



# MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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## MGFKC Board of Directors Election Results

*...by Jim Olson, Extension Master Gardener and  
Foundation Board President*

Thank you to all who voted in our recent Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGFKC) Board of Directors election. 183 King County Extension Master Gardeners voted in the election. June 1, 2023, will mark the end of the term of service for some of the directors on the board and the beginning of the new term for newly elected members. This year we have some significant changes. Five people are leaving, two are returning for a second term and six are starting their first term of office.

Directors leaving the board this year are EMG Bruce Caredio, EMG Bruce Williams, EMG Carrie Hill, EMG Amy Lee and myself, EMG Jim Olson.

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## Mid-Year Service and CE Reminder

*...by Sarah Moore, WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program  
Coordinator*

As June and the busy summer season arrive, it's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2023. Whether you are an Intern, a Certified Master Gardener or an Emeritus Master Gardener, it's time to take stock of your Service and Continuing Education (CE) hours for the year and make a plan to complete them in time for recertification. Below are a few reminders.

June through the end of August is the busiest time in the Extension Master Gardener calendar. Clinic and demonstration garden activity drops dramatically

after August, and it becomes difficult to find hours. We suggest you plan to complete most of your hours by early September.

Our certification and recertification process is built with this in mind. The deadline for completing your recertification hours is November 30. When you are planning for hours, keep in mind that the deadline is the end of November, not the end of the year.

You can find Continuing Education opportunities in every issue of the *Master Gardener Connection*, and service opportunities in *The Garden of Opportunities* email sent mid-month. If you are concerned about your ability to complete your hours, please let the Program Office ([king.mg@wsu.edu](mailto:king.mg@wsu.edu)) know as soon as you can. We can help you plan for getting the hours or discuss options such as leave of absence.

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## Fire-Resistant Landscaping Workshops

...by Linda Peterson, Extension Master Gardener and Foundation Board Member



In support of one of our nine Master Gardener Program Priorities, BDG Workshops will be offering two new workshops on the subject of Fire-Resistant Landscape Gardening. These workshops will cover how to use fire-resistant and drought-tolerant plants, materials, design and landscape maintenance to prevent the spread of fire to your home.

Recent summers have been drier and warmer and present new challenges. People in Western Washington have not traditionally been concerned with grass and debris fires spreading through their neighborhoods. But, according to a 2022 King County report, wildfire danger in King County is increasing due to climate change and human actions resulting in 350,000 King County residents at risk.

On July 22, BDG Workshops is presenting the workshop, **Introduction to Fire Resistant Landscaping**. This class is an introduction to practical steps property owners can take to reduce fire risks. It is being offered free as a public service to the greater community.

[Read more](#)

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## City of Shoreline Sponsors a New Summer Gardening Series

...by Sarah Moore, WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator

We are pleased to announce a new partnership to help residents of Shoreline learn gardening techniques that will keep our waterways clean. The City of Shoreline is sponsoring a summer

gardening series by the King County Master Gardeners (KCMG). This series of classes will emphasize techniques to prevent or reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other hazardous materials.

These introductory or refresher courses will be offered free for Shoreline residents, and are intended for individuals interested in learning current, science-based approaches to different topics in gardening. The series is being sponsored with a \$6,000 grant from the City of Shoreline and is not approved Continuing Education for Extension Master Gardeners. Congratulations to the Development team of Extension Master Gardeners Joan Baldwin, Linda Peterson and Joe Jennings for securing the grant and handling all the details for a great series. The eight in-person classes will run from May 20 to August 19 in Shoreline.

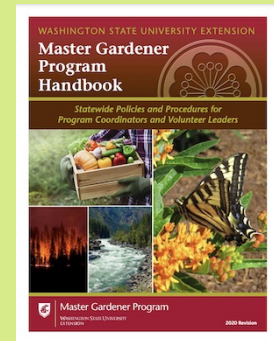
If you want further information about the series or if you have ideas about how to find grants to help the Extension Master Gardeners, please contact Sarah Moore, KCMG Program Coordinator, 206-543-0943, [sarah.moore1@wsu.edu](mailto:sarah.moore1@wsu.edu).

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## ***Master Gardener Handbook***

*...by Sarah Moore, WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator*

I would like to encourage every Extension Master Gardener in King County to read a document that answers many of the questions the Program Office receives. The [Master Gardener Handbook](#) includes valuable information on the Program and its relationship with WSU. It covers such topics as what counts (and doesn't count) as Continuing Education, how to request a Leave of Absence, what kinds of advice we can and cannot give, how to remain certified and more.



