



# The Foundation Connection

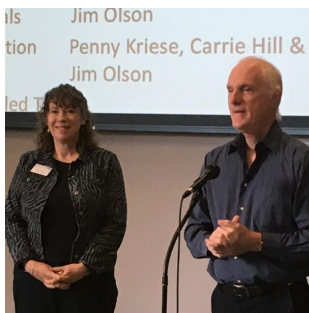
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November-December 2019 Issue



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*Jim Kropf introduces  
Mary Watts*

## ***Program Update***

### **Master Gardener Program Coordinator: Welcome Mary Watts**

On behalf of Todd Murray, Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Director, I am happy to announce that Mary Watts has been selected as the new WSU King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator. As a certified WSU Master Gardener in King County since 2017, Mary has a solid understanding of the purpose of the program. She said, "I joined the Master Gardener program with the 2017 class of Interns and have been

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part of the Woodland Park Zoo Clinic in Seattle since that time. I love everything about the Master Gardener Program and am thrilled to now make it my vocation." Mary's first day of work will be Friday, November 1, 2019.

Mary also shared her gratitude for the leadership Carrie Hill and Penny Kriese provided in the interim. The Master Gardener Program Leadership team cannot thank Penny and Carrie enough. They both went above and beyond the call in too many ways to count. From attending statewide program coordinator meetings, to planning for and implementing basic training, to handling the reapplication process and making county-wide plant clinic improvements, Penny and Carrie not only maintained the program, they elevated it. Now it is ready to flourish under Mary's leadership. Mary looks forward to working with each of you to develop and steward the WSU King County Master Gardener Program.

Thank you all for your dedication to the WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program.

*Jennifer Marquis, WSU Master Gardener Program Statewide Program Leader*

*Editor's note: Mary Watts was introduced at the October 27 MG Recognition Meeting by Jim Kropf, WSU Natural Resources Director and Director of County Administration.*

## 2019 Master Gardener Foundation Recognition: Celebrating our Outstanding MGs



Master Gardeners from around King County gathered at the Bellevue Botanical Garden to recognize and applaud this year's considerable accomplishments on Sunday, October 27. Highlights:

- After a search lasting more than a year, MGs welcomed Mary Watts as our new Program Coordinator. Mary's first day will be November 1.
- Interim Co-Coordinators Carrie Hill and Penny Kriese received a standing ovation, plus gifts from the WSU Extension MG state organization, delivered by WSU Natural Resources/County Administration Director Jim Kropf. Jim Olson, King County MG Foundation

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Board President, honored Carrie and Penny with this year's President's Award.

- The 2019 Intern Class Training Mentors received special recognition for their willingness to support the new group of trainees as they progressed through their coursework.
- MGs Ann Haldeman and Pat Roome received 45-year pins for their length of service to the Program, the first time these have been awarded. Penny Kriese read a note from Ann, who was unable to attend. Pat spoke about the early days of the Program and the Foundation.
- Penny Kriese presented the Outstanding Master Gardener Awards, highlighting special projects, innovative practices, and otherwise exemplary service.
- Plant Sale leaders and their teams received the Foundation Award for their work, noting that 2019 was the 35th year of the Spring Plant Sale. Plant sales have spread out from the main sale at the Center for Urban Horticulture to other MG sites: Soos Creek, Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden, Bellevue Demonstration Garden Spring Sale, Bellevue Botanical Garden Fall Sale, Bellevue Demo Garden Harvest Festival.

Read the meeting agenda and full list of awards [here](#)

*Photo by Susan Brackett Bell*



## ***Tribal Life Trail: Fostering Plant Stewardship***

*...by Master Gardener Linda Shepherd*

Second graders at Lake Wilderness Elementary experience how Native Americans used the forest for food, clothing, medicines, and utensils as part of their Native American studies, led by Master Gardeners Ankie Stroes, Ellie Hollenbeck, and Jacqueline Rosewell.

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## ***Cultivate (More) Knowledge***



## ***Winter: A Good Time to Practice Pruning***

*...by Master Gardener Elaine Anderson*

Don't be afraid to prune. Start with caution and build your skills with practice. MG Elaine Anderson tells us how to get started.

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## ***Foundation Plantings***

## ***President's Message: Guiding Principles***

*...by MGF Board President Jim Olson*

Board President Jim Olson shares the principles and experiences that guide him in his new role. He also expresses gratitude for the strong foundation established by those who came before him.

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## ***Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection***

## ***A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future***



As we ready our gardens for winter, it's tempting to sit back and assess this season's efforts. This month's book offers something to think about before we are swept up with new garden catalogs.



### **News Shoots:** *Short Subjects*

#### **November CE Opportunity- Environmental Stewardship in a Changing World:**

I am both pleased and sorry to announce that the November 9th CE event has

sold out. Please note that there will be no overflow tickets sold at the door. Thank you to those of you who are registered. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 9th. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. and our first speaker will begin at 8:00 a.m.

*Master Gardener John Skidmore*

#### **Divide and Pot Up for the Spring Plant Sale:**

If you're like most of us, you are busy cleaning up your gardens now and finding some perennials that need dividing. For some perennials, now is the better time to pot them up and set them aside to recover and be ready for the spring plant sales. You can also mark the ones that you'll divide next March prior to the sale.

Remember to use potting soil (not garden soil) and clean black plastic pots. Be sure to label them when you pot them up. Watch for more information on perennials for the Plant Sale in future newsletters. If you have questions, please contact Cleo Raulerson at [communicate@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org).

*Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson*

**Reapplication:** It's that time of year again. Are your volunteer hours up to date? Do you have all your CE hours? Be sure to [submit your hours](#) early. Watch for your reapplication email from the Program office in early December!

### ***What I like about the Master Gardener Program***

Why did you become a Master Gardener? What do you especially like about the Program? Share your thoughts at [communicate@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org). You may see them in a future *Connection!*

### ***News & Updates***

#### ***What's Happening & When***

**[Next MGF Board Meeting:](#)** Thursday, **Nov. 14, 2019**, Center for Urban Horticulture. Call-in link will be provided.



**November 9, Saturday,**  
**November CE Opportunity All-Day Workshop: Environmental Stewardship in a Changing World** at Renton Technical College. Registration is closed; no tickets available at the door.

**November Growing Groceries classes.**

**El Centro de la Raza, Beacon Hill, Nov 12-Garden Planning and Design:** garden size, raised beds or not, which crops to grow, seeds or starts.

**The Grange in Issaquah, Nov 20-Small Fruits and Other Perennials:** strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, artichokes, rhubarb, asparagus.

Visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration.

***More Events and Dates . . .***

[UW Botanical Garden classes and workshops](#)

***Future File***

**October 1 to 3, 2020:**

[WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education](#)

[Conference](#), Port Townsend. Conference registration opens April 1, 2020. Note: Camp/RV reservations open January 2, 2020; on-site lodging reservations open January 1, 2020.

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