

# 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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## 2023 Intern Days!

*...by the Demonstration Garden Leaders*

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 116 WSU Extension Master Gardener Interns engaged in a day of hands-on learning at 13 of the King County Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens. Intern Days are held annually to round out the Master Gardener curriculum with some real-world experience as well as to expose interns to area gardens, meet Certified Master Gardeners, learn new gardening techniques and assist demo garden leaders with a myriad of early spring tasks.

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*Leaders of the 2023 Intern Program (left to right): Program Coordinator Sarah Moore, MG Anne Neilson, MG Carrie Hill and MG Gary Scheider  
Photo credit: MG Susan Zachwieja*



*Planting at Soos Creek Growing Groceries Demonstration Garden (left to right): Intern Kyle Bunnell, Intern Nancy Steiffert, MG Stephanie Young, MG Jean Rogers, Intern Matthew Miller and Intern Brea Hronek*

## Recording CE in GivePulse

*...by Dawn Rubstello, Master Gardener and Chair, Education Leadership Team*

A common question from Extension Master Gardeners is how to describe Continuing Education (CE) activities when recording entries in GivePulse. Perhaps it's because we have so many CE-eligible classes and events available to choose from each month. By comparison, there are a limited number of clinic and demonstration garden locations, which makes them easier to identify when recording volunteer hours.

Upon completing an approved Continuing Education class or event, it's important to capture the activity in GivePulse with a clear description so the Program Office can process the entry and you can receive CE credit. When prompted to answer the question, "Where did you volunteer or what did you do," please provide the **name of the approved CE presentation or event**, along with the **speaker's name** and the **hosting organization**, as in these examples:

- Growing Groceries: Backyard Fruit Trees, Brandon Bray, King County Master Gardeners
- Rehabilitative Pruning, Christina Pfeiffer, Plant Amnesty

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## The Garden of Opportunities

*...by the MGFKC Communications Committee*

Looking for fresh ways to log King County Master Gardener (KCMG) volunteer hours? WSU Extension Master Gardeners have expressed interest in learning about additional opportunities to support the Program and Foundation. A variety of volunteer opportunities is available through the many administrative, planning, project, committee and leadership activities that drive our ongoing operations. How do you find out about them?

Starting in April, King County Master Gardeners will receive an email each month, separate from the newsletter, that lists opportunities from single events like a pop-up clinic or special event, to ongoing needs that might come from our demonstration gardens.

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## A New Fundraising/Development Team for MGFKC

...by Joe Jennings, Master Gardener

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGFKC) Board of Directors has approved the initiation of a new fundraising/development team focused on grants, planned giving and major donors. The goals are to replace the revenue lost from the Annual Plant Sale (which ended in 2019) and to diversify and increase revenue sources for the King County Master Gardener Program. Joe Jennings, Extension Master Gardener, has been asked to lead the new fundraising/development effort by the Board.

The MGFKC Fundraising/Development Team is looking for Master Gardeners with expertise in:

- Gratitude follow-up, i.e. saying “thank you”
- Grant research, writing and management
- Fundraising/Major Donor Development
- CRM/Salesforce.com

Please contact Joe Jennings, Extension Master Gardener, at [josephwjennings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:josephwjennings@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in learning more about the MGFKC Fundraising/Development Team.



## Happy Anniversary, WSU Master Gardeners in King County!

...by Marty Byrne, Master Gardener & Communications Committee Chair

Yes, we're celebrating 50 years of helping home gardeners find answers to their gardening questions. In 1973, the county extension agents for Pierce and King Counties collaborated to meet the need for gardening information. They held a trial clinic at the Tacoma Mall in 1972 to see if there was sufficient public interest. The demand was so great that Bill Scheer (Pierce County) and Dr. David Gibby (King County) decided to develop a program to recruit and train volunteers to educate and serve home gardeners. Today there are 85,000 Extension Master Gardeners in the United States, including 4,000 in Washington state. That includes 469 Master Gardeners in King County alone plus 112 Master Gardener Interns.

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## Learn More About Program Priorities

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

When I wrote the March newsletter article about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program's Nine Program Priorities, I did not anticipate how much curiosity and



enthusiasm would follow. In answer to many people's questions, I am sharing links here to some additional resources. Find out more about how you, as an Extension Master Gardener, are already helping to address these critical issues facing Washington State and learn what else you can do.

There is a one-page guide on the [King County Master Gardener Program website](#), displaying each Priority with a short summary of what topics might apply to it. You can also find a wealth of detailed information in several formats at the [WSU Master Gardener volunteer resources page](#) in the Presentation Materials section. It has everything from a 34-page toolkit to individual slides for each of the Priorities. In addition to these resources, I also gave a [video presentation](#) on this topic to the 2023 intern class. While some of the information is specifically for new trainees, you may find this presentation is a helpful overview of the Program Priorities.