If it's been over two years since you read the *Master Gardener Handbook*, or if you have always planned to read it and never found the time, please look it over. You can claim up to one hour of Continuing Education for reading it. Just enter the description, "Read Master Gardener Handbook," in GivePulse.

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## ***Another Look at our 50-year History***

*...by Marty Byrne, Extension Master Gardener and Communications Committee Chair*

Our year-long celebration continues. Here are two videos that showcase the scope of our WSU Extension Master Gardener Programs in Washington state. The videos feature gardens and clinics statewide, plus some historical comments from WSU Master Gardeners, including two of our own.

### **Quick Links**



[MGFKC](#)



<https://youtu.be/4lb-KPOL40w> (about 6 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/2UxzNVtOWTw>  
(about 8 minutes)

Both videos are on Youtube, so there will be ads.  
Just skip them!

Enjoy!



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*Volunteer hours must  
be entered monthly.*

**Staying Smart**

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the Public and Master  
Gardeners](#)

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## Welcome Nora Larson: *Our New Program Assistant*

*...by Sarah Moore, WSU Extension King County Master  
Gardener Program Coordinator*

I am delighted to welcome Nora Larson to the WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners as our new Program Assistant. Nora has a variety of experience facilitating volunteer projects for the King County Parks Department, Dirt Corps, and Woodland Park Zoo's Wild Light's program.



[Read more](#)

*Photo: Nora Larson, Program Assistant*



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## New Collaboration with Maple Valley Food Bank & South King County Food Coalition



...by Joe Jennings, Extension Master Gardener and Foundation Board Member

King County Master Gardeners are teaming up with the South King County Food Coalition and Maple Valley Food Bank (MVFB) to offer six vegetable gardening classes to address food insecurity in the area. The MVFB will serve as the hub with free local classes, resources for garden space, information about workshops which offer low-income waivers, and adaptive techniques. KCMG will provide the class content and teachers. This collaboration will leverage MVFB's relationships and facility in the south King County area and utilize KCMG's educational expertise to provide science-based, sustainable vegetable gardening classes. The classes will run June 8 through October 1 at the Maple Valley Food Bank, 21415 Renton-Maple Valley Rd, Maple Valley. For further information you can contact Sarah Moore, KCMG Program Coordinator, 206-543-0943, [sarah.moore1@wsu.edu](mailto:sarah.moore1@wsu.edu).



Find out about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County, how to become a Master Gardener, a list of speakers and the Puget Sound Tip Sheets.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/>

For **MG-only** information, log into the "KCMGs, Only" area.



Discover our public gardening education events, fundraising activities and recognitions, and how you can help the King County Extension Master Gardeners.

<https://www.mgfk.org/>

For **MG-only** information about Foundation policies and more clinic resources, log into the "Member Area."



### Purchase EMG Gear

New swag has been added to the Extension Master Gardener Program website. A portion of all sales benefit the EMG Program.

[50 years and counting | Master Gardener](#)

### Of Interest to You

#### Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

- 50<sup>th</sup> embroidered patches
- Commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> magazine
- Silkscreen t-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs are available for a limited time

### **WHERE am I?**

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



**Join us!**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

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**Marriott Tacoma Downtown**  
**Tacoma, WA**

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- Earn CE credits
- Be inspired by our keynote speaker
- Network with like-minded garden enthusiasts
- Celebrate 50 years of the Extension Master Gardener Program





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[www.mastergardener.wsu.edu](http://www.mastergardener.wsu.edu)

**KEYNOTE**



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<https://mglearns.mastergardenerfoundation.org/>



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OF WASHINGTON STATE

# 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!***

### ***Education Opportunities***

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

### ***Growing Groceries Classes***

Growing Groceries classes are Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration for all classes.

**June 14: Integrated Pest Management**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Adam Romero.

### ***Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops***

Workshops are online Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For information and details, please visit the [Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops](#) page.

