

MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

MARCH 2022

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival Recap

... by Master Gardeners Kirby Cartwright and Doreen Gillespie

Our booth at the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival was a resounding success! The booth was staffed with Master Gardener clinicians for the duration of the festival and was very well attended by clients.

- Total Number of Master Gardeners: **29**
- Total Number of Clients: **446**
- Peak Number of Clients (per day): **119**
- Average Number of Clients (per day): **89**



MG Doreen Gillespie
sets up the booth



MG Andrée Hurley



MG Victoria Monroe

Clinics Will Open This Year!

We're ready to start the 2022 "Ask a Master Gardener" clinic season in King County. On February 26, the Clinic Leadership Team held a meeting attended by clinic leaders, clinic information coordinators (CICs)



and schedulers. We shared many new and updated clinic materials, and some new clinic processes. In early March, your CIC will have these new materials in their possession and will begin to update your clinic kits. Expect to hear from your clinic leader within a week or so, inviting you to join them for your own clinic's launch preparations. We're all so happy to be back. Thank you for rejoining your clinic teams again and welcoming our 115 new 2022 interns.



Open MGFKC Board Seats

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

Are you interested in volunteering on the Foundation Board? The Board raises the majority of the funds for the Program and determines the budget to operate the office at Center for Urban Horticulture, the clinics, and the demonstration gardens. A board member is expected to attend one 90-minute, monthly meeting and must also participate in a committee or activity to give themselves a broader view of what we do, how we do it and what's needed to accomplish it. The term of office is three years and a board member may serve two terms. There are currently three open seats with another coming open in May. You can self-nominate or nominate someone you feel is qualified by emailing Foundation Board President Jim Olson at president@mgfkc.org. The Board will vote to affirm any candidates if there are less than four. If there are more than four candidates, all active King County Master Gardeners will vote in April.

Cultivate (More) Knowledge



Spring is Here! At Last!

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The long, lonely, cold winter is past and here comes the sun! It's time to assess the mess in our own beat-up-by-winter gardens, as well as the problems you will be seeing in your clinics. Many of us will be dealing with plants damaged by this past winter, or maybe mourning the loss of those plants killed by winter's extremes. This is what you might be seeing as the clouds part and the sun warms us up:

Quick Links



[MGFKC](#)



[King County MG](#)

[Become a Master Gardener](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

- Bud and stem damage
- Damaged roots
- Sun scald of leaves or bark
- Wind scald of leaves or bark
- Leaf drop or leaf roll
- Broken branches
- Delayed growth

[Read more](#)

[GivePulse](#)

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.mgfkf.org/>

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



Member Area Access on the Foundation Website

All certified Master Gardeners in King County who are in good standing are eligible to be members of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County.

Eligible members should register to gain access to the Member Area of the [mgfkf.org](https://www.mgfkf.org) website at their earliest convenience. The Member Area contains valuable information for clinic members and leaders, garden members and leaders, and Foundation members such as financial forms as well as tips and resources for these persons.

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:

To register, go to *Member Links & Registration* (<https://mgfkc.org/members-only>) in the top navigation bar and follow the instructions. Additional information about updating your email or password can be found on the *Trouble Signing In* page linked at the footer of each page on the website (<https://mgfkc.org/about-us/terms-of-use/trouble-signing-in>).

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".

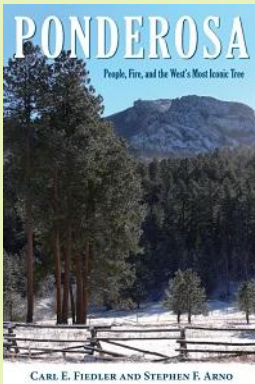


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Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Ponderosa: People, Fire, and the West's Most Iconic Tree

Authors Carl E. Fiedler and Stephen F. Arno share the history of the West's ponderosa pine forests in *Ponderosa: People, Fire, and the West's Most Iconic Tree*. Published in 2015, *Ponderosa* explains how the forest has changed, the role fire has played in the forest and what can be done to restore the ponderosa forests of today. 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.

March 2: Early Spring Vegetables: Peas, Hardy Greens, Carrots, Radishes and More, presented by Master Gardener Anne Neilson.

March 16: Brassicas: Cabbage, Kales, Collards, Mustard, Arugula & More, presented by Master Gardener Sue Kraemer.

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>.

March 5: Pruning So You Don't Have to Prune so Often, presented by Christina Pfeiffer, Horticulture Writer and Educator.

March 12: What to Do to Have the Best Lawn You've Ever Grown, presented by Ladd Smith, co-owner of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes.

March 19: Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest, presented by Master Gardener Marcia Dillon.

March 26: Weeds: A Whimsical Look at How to Identify, Prevent, and Control Weeds, presented by Master Gardener Jim Olson.

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

Bellevue Botanical Garden

BBGS members receive a 30% discount on most webinars; \$15 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. More information on BBG classes and webinars at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/webinars/>

March 24: Houseplants 201, presented by Glasswings plant director, Tassy de Give.

Washington Native Plant Society

March 3: The WTU Foray: 25 Years of Building Collections, Resources, and a Botanical Community, a free Zoom webinar presented by Dick Olmstead, Professor of Biology and Curator of the Herbarium at the Burke

Museum. For more information and to register visit <https://www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1470>.

PlantAmnesty

March 24: Super Ascenders Panel, four arborists will share their knowledge and answer your questions on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. This online event is approved for continuing education hours. Registration will open the first week of March. Visit the PlantAmnesty website at www.plantamnesty.org 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.

Events and Coming Attractions

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday, March 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>



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. 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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