

MASTER GARDENER connection

A JOINT MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM THE MASTER GARDENERS OF KING COUNTY
AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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Welcome New Interns!

*...by Carrie Hill, Master Gardener and
Foundation Board Member*

Our 2022 Master Gardener intern class met at Bellevue Botanical Garden on March 5 and 13 for the last two classroom sessions of basic training. The two days focused on plant problem diagnosis, clinic practicum including exploration of Clinic Resource materials and references, and a docent-led tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden. "Learn & Work" parties at our demonstration gardens on March 19 and 26 concluded their training. Please anticipate seeing our 114 new interns in our clinics and gardens this season and give them a hearty welcome to the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program!



Photo courtesy of Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Advanced Training Coming Soon

...by the Clinic Leadership Team

There have been a few modifications to our process and to the materials we reference when making pesticide recommendations for our clients. The list of WSU Approved References for Pesticide Recommendations has been updated at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/approved-references-for-pest-management-recommendations/> and now has 10 approved resources.

Since these references must be used in their most current version, we will provide a short Advanced Training video to refresh your skills. Completion of this Advanced Training video, which runs about one hour, will be mandatory for all 2022 active Certified Master Gardeners (veterans, emeritus and interns) whether they will be participating in a clinic this year or not. Stay tuned for more details. We expect to make this video available during late April and ask that you take it shortly after we provide it.



The Clinics are Opening! The Clinics are Opening!

...by The Clinic Leadership Team

After a long hiatus, we expect that all clinics will be able to open this spring. We're excited to be back in front of our clients and communities, doing what we do best – education.

Your clinic leader and clinic information coordinator will share several updates at your clinic's launch meeting. In addition to a few modified processes, we've stocked some new Clinic Resource materials in your bins including two new WSU Extension Home Gardening Publications:

- *Growing Rhubarb in Home Gardens*, [FS360E](#)
- *Watering Lawns in Washington to Save Water, Save Money, and Have a Healthy, Green Lawn*, [FS362E](#)

Both publications are free downloads at the WSU Extension Publications website: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/gardening>.

[Read more](#)

WSU Extension Master Gardeners of King County Gardening Classes for 2022

Longer days, warming soil, garden shops bursting with seed packets and plant starts: spring is in the air. The WSU Extension Master Gardeners of King County continue their gardening classes and workshops with more great presentations. Growing Groceries classes continue into June on Wednesdays, and Bellevue Demonstration Garden Saturday Workshops begin Series 2 workshops in April. All classes will be presented on Zoom and registration is required.



Growing Groceries: Classes are presented on specific Wednesdays, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. through April, May and June. Home gardeners can still register for

the series and receive recordings following each class, with a 2-week viewing period for each recording. The series of classes is offered at a discount. Each individual class is \$7.50. Registration is required for the series or individual

classes. (There will be a limited number of financial need fee waivers available for individual classes.) The full schedule, series/class and registration information are available at <https://mgfkc.org/education/growinggroceries>. The series subscription and individual registrations for remaining classes are available now. The Master Gardener Foundation of King County uses the funds collected to support activities of the WSU Master Gardener Program in King County.



Bellevue Demonstration Garden Saturday Workshops:

Workshops continue on Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to mid-October. Topics in Series 2's nine workshops (April, May, and June) include rain gardens, container gardening, gardening with children and more. New: Series 2 and Series 3 workshops will be recorded! Series subscriptions are offered at a discount. There is a \$5 fee for each individual workshop. Registration is required for the series or individual classes. (There will be a limited number of financial need fee waivers available for individual classes.) The second series subscription and individual registrations are available now. The full schedule, registration information and the workshop descriptions are available at <https://mgfkc.org/education/bdg-workshops>. The fees help the Master Gardener Foundation of King County support the activities of the WSU Master Gardener Program in King County.

The T-shirts Have Arrived!

In the January 2022 issue of the *Master Gardener Connection*, the Master Gardener Foundation of King County offered a free T-shirt to every active King County Master Gardener and intern who wanted one. This shirt was offered in appreciation of your DEDICATED VOLUNTEER WORK and in the spirit of 2022 teamwork.

The Foundation Board is delighted to announce we've received the initial order of T-shirts for those who signed up to receive one before the January 15 deadline. Now it's on its way to you!

