



## The Foundation Connection

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

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### Master Gardener Plant Sale: *It Takes a Community*

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

Our biggest fundraiser, the Spring Plant Sale, is less than two months away. Plant Sale Leader Gary Scheider describes the new sign-up process, making it easier than ever to volunteer for a shift at the Sale.

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### MG Plant Sale: What's New

Another Spring Plant Sale: same old, same old...? Take another look. Master Gardener/Plant Sale Chair Gary Scheider gives us a preview of the 2020 sale.

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## Splendor in the Garden: Time to Party, Turn up the Beet

...by Master Gardener and Gala Co-Chair Cristina Cartledge



Gala Co-Chair and MG Cristina Cartledge gives us an update on plans for the festive fundraiser on the Friday evening of the Spring Plant Sale. Watch the fun video [here](#).

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## Why I Like Master Gardeners: Lynn Meyer Counts the Ways

Former Master Gardener Lynn Meyer recently shared the many reasons she will always be a fan of the Master Gardener Program. She also related a bit of history about the Plant Sales.

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## President's Message: Master Gardener Program Funding Quiz

...by Master Gardener Foundation President Jim Olson

Master Gardener and Board President dispels a mistaken belief about Master Gardener Foundation funding.

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### Staying Smart

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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](#)

#### [Volunteer Now!](#)

 SIGN UP!



#### WHERE am I?

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

## Workshop Recap: Soil, Food, and Climate Change



...by Master Gardener and Workshop Organizer  
Susan Miller

This February workshop drew 135 participants to listen to experts and discuss their own options. MG Susan Miller summarizes the day's proceedings.

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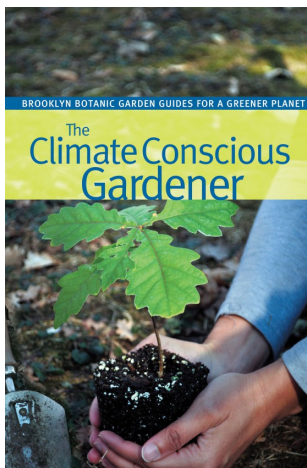
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**Elisabeth C. Miller**  
**Library Selection**

### **The Climate Conscious Gardener**

This selection of suggestions for individual action will provide some food for thought.

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

**Help Needed:** We are seeking 1 to 3 individuals who will work with the Chair of the Plant Sale to locate plant boxes for our guests to use as they gather their plants

for purchase. Please reach out to Gary at [communicate@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org) if you can spare 8 to 12 hours of work to develop and carry out a plan to obtain donated boxes from various businesses, primarily nurseries.

### **Soil, Food, and Climate Change Workshop**

**Video:** The 135 attendees at last month's workshop in Fall City heard presentations from Dr. David Montgomery, Ann Biklé, and WSU's Chad Kruger. The entire workshop was recorded on video and is available [here](#), thanks in part to the Master

## Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Can You Help??



Looking for volunteer hours? Watch this space for events where Master Gardeners are needed.

Here are the opportunities currently listed in [SignUpGenius](#). Go online and pick your shift!

**Native Bareroot Plant Sale and Community Fair**, King Conservation District. Sign up [here](#)

**Woodinville Library Programs** featuring Teaching Kits.

**Jan. through May**, Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### What Counts as CE?

Classes that will improve a volunteer's knowledge and skill base for performing work as a horticultural advisor and serving as a resource on issues of sustainable gardening for home gardeners.



### **Staying Smart -- Save the Date!**

**Mar. 28, Saturday:**

**Master Gardener Spring Continuing Education**, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shoreline Community College in Shoreline.

Registration is now open. Find more information and registration [here](#)

### **March Classes at Bellevue Botanical Garden**

**Mar. 3 and Mar. 10, Tuesdays,**

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. **Hydrangea How-to**, Kit Haesloop.

**Mar. 5, Thursday**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Everything Roses-Garden Design with Roses**, Nita-Jo Rountree.

**Mar. 26, Thursday,**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Urban Gardening Series: Small Garden Space Design**, Jason Jorgensen. Details and more classes at

***March Growing Groceries classes.***

El Centro de la Raza, Beacon Hill,

**Mar. 3, Tuesday-Nightshade (Tomatoes, Potatoes, Peppers, Eggplants)**

**Mar. 24, Tuesday-Bugs/Carrot Family/Leafy Greens**

The Grange in Issaquah,

**Mar. 4, Wednesday-Seed Starting and Early Greens**

**Mar. 25, Wednesday-Tomato Family (Tomatoes, Potatoes, Peppers, Eggplants)**

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

***Savvy Gardener Talks, Saving Water Partnership***

**Mar. 5, Thursday-Sustainable Vegetable**

**Gardening**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ladd Smith; North City Water District, 1519 NE 177th St, Shoreline.

**Mar. 26, Thursday-Water Smart Gardening**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Jessi Bloom; North City Water District, 1519 NE 177th St, Shoreline.

Classes are free but registration is required. Call 206-362-8100 or email [Theresa](#)

See all the Savvy Gardener classes and locations [here](#)

***Bellevue Demo Garden Talks, Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.***

**Mar. 14: Natural Yard Care**, Ladd Smith, Cascade Water Alliance.

**Mar. 21: Growing Tomatoes in the PNW**, Marcia Dillon, Master Gardener.

**Mar. 28: Building Healthy Soils and Composting**, Lisa Taylor, Cascade Water Alliance.

**Mar. 14, Saturday:**

**Whidbey Island Gardening Workshop.** Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor. Pre-workshop field trips Mar. 13. Many CE-eligible classes! More information and registration [here](#)

***Library Talks at North Bend (10:30 a.m.) and Sammamish (2:00 p.m.)***

**Mar. 21, Saturday: Native Plants and Wildlife**, Garden Hotline.

North Bend Library: 115 E 4th Street, North Bend; Sammamish Library: 825 228th Ave SE,



Sammamish.

***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.

**September 12 to 17, 2021:**

[International Master Gardener Conference](#)  
Norfolk, Virginia.

***Events, Coming Attractions***

**Mar. 12: MGF Board Meeting**, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Center for Urban Horticulture.

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**Apr. 3 & 4: 15th Annual Garden Lovers' Book**

**Sale.** Apr. 3: opening party 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; call 206-543-0415 to purchase tickets (\$30). Apr. 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., free admittance. Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle.



***Contributing to The Connection***

Do you have an event or CE opportunity to share? An article of interest to Master Gardeners? Deadline for announcements or article submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (ex: May 15 for the June issue). For more information or to submit items for consideration, please contact us at [communicate@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org)

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