## Hours Requirements in GivePulse

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

You asked for it and we did it. Several Extension Master Gardeners have asked for a convenient place where they can easily find how many Service and Continuing Education (CE) hours are required for Certified (Veteran), Emeritus and Intern Master Gardeners.

This information is now available on your GivePulse page. When you log into your [GivePulse home page](#), you will see a block to the left of my picture, that shows the hours needed by different levels of Master Gardeners. Click on the 'read more' to see all the hours requirements.

We hope this little addition will help you plan your activities to make sure you fulfill the requirements to recertify. And as a quick reminder, once you reach the required hours, please continue to log your Service Hours and CE. The Program uses that information in so many ways.



*Cultivate (More)  
Knowledge*

### An Unwelcome Visitor to the Spring Garden

*...by Bruce Caredio, Master  
Gardener and Foundation  
Board Member*

A couple of weeks ago a keen-eyed volunteer noticed that the daffodil bulbs we planted in November were not looking healthy. She investigated by digging up a couple of bulbs. What she found was a white grub that had eaten

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the center of the bulb; destroying the growing tissue and leading to rot. What happened? Many of us think daffodils are the most "bullet-proof" of all bulbs and flowers. Daffodils are poisonous to most animals and are usually left alone. However, the leaves and flowers are susceptible to slug and snail damage, and as it turns out, grubs of the Daffodil bulb fly can feast on the bulbs.

Daffodils, narcissus and jonquils are known botanically as *Narcissus*. The plant is native to the woodlands and meadows of Southwestern Europe and Northern Africa.

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**Record Impacts**

[GivePulse Login Page](#)

*Volunteer hours must be entered monthly.*

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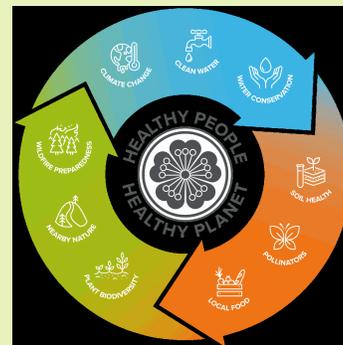


## Earth Day Resource Fair

The City of Seattle P-Patch Community Gardening Program will host an Earth Day Resource Fair for P-Patch community gardeners on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Northwest African American Museum (2300 South Massachusetts Street, Seattle, WA 98144). We'll host an Ask-a-Master-Gardener Clinic table at the Resource Fair. Coincidentally, **both** the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program and the Seattle P-Patch Community Gardening Program will celebrate their 50th Anniversaries in 2023.



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## Program Assistant Needed

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

The WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program is seeking to hire one [Program Assistant](#) for the King County Master Gardeners. The Program Assistant supports the Program with administrative, scheduling and logistical assistance



to help fulfill the mission of the WSU Extension Master Gardeners: *Engaging university-trained volunteers to empower and sustain diverse communities with relevant, unbiased, research-based horticulture and environmental stewardship education.*

Please help spread the word within the Master Gardener community and beyond. Share it widely within your network, and if you feel that you would be a good fit, please do not hesitate to [apply](#) or to reach out at [king.mg@wsu.edu](mailto:king.mg@wsu.edu) with any follow-up questions.



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."

## PlantAmnesty ▲▲▲



As part of their Master Pruner program, PlantAmnesty offers both Renovation and Fruit Tree Workshops in the greater Seattle area. PlantAmnesty is always

looking for workshop properties that have a good diversity of fruit trees or have landscaping that has grown past the homeowner's capacity to maintain (mostly shrubs and small trees). If you talk with a client who might have a good property, please consider suggesting that they contact PlantAmnesty to see if a workshop is feasible. This QR code opens a page that describes the workshop process and site requirements. PlantAmnesty thanks you!

## 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](#)

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## **New Continuing Education Opportunity in Your Inbox**

King County Certified Master Gardeners can expect an email soon from Program Coordinator Sarah Moore sharing links to three video recordings on the topics of *Program Priorities*, *Pollinators* and *Water Conservation*. Please check your email for access to this Continuing Education opportunity. Questions, please email [king.mg@wsu.edu](mailto:king.mg@wsu.edu).

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### ***Replacement Class for Canceled July 15 BDG Workshop***

The BDG Workshop team is happy to announce the replacement class for the July 15 canceled class. Master Gardener Joe Jennings will present an introduction to wildfire-resistant landscape gardening, a topic that is of increasing interest. Watch for details and registration information on the [Bellevue Demo Garden Workshops page](#).

