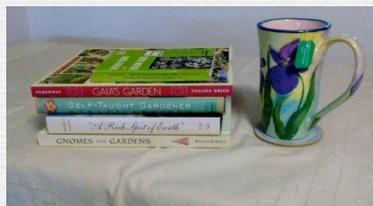
Puget Sound Tip Sheet #2: Resources at your Fingertips



Master Gardeners at clinics around the county are making good use of the resource materials introduced at the start of the season. Did you know that Tip Sheet #2 lists *all* the WSU publications in the five binders? Not only that, but WSU gardening publications can be downloaded to a smartphone, tablet, home computer, or a computer at a King County or Seattle public library? Plus, all but one of the WSU publications listed on Tip Sheet #2 are free to download. Now you can follow up your answer

to a client's question by pointing out the option to download and offering a copy

Master Gardener Book Groups: *Community, Continuing Education, Conviviality*



...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

Master Gardener Clinics find many ways to socialize and build team cohesiveness. Read about two clinics that do this by talking about books. Books on horticulture, of course.

[Read the full article](#)



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

BDG Plant Sale and GiveBIG Updates: The Bellevue Demonstration Garden Plant Sale April 29th netted \$6,547. GiveBIG, the one-day fundraising event held May 10th, brought in \$3,425 in donations. The match amount will be available in late May or early June. Results from the MGF Plant Sale and Garden Market held May 5 and 6 will be shared when results are final. Thanks to everyone who helped at the sales and to all who donated during GiveBIG.

Amazon Smile Benefits the Master Gardener Foundation: Did you know that you can donate to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County simply by shopping online at Amazon.com? The Amazon Smile program donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Master Gardener Foundation of King County. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1276424> and support us every time you shop.

Congratulations!

New Board Members

Carrie Lee, Marilyn Holm and Amy Lee are newly elected to the Board for three-year terms. Alison Johnson and Bob Connor are re-elected. Watch for more information on Board activity in the the July *Foundation Connection*.

MGF Plant Sale Raffle Winners



Master Gardener Karen Hausrath mixed up the raffle tickets before the drawing at the end of the Plant Sale & Garden Market on May 6. David Guthrie won the first-place prize of \$500. Cathy Davis won the second-place prize of \$300. Pandy Stoianoff won the third-place prize of \$200.

Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

We can find a use for them

Can You Help??



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, and you do not have to be on the Board to participate. Here are some of our current needs:

- **Membership** is looking for MGs to connect with our members, celebrating their commitment and keeping them engaged.
- **Communications** is searching for writers to contribute articles of interest to MGs, short subjects, editing and working with our online publications.
- **Website skills.** WordPress? Constant Contact? Interested in researching information to post? We are interested in what you want to contribute. Contact the President.

Continuing Education Committee

Master Gardeners have made it clear that they want more CE opportunities. The Board is currently seeking Master Gardeners interested in expanding the continuing education programs available to the King County Master Gardeners. You don't have to take on the entire project: There are several areas that could take advantage of your skills.

- Contribute ideas for identifying topics for series or single seminars.
- Identify speakers and coordinate speaker preparation.
- Handle the logistics for education seminars including planning for locations, set ups, and speaker preparation.
- Help prepare materials for education seminars.
- Coordinate the online registration and related publicity for the education events. Learn to use these internet tools.

Please contact Gordon Polson at ancientbrit2@gmail.com or Sue Kraemer at smkraemer@gmail.com to volunteer or find out more.

[Read about our needs](#)

What's Happening? *News and Updates*

- **Next MGF Board Meeting:** Thursday, **June 8**, 7:00PM, at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Upcoming Continuing Education:

- **June 25, Issaquah Grange**, 145 NE Gilman Boulevard, 98027, 1 - 3:30 p.m.. **Plant Propagation**, practical instruction and hands-on demo. Bring one plant you would like to see propagated; please contact Gordon a week or two prior to determine suitability for propagation. Seating is limited.
- **July 22, Bellevue Demo Garden, Plant Propagation with Gordon Polson**, 10 - 11 a.m. Find [other CE classes](#) at Bellevue Demo Garden.
- **September 12**, 11 a.m. at **Newcastle Days celebration, Master Gardener Rain Garden Workshop & Build.**
- **September 28, Bellevue Botanic Garden, Plant Propagation** practical theory and practice with Gordon Polson. Watch for additional information in upcoming newsletters and at the [MGFKC website CE page](#). Contact Gordon for questions at [ancientbrit2 at gmail.com](mailto:ancientbrit2@gmail.com) or (206) 232-6705.



SAVE THE DATES - More information to come.

- **September 9**, Bellevue Demo Garden Fall Harvest
- **September 23**, MGFKC Fall Plant Sale and CE Forum at Bellevue Botanic Garden
- **November 18**, Master Gardener All Day CE Workshop in Renton. [Flyer for this event.](#)

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