



The Foundation Connection

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the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

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The Plant Sale Issue

Correction

Horst Momber's email alias has been corrected in the first article below.

Help Needed: Volunteer for the Spring Plant Sale

The 2019 King County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will again be two days only: Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27. We'll set up in the morning on Friday, starting at 8 a.m., and the actual sale opens at 4 p.m. that same afternoon. Saturday will be a full day sale.

Having paid our dues weather-wise in February, we are hoping to be rewarded with garden-anticipatory



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temperatures and rain when appropriate. You should have received the sign-up form via e-mail. If you've already signed up with last year's department chair, there's no need to do anything else other than to show up at the agreed time, ready to connect plants and planters.

If you haven't signed up yet and would like to volunteer, now's the time to do it. Horst Momber is in charge of the volunteer sign-ups. If you have questions, call 206-324-6166 or e-mail at momberh@mac.com.

...by Master Gardener Horst Momber

Master Gardener Foundation of King County



Friday, April 26th
5:30pm-8pm

Botany & Desire
Fundraiser for King County Master Gardeners

Ticket details
www.mgfk.org

Must be 21 years of age



Happy Hour Plus: Whiff of Spring

..by Master Gardener
Cristina Cartledge

Come and celebrate
with friends of the
Foundation and your
fellow Master

Gardeners at this Friday evening event. We invite you to meet special guests, sample signature beverages and delicious hors d'oeuvres, and support the Master Gardener Foundation.

[Read more](#)



Yummy Veggies

Foodies in the Garden

Herbs and Veggies: Grow What You Love to Eat

...Text and Photos by
Master Gardener Gia
Parsons

The Herbs and Veggies Team are planning all kinds of tasty choices for Plant Sale shoppers. MG Gia Parsons gives us a preview.

[Read more](#)

Choosing Tomato Varieties: *Inside*

Quick Links

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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 CE opportunities](#)

Tip Sheets for KC

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](#).

amazonsmile

You can donate .5% of your purchase to the Foundation when you use [AmazonSmile](#).

Thank You.

Make a Difference!
DONATE



the Tomato Tent

*...by Master Gardener
Marcia Dillon*

What goes on in the Tomato Tent that makes people line up to the street just to get in the door?

Master Gardener Marcia Dillon tells all: how the tomato varieties are chosen for the sale.

[Read more](#)

Master Gardener Plant Sale 2019: Parking Update

*...by Master Gardener and
Plant Sale Chair Gary
Scheider*



Be sure to check out parking and other options before you head to the Plant Sale to volunteer or to shop.

[Read more](#)

Potting Parties: Thanks for Perennials Galore

Thanks to the clinics who held an official potting party and to individual Master Gardeners who potted up perennials for the Master Gardener Plant Sale.

Please make sure you let me know at

cleo@raulerson.net

what you potted up so I can generate labels and build a master list of plants that will be available for sale.



*MG Vets and Interns
Potting Up*

...Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson



Ephrata Library, Home of the Seed Library.

Ellen A'Key Grant: Spread the Word

...by Master Gardener Bob Connor

The application for the annual A'Key Grant is available. The Selection Committee seeks good ideas for Master Gardener projects in any Washington state county. MG Bob Connor describes the grant

and how to apply.

[Read more](#)

GiveBIG is May 8

It is hard to put a value on what we do as volunteers, but in 2018 King County Master Gardeners donated over 40,000 volunteer hours to help educate our county residents about sustainable urban horticulture. We cannot expect this kind of effort not to be met without funding. Please consider supporting Master Garderns in King County with a gift to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County in this year's GiveBIG on May 8. Early giving starts on April 23. Here is the



link: <https://www.givebig2019.org/master-gardener-foundation-of-king-county>.



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden

It's a sure sign of spring when bunches of tulips and daffodils start showing up at the grocery store. This month's book selection is full

of advice about planning your own cutting garden, large or small. The farm in the title is just up the road in our Skagit County.

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 11, 7:00PM.



Apr. 15-May 15: MGFKC Board Elections. Watch your email for the ballot.

Apr. 6: Garden Lovers' Book Sale, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the [Elisabeth C. Miller Library](#), Center for Urban Horticulture.

Save the Date!

Apr. 26-27: KCMG Plant Sale. Sign up to volunteer at the sale. ***Happy Hour Plus Fundraiser*** - buy your ticket early! Come to party & shop.

Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Apr. 6: [Spring At Shoreline](#). *Registration is open for this all-day event, but only a few spaces left.*

Apr. 10: [Growing Groceries 2.0](#) - [Tomato Family](#) at the Grange in Issaquah, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Apr. 20: Tomatoes.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.:

[Neely-Soames Homestead and Gardens](#) class, taught by Master Gardener Marcia Dillon.

More Events and Dates . . .

- **[Bellevue Demo Garden free workshops](#)**
- **[Snoqualmie Valley Library Talks](#)**
- **[Bellevue Botanical Garden Classes and Lectures](#)**
- **[KCMG Plant Sales for 2019. Save the dates, see the details](#)**

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

