



# MASTER GARDENER **connection**

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## **Growing Curb Appeal at Bellevue Botanical Garden**

*...by Gary Scheider, Master Gardener Program Liaison to Bellevue Botanical Garden*

On June 25, 2022, the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the past four years, the Master Gardener Foundation of King County and the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County have been among ten partner groups that support various areas of BBG. This support is most visible through the Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic in the public garden. Our work has earned Master Gardeners a place at the table of influencers and BBG leaders.

Master Gardeners of King County were asked to participate in the development and planting of four new supersized containers to be sited at the entrance breezeway of the Garden. These new containers – over 40 inches high and wide – will be a significant improvement over the older, smaller containers. The containers and all plant materials were made possible by a generous BBG donor.

Two of our veteran Master Gardeners with extensive skills in large container design worked together to plan these containers. Master Gardener Karen Tollefson and Clinic Leadership Team (CLT) member Molly van der Burch conceptualized the containers' design. They gathered several unique, structural plants and many smaller shrubs and dwarf plants. Dozens of colorful annuals and some graceful "spillers" completed each large container.

Planting was supported by two members of the BBG Clinic: Master Gardener Theresa Meyer-Gabel and CLT member Brenda Spilker. On a damp and chilly day in early May, 85 bags of soil and compost were hefted into the containers and a bold statement was planted at the Garden's entry. A sign acknowledging

the Program's role in creating these beautiful containers will complete the display.

Be sure to join the Master Gardener team at the June 25 celebration and thank the crew who helped make this project happen.



*Master Gardeners Molly van der Burch, Gary Scheider and Brenda Spilker*



*Master Gardeners Karen Tollefson and Molly van der Burch*



## Living with Lavender

*...by Bruce Bennett, Master Gardener*

Last summer was a prime growing season for lavender in the Greater Seattle area and several questions concerning this versatile sub-shrub filled my email inbox. In preparation

for this summer, let's talk about several forms of this great, Mediterranean perennial which might fit well in your landscape.

[Read more](#)

## Cultivate (More) Knowledge

### Stealth, Thy Name is Rabbit

*This article was originally published in Heads UP! June 2019, Volume 5, Issue 3*



There are so many things out there to tax the sunny good nature of a gardener. I could make you an extensive list, but you, as Master Gardeners, have probably heard/experienced it all. According to a very reliable source reporting from the clinic that worked the Master Gardener Plant Sale, King County is being **OVERRUN BY RABBITS!!**

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## West Seattle Garden Tour Returns

After a two-year COVID-19 hiatus, the West Seattle Garden Tour is returning this summer! Ten gardens will be on display at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual tour on June 26, 2022. The Burien/Des Moines Master Gardener Clinic has partnered with the tour for several years and will be hosting an Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic table at the event. The garden tour



is the perfect venue for answering gardening questions and helping a steady stream of attendees on the day of the tour.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at several participating retailers: West Seattle Nursery, the West Seattle branch of Home Street Bank, Zenith Holland Nursery, Wells Medina Nursery and Swanson's Nursery. You can also purchase tickets online at [www.westseattlegardentour.org](http://www.westseattlegardentour.org). Event proceeds benefit eight local non-profits. See our Master Gardener team in action! Bring a friend and enjoy walking through some lovely gardens.



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Please **enter your volunteer hours regularly** on the GivePulse King County Master Gardener site at <https://wsu.givepulse.com/group/453122-WSU-King-County-Master-Gardeners>.

Look for KCMG in the webpage title and bookmark the page in your browser so you don't forget.

See the [KCMGs, Only](#) webpage for guides about adding or updating your hours.



### ***Extend Your Resources***

**WSU Home Gardening Publication:  
*Watering Lawns in Washington to  
Save Water, Save Money and Have a  
Healthy, Green Lawn***

### **Quick Links**



[MGFKC](#)



[King County MG](#)

[Become a Master  
Gardener](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

Improve the health of your lawn and save water and money in the process. Learn the proper amount of water for your lawn and when you should water in this new WSU publication by Troy Peters, Professor, Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center at Washington State University.

Download publication FS362E [here](#).

## Record Impacts

[GivePulse Login Page](#)

## Staying Smart

[BDG Saturday Workshops 2022](#)

[Education Events for the Public and Master Gardeners](#)

[Growing Groceries](#)



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?

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

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



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

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

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



## Bellevue Botanical Garden 30th Anniversary Celebration

Join us June 25, 2022

Public ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Paccar Plaza  
Open House from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## 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".

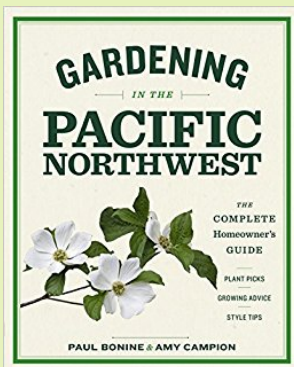


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### ***Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection***

## ***Gardening in the Pacific Northwest***

A useful tool for both experienced and amateur gardeners, *Gardening in the Pacific Northwest* (published in 2017) is filled with large, full-color photographs and comprehensive lists of plants that grow well in Washington, Oregon and southwestern British Columbia. Authors Paul Bonine, a garden writer and lecturer, and Amy Campion, a freelance writer and photographer, cover everything from garden design to specific climates and soils in our region. Brian Thompson, Curator of Horticultural Literature, reviewed the book.

[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.

**June 1: Global Vegetables**, presented by Master Gardener Gia Parsons.

**June 15: Year-round Planting: Crop Rotations, Edibles & Cover Crops** presented by Master Gardeners Joan Baldwin and Sharon O'Grady.

**June 29: What's Happening in the Summer Garden?** with an interactive Master Gardener Q&A panel.

### ***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>.

**June 4: Growing Roses**, presented by John Hamerling, Master Rosarian.

**June 11: Cucumbers, Squash and Melons**, presented by Master Gardener Emilie Castle.

**June 25: Summer Sizzlers: The Clematis of July, August and Beyond** presented by Laura Watson, Master Gardener.

### ***Washington State University Clallam County Extension***

**June 9: Tips for Diagnosing Tomato Plant Problems to Set You on Your Way Towards Solving Solanaceous Crop Problems**, presented by WSU Extension Diagnostician Jenny Glass. Find more information [here](#).

### ***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 2: The History and Art of Bonsai** presented by Master Gardener Bruce Williams. *(King County Master Gardeners may sign up for this class at a discounted rate of \$10.50. The discount is for this class only.)*

**June 23: Intro to a Summer Garden Pollinator: the Leafcutter Bee** presented by Dave Hunter, owner and founder of Crown Bees.



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

**September 29 - October 1, 2022:**

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

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



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

**MGFKC Board Meeting** on Thursday, June 9, 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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**Bellevue Botanical Garden 30th Anniversary Celebration** – June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**West Seattle Garden Tour** – June 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For tickets and more information visit [www.westseattlegardentour.org](http://www.westseattlegardentour.org).

### **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@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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