If you're an active 2022 Master Gardener or intern working at a clinic (or a clinic and a demonstration garden), your clinic leader has your shirt and will make arrangements for you to get it. If you are a member of a demo garden only, or you aren't yet signed up for either a clinic or demo garden, someone will contact you soon with information on how to get your shirt.

For those of you who didn't sign up for a shirt and would like one after you see it, you're in luck! We'll send an email invite to you in mid to late April when we receive our back-ordered extras.

Thank you for all that you do!

Your 2021/2022 MGFKC Board: *Valentina Barei, Trish Bloor, Bruce Caredio, Phil Fordyce, Richelle Godwin, Carrie Hill, TerryJo Johnson, Amy Lee, Suzi O'Byrne, Jim Olson, John Sykes and Bruce Williams*



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Cultivate (More) Knowledge

Clean Up and Have Patience

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It's SPRING! This is the time when a gardener's fancy turns to all things green. We've waited, somewhat patiently, maybe a bit resignedly, definitely grudgingly, through a long cold and assault-by-snow winter. Now the sun has come out, temperatures are rising, and green things are appearing all around us. In our springtime excitement let's be sure to heed the advice from our favorite garden nags: *Captain Cleanup* and *The Patient Gardener*.

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Where can anyone find out about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County, how to become a Master Gardener, our list of speakers or the Puget Sound Tip Sheets?



Where can anyone find links to the most current newsletters, education events for the public, and the Foundation activities and recognitions?

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

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

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

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



Extend Your Resources

New WSU Extension Home Gardening Publication: *Growing Rhubarb in Home Gardens*

Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, WSU Professor and Extension Specialist writes about rhubarb in a new WSU Extension home gardening publication, *Growing Rhubarb in Home Gardens*.

Download publication FS360E [here](#).

Of Interest to You

Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

WHERE am I?

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

Master Gardeners: Questions About GivePulse?

If you have questions about GivePulse, you'll find links to information and instructions in an email from Program Coordinator Mary Watts on November 24 titled "GivePulse: Two Updates and our Top 5 Tips".



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In the Garden
Essays on Nature and Growing

'A garden, no matter how good it is,
must never completely satisfy.'
Jamaica Kincaid

In the Garden: Essays on Nature and Growing

In the Garden is a collection of essays on gardens and growing. These essays, from a diverse group of 14 writers, are gathered into four thematic sections: The Garden Remembered, The Collective Garden, The Language of the Garden, and The Sustainable Garden. Plant Answer Line Librarian Rebecca Alexander reviewed the book which was published in March 2021.

[Read more](#)

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 9:00 p.m. Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration for all classes.

April 6: Understanding Your Soil Test and Amending Your Soil presented by Master Gardener Gia Parsons.

April 20: Tomato Family: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant & Potatoes, presented by Master Gardeners Marcia Dillon and Jean Jones.

May 4: Integrated Pest Management: Bugs, Beneficial Insects and Plants that Support Them, presented by Master Gardener Brandon Bray.

Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops

Workshops are Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For information and details, please visit <https://www.mgfk.org/education/bdg-workshops>.

April 2: An Introduction to Rain Gardens, presented by Master Gardener Bruce Bennett.

April 9: Basic Garden Design, presented by Master Gardener Andrée Hurley.

April 16: What to Do to Have the Best Lawn You've Ever Grown, presented by Ladd Smith, co-owner of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes.

April 23: Water Saving Irrigation, presented by Bruce Williams, Master Gardener and Master Pruner.

April 30: Creating Beautiful Containers, presented by Master Gardener Molly van der Burch.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

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

April 16: The Art, Science and Magic of Propagation presented by Master Gardeners Alison Johnson and Gordon Polson.

April 20: Right-Size Gardening: Growing with Life's Changes, presented by speaker and author Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp.

Washington Native Plant Society

April 7: Native by Design - Reimagine Beauty with More Habitat, Less Lawn, a Zoom webinar presented by Eileen Stark, a Portland-based ecological landscape designer, habitat consultant and writer. Visit <https://www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1523> to register.

Future File

September 29 - October 1, 2022:

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

at the Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake in Olympia, Washington. Registration opens May 1, 2022.



Events and Coming Attractions

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>.

Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722>

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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 10th of the month prior to publication (ex: May 10 for the June edition). For more information or to submit items for consideration, please contact us at communicate@mgfkc.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.



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