**June 3: The Art & Science of Watering** presented by Extension Master Gardener Jim Olson.

**June 10: Plant Propagation**, presented by Gordon Polson, Extension Master Gardener and Master Composter.

### ***WSU Master Gardener Online Workshops***

**Tuesdays in June at 12:00 p.m.** WSU Master Gardeners present **free** weekly online programs. *No need to register, just pop in.*

Connection information (To attend you must have a Zoom account, sign up for one at [zoom.us](https://zoom.us)), then join from

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android:**

[https://wsu.zoom.us/j/7756056320?](https://wsu.zoom.us/j/7756056320?pwd=RzVxbTI0dXpyUjJjSDdsWnJuTXdydz09)

[pwd=RzVxbTI0dXpyUjJjSDdsWnJuTXdydz09](https://wsu.zoom.us/j/7756056320?pwd=RzVxbTI0dXpyUjJjSDdsWnJuTXdydz09)

Meeting ID: 775 605 6320

Password: 12345

Phone Call: +1 253 215 8782, 775 605 6320#

For help, call Gary Fredricks at [garyf@wsu.edu](mailto:garyf@wsu.edu) or 360-577-3014 Ext. 3.

**June 6: Using Native Plants in Your Home Landscape** presented by Extension Master Gardener Wendy Santiago.



**June 13: Do-it-Yourself "Irrigation"**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Jerry Winchell.

**June 20: Selecting Plants for Your Home Landscape**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Tracy Morgan.

**June 27: Protecting Your Plants from the Heat**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Tom Myklebust.

### ***Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council***

Snohomish County Early Detection Rapid Response Invasive Species Training. Learn how to identify priority invasive species, how to record basic data and how to report findings on EDDMapS. Francis Anderson Center, 700 Main Street, Room 206, Edmonds, WA. Register: <https://www.pnw-ipc.org/events/snohomish-county-invasive-species-training>

### ***Bellevue Botanical Garden***

BBGS members receive a 30% discount on most webinars, lectures and classes. More information at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/learn/?all-events>.

**June 17: The Leafcutter Bee**, an in-person presentation by Dave Hunter, Owner & Founder of Crown Bees.

### ***WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference***

**September 27 – 30, 2023** at the Marriott Tacoma Downtown in Tacoma, Washington. Registration opened May 1<sup>st</sup>. Find more information at <https://mglearns.mastergardenerfoundation.org/>.



### ***Summer Books: Garden-themed “Beach Reads”***

When you’ve pulled the weeds and watered the garden, you can relax in the shade with a glass of iced tea and a good book. All of the books listed below follow a garden theme and can be found in your local bookstore, online or at the library. *Suggestions from Goodreads.*

*Radical Prunings: A Novel of Officious Advice from the Contessa of Compost*, by Bonnie Thomas Abbott. A humorous book written as a gardening advice column.

*Potting Shed Mysteries*, a series by Marty Wingate, local author and former Master Gardener. Pru Parke, the detective gardener, digs up intriguing mysteries.

*Two Gardeners: A Friendship in Letters*, edited by Emily Herring Wilson. A collection of letters between *New Yorker* editor Katharine S. White and southern garden writer Elizabeth Lawrence.

*The Kew Gardens Girls*, by Posy Lovell. Two young women enlist as



gardeners at the Kew, Royal Botanic Gardens during World War I.

*The Heirloom Garden*, by Viola Shipman. "...the unlikely relationship between two very different women brought together by the pain of war, but bonded by hope, purpose... and flowers."



### ***Events and Coming Attractions***

**Interbay P-Patch Dahlia Sale**, on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Interbay P-Patch Community Garden, 2451 15th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA. Over 40 dahlia varieties available. All proceeds support the Interbay P-Patch.

**MGFKC Board Meeting** on Thursday, June 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online Zoom meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>.

Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722>  
Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722  
One tap mobile - +12532158782,,88172076722#  
Dial in - +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722

**Open House / Open Garden Event** to celebrate 50 years of the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program and partnership with WSU-NWREC and demonstration gardens. Thursday, July 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at WSU-NWREC, 16550 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, WA .

### ***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 edition). For more information or to submit items for consideration, please contact us at [communicate@mgfk.org](mailto:communicate@mgfk.org). All published photos have the photographer's permission or are sourced from free-to-use sites.*

### ***WAIT! Don't unsubscribe from all mailings if you are an active Master Gardener!***

If you wish to unsubscribe, be selective and identify the email lists you wish to receive. **All active Master Gardeners in King County are expected to subscribe to the current year's "KC Master Gardeners" Email List** to continue receiving information about Program activities, updates and recertification notices. Other email lists are optional.



*County Master Gardener Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and the WSU Extension Master Gardener program in King County to provide research-based education about urban horticulture to the residents of King County.*



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