



The Foundation Connection

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

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Do you have an event, class, or workshop to publicize in our News & Updates? An article to submit? An article idea to pitch? Please see our contribution guidelines at the bottom of this newsletter.

Foundation Update



Changes to the Foundation Board: *Hello and Goodbye*

At its regular meeting in July, the Foundation Board elected Jim Olson as President. The Board also welcomed Sonja Renner as a member. Read about these and other changes.

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Growing Groceries Second Season:

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We Need Your Help

*...by Master Gardeners
Linda Shepherd, Gary
Scheider, and Penny
Kriese*

Registration is open for the second season of Growing Groceries classes. How can clinics and Master Gardeners help fill the classes? By spreading the word!

[Read more](#)

Program Update

Update on Search for Program Coordinator for Master Gardener Program in King County

The recruitment for the King County Master Gardener program coordinator has been unsuccessful to date. The hiring committee and I are as disappointed as you are. Please know that we are working diligently to secure a coordinator for the WSU King County Master Gardener Program. I want you to also know that we've attempted to recruit two excellent candidates that were highly motivated to work for the WSU King County Master Gardeners. Limitations on salary in an extremely competitive job market and high cost of living in the area have made this recruitment as well as others at WSU challenging. WSU Extension is feeling the impacts of the fiscal plan that was put in place in 2016 to improve the financial health of WSU. The good news is, as a whole, the University is on track with the plan.

In the meantime, the hiring committee will continue its search for the right candidate to serve all of you. We thank you for the patience you have afforded us and for your due diligence in continuing to provide environmental stewardship and sustainable landscape education in your local communities.

I will keep you as up to date as is possible on next steps. If you have any questions, concerns, do not hesitate to email me directly at tmurray@wsu.edu or call at 509-335-8744.

*Todd A. Murray
Director, Agricultural and Natural Resources
Extension Program Unit*

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Staying Smart

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](#)

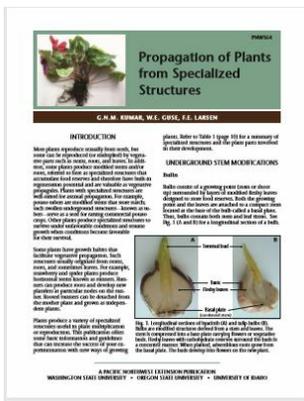
WHERE am I?

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

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Thank You.



Extend Your Resources

Your Autumn To-Do List: We're Not Done Yet

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

September can be one of our warmest and loveliest months of the year. As you enjoy your late-summer harvest and fall-blooming perennials, you may already be thinking about winding down the gardening season. WSU publications offer information and suggestions for your to-do list.

[Read more](#)



Foodies in the Garden

Sorrel: Try It, You Won't be Sorry

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

Have you tried growing sorrel? This perennial herb does double duty, as a "dark leafy green" for our diets and an ornamental in the garden. Read about the different varieties and some suggestions for use.

[Read more](#)



Outstanding MGs

Remember to submit your nominations for Outstanding Master Gardener!

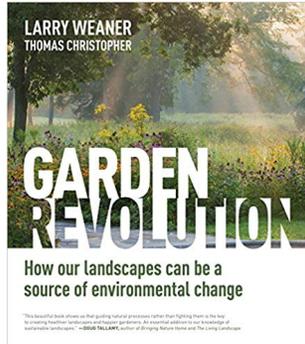
Master Gardeners, including 2019 Interns, are eligible for

this honor. This is our effort to recognize fellow volunteers for service "above and beyond" just meeting their required hours for certification. Please note that volunteers who have received this honor in either of the two previous years, 2017 and 2018, are not eligible in 2019. You can find previous awardees

on the [Outstanding Master Gardeners web page](#).

Below is a link to the 2019 Outstanding Master Gardener Guidelines and the Form. October 1 is the deadline for receipt of the nomination.

- [2019 Nomination Guidelines](#)
- [2019 Outstanding Master Gardener Nomination Form](#)



Elisabeth C. Miller
Library Selection

Garden Revolution

For gardeners interested in exploring new and changing garden practices, *Garden Revolution: How our landscapes can be a*

source of environmental change may give you something to think about.

[Read more](#)



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

What's Killing The Birch Trees?

Master Gardener Nancy Gardner maintains the blog for the University of Washington Facilities department as part of her job in communications. She wrote this post last September but it's still relevant, as the destruction of local birch trees continues. She notes that Facilities has just had to remove another 30 or so birch trees. Read her post [here](#).

On a lighter note, Nancy wrote in July about [critters on campus](#). See how the U "makes way for ducklings."

CHOMP!

Master Gardener Bruce Bennett led the effort to set up a pop-up clinic at the recent CHOMP! Festival on Saturday, August 17. This is the fifth year of the festival sponsored by King County; more than 6,000 people attended this event at Marymoor Park in Redmond. Master Gardeners staffed an information booth from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (two shifts), answering questions about herbs, tomatoes, indoor plants, powdery/downy mildew, MGP application and MGP clinic locations. There were unusual questions

about pollinators, growing marijuana, voodoo lily and dahlias. Out-of-state MGs sought information about our King County program. This was our Program's first year at this event.

Bruce reports, "Events like this offer opportunities to promote MGP initiatives like Growing Groceries and our Plant Clinic locations. The CHOMP! Festival seems to be a good fit for the MGP. Good foot traffic and connecting to other participating organizations make the time spent worthwhile."

The CHOMP! Festival is part of King County Executive Dow Constantine's Local Food initiative, launched in 2014.

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH). There will be an online option for those who cannot attend in person.



Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Sept. 7, Saturday - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Cool Plants & Hot Topics - 4th Annual MG Plant Sale & Speakers** at BBG. More information [here](#).

Sept. 12, Thursday - **25th Annual Elisabeth C. Miller Memorial Lecture**, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Meany Hall, University of Washington campus. Featured speaker: Peter Zale, Ph.D., Associate Director, Longwood Gardens. More information [here](#). The lecture is free but tickets are required. To request tickets, please email info@millergarden.org.

Sept. 14, Saturday - Snoqualmie Valley Clinic talks: **Cover Crops**, with Darien Payne. 10:30 a.m. at the North Bend Library and 2:00 p.m. at the Sammamish Library.

Sept. 14, Saturday - **BDG Harvest Festival & Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue

Oct. 5, Saturday - **Fall Clinic Leadership Meeting**, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Starting Oct. 9 - **Growing Groceries 2019-2020** in two locations: The Grange in Issaquah, El Centro de la Raza in Beacon Hill. Registration is now open. Visit the [Growing Groceries page](#) for information and

registration.

Oct. 27, Sunday - 2019 Master Gardener Recognition Event, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden. Watch your email for registration.

Nov. 9, Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Renton Day of CE - Environmental Stewardship** at Renton Tech College. Watch your email for more information.

More Events and Dates . . .

[Bellevue Demo Garden Free Workshops](#) continue to October.

[Bellevue Botanical Garden Classes](#)

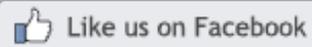
[UW Botanical Garden Classes and Workshops](#)

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