



The Foundation Connection

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

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**Say, Show, Share:
Increasing
Familiarity with
WSU Publications
and Improving How We Share
Knowledge**

...by Master Gardeners Carrie Hill and Jim Olson

There's a simple mnemonic device that will help us provide the best experience for the visitors to our clinics. MGs Carrie Hill and Jim Olson describe the process.

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Master Gardener Plant Sales: *Here, There, and Everywhere*

...by Master Gardener Gary Scheider

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Spring **will** come, and with it, plant sales! Master Gardener and CUH Plant Sale Lead Gary Scheider summarizes the variety of plant sales offered by Master Gardeners in 2019. He provides a preview of our largest sale, April 26 and 27.



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Mini Potting Party Time: Pot Up Your Perennials

...by Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson

March is Perennials Mini Potting Party time! Invite members of your clinic to have one in your area. If you plan to coordinate a mini potting party and are not already on the 2019 list, please email me (cleo@raulerson.com) and I will send you a document describing the process. If you want to do some potting on your own, please contact me so we have a complete plant list and know that you have received the guidelines.

Several clinics are using their clinic kick-off meeting as a collection point: one person takes the pots, adds the plastic labels, cares for the plants, and takes them to the Center for Urban Horticulture at the proper time. Pots left over after the sale will be given to demonstration gardens and other nonprofits for them to sell. These potting parties generate nearly all the perennials that are sold at our plant sale, so your support is important and helpful to us in reaching our financial goals for the sale. Thank you for your help.



Photo: S. Shaw

Cultivate (More) Knowledge

Learning Opportunity: Noxious Weed Control Classes

King County's Noxious Weed Control Program is offering classes in April and May on identifying and controlling invasive weeds in a variety of environments. There is a two-hour free class on April

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Continuing Education

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

Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

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WHERE am I?

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

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15 and all-day seminars offered on several dates in May. The April class is at the Renton Library; the May seminars will be at various sites throughout the county. Read class/seminar descriptions [here](#) and register online.

Extend Your Resources

February: Snowpocalypse!



Photo: Dr. L Chalker Scott

Are you wondering what damage our recent "snowpocalypse" has done to your yard and garden? Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott shared a link to our Master Gardener page on Facebook from the [Garden Professors blog](#) on plant cold hardiness. Read her post [here](#).

Check out our [MGFKC page](#) on Facebook for more interesting posts. You do not have to be a member of Facebook.



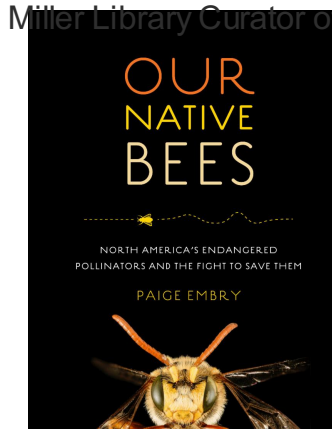
Serving on the MGF Board

Did you know that without the fund-raising conducted by our Master Gardener Foundation we wouldn't have an MG Program here in King

County? In order to continue to successfully raise funds, we plan to take a fresh look at increasing our current fund-raising efforts, including plant sales, donations, and the annual raffle. We plan to explore additional opportunities, including sponsorships and grants from local businesses and organizations. Do you have a passion for the work we do and a desire to help us explore new opportunities? Do you have a background in fund-raising, publicity, communications, or marketing? If so, we want to talk to you. Please contact Carrie Hill, 206-707-2719, chill66@icloud.com or Penny Kriese, 206-527-3161, pckriese@gmail.com.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Our Native Bees: North America's Endangered Pollinators and the Fight to Save Them



Horticultural Literature Brian Thompson reviews Paige Embry's book on North America's native pollinators and the environments they inhabit.

[Read more](#)



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

Growing Groceries 2.0 - Registration Reopened, Two Classes Rescheduled:

Registration has been reopened. To register, email

GrowingGroceries.king@gmail.com and pay \$5 at check-in.

The February 13 class, [Seed Starting and Early Greens](#), was cancelled due to snow. That class has been **rescheduled to March 27**. The March 27 class, [Bugs, Weeds, and Water](#), has been **rescheduled to May 22**.

We Need Your Creativity! The Master Gardener Foundation of King County's Spring Plant Sale opens with a grand fund-raising event, *Happy Hour Plus*, on Friday evening, April 26. The party planning team needs Silent Auction gift items to add to the party. This year's theme is ***Botany & Desire***. We invite all Master Gardeners in King County clinics to use their creative talents to donate unique, fun and appealing gifts for auction. Last year's clinic gift items were a rousing success and we would like to continue that tradition. Use your imagination, collaborate with your fellow clinic members, and let your creativity flourish. All proceeds help support MGFKC and its objective of funding the Master Gardener Program in King County. Please let us know if your clinic plans to help by April 15; the delivery details will be shared later. For more information about the Silent Auction, please contact Cristina Cartledge (cristinacartledge@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us!

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

[Next MGF Board Meeting](#): Thursday, March 14 .

Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Mar. 2: [PlantAmnesty Prune-a-Thon](#) at Sky Nursery, Shoreline.

Mar. 13: [Growing Groceries 2.0 - Pea and Carrot Families](#).

Mar. 27: [Growing Groceries 2.0 - Seed Starting and Early](#)

[Greens](#) *Note: rescheduled from Feb. 13.*

Apr 6: [Spring at Shoreline - Registration](#) is open for this all-day event at Shoreline Community College.



[Bellevue Demo Garden free workshops](#)

[Snoqualmie Valley Library Talks](#)

[Bellevue Botanical Garden Classes and Lectures](#)

More Events and Dates ...

KCMG Plant Sales for 2019. Save the dates, [see the details](#).

June 17-21: [International Master Gardener Conference](#) in Valley Forge, Penna. Registration open.

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

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