



# The Foundation Connection

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

May 2020 Issue



*In the language of flowers, tulips symbolize hope*

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## Read the Program Coordinator's Updates

Find the latest update from Master Gardener Program Coordinator Mary Watts at [MGFKC.org](http://MGFKC.org)



## GiveBIG: More time for Giving

GiveBIG is now a 2-day event! Your donation to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County will help us continue to fund

our mission to educate county residents about sustainable urban horticulture in light of the significant changes to our normal fundraising efforts. Interest in home gardening is high; your gift to the Foundation helps make our plant advice even more accessible through new online channels. Please consider supporting Master Gardeners with a gift to the Master Gardener Foundation in King

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County on May 5 or 6. Early giving starts on April 15. Here is the link:<https://www.givebigwa.org/master-gardener-foundation-of-king-county>

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## Master Gardener Bruce Williams: *It's All About Service*

...by Marty Byrne, Master Gardener and Connection Editor

Master Gardener Bruce Williams landed in western Washington after growing up in Illinois, attending college, and completing military service. His only regret is that he didn't know about the Master Gardener Program sooner.



[Read more](#)

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## President's Message: *Board Elections*

...by Jim Olson, MGF Board President

The Board needs a few good Master Gardeners to step up to a term of service on the Foundation Board. Read Board President Jim Olson's call for candidates here.

[Read more](#)



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## 2020 Master Gardener Plant Sale: *Online and Open for Business!*

Below are links to both Bellevue Demo Garden and Cesar Chavez Demo Garden Spring Plant Sales, where there is still good inventory of Master Gardener-grown



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If you have **WordPress** or **Constant Contact** expertise and would like to help KCMGs, contact Penny at [pckriese at gmail](mailto:pckriese@gmail.com).

### Of Interest to You

#### Continuing Education

Learning takes place in many ways, and the Program is offering more ways

veggies. These are separate sales and require an advance online order; there is no on-site shopping. You may order plants online at your site of choice. You'll receive an email with your order confirmation and a link to schedule a pick-up date and time. Pick-up times are limited: May 6 at Bellevue Demo Garden and May 9 and 10 at Cesar Chavez Demo Garden. Pick-ups are drive-through only, and care with proper social distancing will be managed.

Links to sales:

Bellevue Demo Garden Plant Sale:

<https://conta.cc/34DD5BB>

Cesar Chavez Demo Garden Plant Sale:

<https://conta.cc/34X6t5L>



## Growing Groceries Classes: *May and July*

The remaining Growing Groceries classes will be offered on the Zoom online platform, which enables us to reach up to 500 participants. Thanks to our resilient faculty for transitioning to Zoom, 108 gardeners attended the class on the Tomato Family, and 144 attended the class on Bugs, Weeds, & Watering during April.

Instructions for joining the Zoom classes will be sent to you at 5:00 p.m. the day of the class. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom schedule for the remaining classes (still 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) is:

*May 6: Cucumber & Corn Families*

*May 27: Herbs & Container Vegetable Gardening*

*July 22: Succession Planting/Fall & Winter Gardening/Seed Saving*

Visit

<http://www.mgfkf.org/education/growinggroceries>

for further details.

If you previously registered for these classes, you will be sent a code with your registration invitation. Please register using this code, to bypass the need to pay the \$5 fee for the class again.

[Register here](#)

to learn than ever before. [Find CE opportunities](#)

### Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tips](#)

### [Volunteer Now!](#)



### **WHERE am I?**

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



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

**Thank You.**



[Donate to MGFKC](#)

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**MASTER GARDENER**



**PLANT  
SALE**

**MGF 2020 Plant  
Sale: Thanks to Our  
Sponsors and  
Vendors**

Although we could not hold the Spring Plant Sale this year, we want to thank our loyal sponsors and vendors for signing up. Keep them in mind when you're looking for plants: many of them have websites or other ways to contact them. See you in 2021!

[See the List](#)



**A'Key Applications:  
Still time to Apply**

*...by Bob Connor, Master Gardener and A'Key Selection Committee*

The Selection Committee is taking applications for the 2020 Ellen A'Key grant until July 1, 2020. The Master Gardener Foundation awards up to \$1500 each year to support projects in counties where support dollars may not be available. The program is open to Master Gardener organizations in all counties in Washington. Read about the [grant](#) in April's edition of *The Foundation Connection*.

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***Foodies in the Garden***

**Victory Gardens:  
Everything Old is  
New Again**

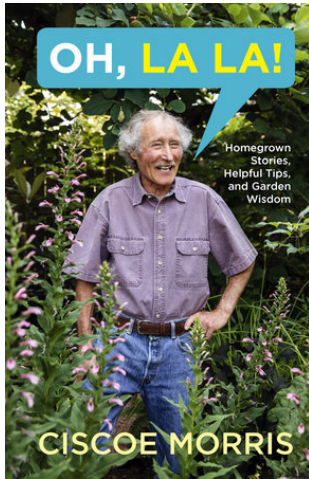
*...by Marty Byrne, Master Gardener and Connection Editor*



Planting a garden for one's own use and to share is nothing new. War Gardens and Victory Gardens were encouraged during both World Wars. How

were they different from today's community and home gardens, and why is interest so high now? How did the times dictate what people planted?

[Read more](#)



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

## **Oh, La La!: Homegrown Stories, Helpful Tips, and Garden Wisdom**

Ciscoe Morris has a new book out. Need a little Ciscoe humor right about now? Hungry for some garden wisdom? Read Brian Thompson's review.

[Read more](#)

## **Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities**

**Can You Help??**



*Note: In-person volunteer opportunity listings are postponed for the near future. Stay informed with updates on the [mfgkc.org](http://mfgkc.org) website.*

## **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!**

#### **Online Learning Opportunities**

Master Gardeners can still earn Continuing Education credit from a wide selection of online classes, webinars, and online workshops. Check out the new section on the MGF Education page: <http://www.mgfk.org/education/online-continuing->

[education](#)

***May and July Growing Groceries Classes.***

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Please see the article elsewhere in this issue or visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration.

***Check these websites for updates on in-person classes. Most classes are canceled through May.***

Bellevue Botanical Garden

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/classes/>

Bellevue Demo Garden Talks

<http://www.mgfk.org/education>

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

Please watch future issues of *The Connection* for updates on these classes.

Savvy Gardener Classes (Saving Water Partnership)

<https://www.savingwater.org/lawn-garden/gardening-classes/>

***Future File***

**September 12 to 17, 2021:**

[International Master Gardener Conference](#)

Norfolk, Virginia.

**Fall 2021:**

The WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference for 2020 is rescheduled to Fall 2021.

[WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference](#),

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## ***Events, Coming Attractions***

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. online meeting. Information and details at



<http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>

Tilth Alliance Edible Plant Sale, May 1 to 5, online only.

Details here:

[Tilth Alliance Edible Plant Sale](#)

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