## ***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.

**April 5: Brassicas: Kale, Cabbage, Collards, Mustard and More** presented by Master Gardener Sue Kraemer.

**April 19: Tomato Family: Tomatoes and Peppers**, presented by Master Gardener Marcia Dillon.

**May 3: Perennial Vegetables and Hardy Herbs**, presented by author and Master Gardener Bill Thorness.

### ***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.

**April 15: Preparing Soils for Hot, Dry Years**, presented by Linda Chalker-Scott, WSU Associate Professor of Horticulture.

**April 29: Success with Growing Lavendar**, presented by Sarah Richards, Founder, Lavender Wind Farm.

**May 6: Natural Pest and Disease Control**, presented by Laura Matter, Program Director of Natural Yard Care, Tilth Alliance.

### *Washington Invasive Species Council*

**April 27: 2023 Invasive Snail and Slug Virtual Workshop**, experts from USDA APHIS National Identification Services, State of Florida, USDA APHIS PPQ Montana Office, USDA APHIS PPQ Washington and Alaska Office, Oregon State University and the Montana Invasive Species Council will teach about the pathways of introduction, risks, impacts, and identification of invasive slugs and snails. Gain a more thorough understanding of invasive mollusks that are already in the Pacific Northwest as well as those that are on the horizon. View the agenda and register at: <https://2023-04-27-invasive-snail.rsvpify.com>.

### *Master Gardener Foundation of Spokane County*

**March 18 – May 31: 13th Annual Cabin Fever Virtual Gardening Symposium**. Class information and tickets are available [here](#). All presentations will be available to view on your own schedule from March 20 to May 31 and will cover many topics essential to developing sustainable gardens. Registrants to this event will be emailed a link to access the presentations.

### *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 1: Clematis: Queen of the Climbers**, an in-person class taught by Master Gardener Laura Watson in partnership with the Master Gardeners of King County. *(There is a discounted price of \$10.50 for King County Master Gardener members on this class.)*

**April 12: What Your Food Ate: How to Heal Our Land and Reclaim our Health**, a hybrid event presented by David Montgomery, UW professor, and Anne Bikle, biologist and environmental planner.

**April 13: Our PNW Gardens and Climate Change**, a webinar by taught by Master Gardeners Molly van der Burch and Jim Little, in partnership with the Master Gardeners of King County. *(There is a discounted price of \$10.50 for King County Master Gardener members on this class.)*

### *Washington Native Plant Society*

**April 6: Gardening with Native Plants for the Future**, a Zoom webinar presented by Master Native Plant Steward Marcia Rivers Smith. Find more information and registration [here](#).

**April 12: Gardening under Native Trees**, a Zoom webinar presented by Christina Pfeiffer, horticulture consultant and educator. Find more information and registration [here](#).

**April 27: Resilient Gardens for Uncertain Futures**, a Zoom webinar

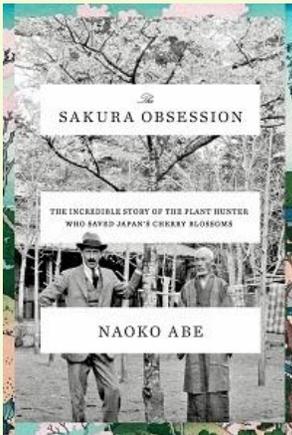
presented by Clay Antieau plant science practitioner and past-president of the Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration. Find more information and registration [here](#).

### ***More Online Learning Opportunities...***

For a month-by-month listing of more online Continuing Education classes, check out these [public events](#) from Master Gardener Foundation of Cowlitz County. (Note that some events listed on this site are in-person in Cowlitz County.)

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

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



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

## ***The Sakura Obsession***

Nothing heralds the beginning of spring like the glorious flush of cherry blossoms in April. Follow Collingwood Ingraham, eccentric Englishman, on his journeys to Japan at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Ingraham was almost singlehandedly responsible for rediscovering and preserving more than 100 varieties of cherry trees.

*The Sakura Obsession* by Naoko Abe was published March 2019 by Vintage Books. Brian Thompson, Curator of Horticultural Literature, reviewed the book.

[Read more](#)



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

**Elisabeth C. Miller Library Garden Lovers' Book Sale** on April 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98105. Thousands of gently used books for sale on gardening, plants, ecology and related topics. Any remaining book sale inventory will be available at discounted prices in the Library Program Room during Library open hours April 3 – 29. Find more information [here](#).

**#CougsGive** Join Cougs from around the world for a 24-hour virtual celebration on April 12. Celebrating 50 years of the Master Gardener Program at WSU Extension. This year the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences is focusing on supporting student success, health and sustainability, and service and outreach.

**MGFKC Board Meeting** on Thursday, April 13, 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>

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**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 98273.

### 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.



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