

# MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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## Kenmore Rhododendron Park Pruning Workshop

*...by Extension Master Gardener Susan  
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On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County (KCMG) returned to Kenmore Rhododendron Park to host a pruning workshop for Kenmore Parks Department staff and former Finn Hill Demonstration Garden volunteers who were interested in new service opportunities in the neighborhood. It was a beautiful day and the well-used park was busy with park-goers of all ages enjoying the trails, playground and senior center.

[Read the full article](#)

*Photo: Charlie Pearce in his garden. (Photo used with permission from the Kenmore Historical Society.)*

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## Annual Certification Starts Oct 19: *What you can do now*

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

My goal is that every WSU Extension Master Gardener in King County is prepared to achieve their annual certification for 2024 easily, painlessly and on time. Before the certification application opens on October 19, please make sure you have completed and recorded your Service and CE hours requirements or have a plan to complete them by November 30. Please double check your hours in GivePulse so our team can guide you in making any necessary corrections if you don't see the hours you expected.



## Recognition Celebration: *Thank You for Your Thyme*

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

On behalf of both the Program office and the Master Gardener Foundation of King County Board, we invite you to our WSU Extension Master Gardener Recognition Event. The event will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, Washington. Please save the date.

[Read more](#)

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## **Grow with Master Gardeners Fall Appeal Starting in October**

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



We will start our “Grow with Master Gardeners” fall fundraising appeal for the Master Gardener Foundation of King County this month. The *Grow with Master Gardeners* appeal accounts for a significant portion of our Foundation fundraising for the year. This year will feature our 2023 accomplishments, budget and spending, Program and Foundation goals, and operating plans for 2024. If you have any questions, or want further information, please contact Joe Jennings at [vice-president@mgfkc.org](mailto:vice-president@mgfkc.org).

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## **Joan Baldwin, the New MGFKC Board President**

An Extension Master Gardener since 2018, Joan Baldwin enjoys sharing both her garden and her gardening knowledge with others. Joan’s grandmother was a florist with a large garden full of perennials, vegetables, berries and fruit trees. At an early age, Joan was tasked with picking sweet peas and pansies for the business. She’s been fascinated with gardening ever since.

Before joining the Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGFKC) Board of Directors, Joan was team leader for Growing Groceries from June 2020 to June 2023. She helped the Growing Groceries program pivot from in-person classes to online webinars at the beginning of the pandemic. Joan explained, “I’m very proud of moving the platform to not only Zoom classes, but also recording the classes which was a catalyst for increased enrollment and

wider engagement of our [WSU Extension] Master Gardener Program.”

[Read the full article](#)



## Friends of the WSU Ext. King County Master Gardeners Announced

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

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County Board, working in collaboration with Program Coordinator Sarah Moore, has established a “*Friends of the WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners*” group to show appreciation to and remain in contact with former members. If you are planning not to certify for 2024, or if you left the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program already, please let us know and we will add you to the *Friends* group. We want to make sure every member is thanked for their service in the Program and that we are able to stay in touch with folks about the Program and opportunities for former members. For further information, please contact EMG Joe Jennings at [vice-president@mgfkc.org](mailto:vice-president@mgfkc.org).

### Quick Links



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**Record Impacts**

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*Volunteer hours must be entered monthly.*

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## September Pop-Up Clinics Serve Diverse Communities

*...by Extension Master Gardener Gia Parsons*

Pop-up Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinics were held at two different community gardening celebrations in September. WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners (KCMG) were invited to





participate in a celebration at the Magnuson P-Patch and Children's Garden on Saturday, September 9, as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Seattle's P-Patch Community Garden Program. The festivities included music, food, keynote speakers, seed giveaways and music. KCMG is proud to partner with Kenya Fredie, the head of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, a lifelong urban gardener who manages the development of community gardens in Seattle.

[Read the full article](#)

*Photo: (L to R) EMG Gia Parsons, Intern Jamie Koehl and Intern Emelia Udd in the clinic booth at Tilth Farm Fest.*



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## Grab a Cool Zoom Background

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

The next time you attend a Zoom meeting about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program, consider using one of the many fun, colorful, garden-themed backgrounds, which you can find on our resources page here: [For Master Gardeners | Master Gardener Program | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](#), midway down the page. They have a gardening theme to match any mood or topic a Master Gardener might want to discuss. I plan to cycle through as many of them as I can. While you're exploring the page, you can see many other resources for Master Gardeners, such as brand guidance and our handbook. This page is a go-to resource that I use almost daily.



Find out about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County, how to become a Master



Discover the many ways contributions help the King County Master Gardener program operate

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.

public gardens, diagnostic plant clinics for the public and offer low-cost classes and workshops to the public.

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

For **MG-only** documents, Foundation policies and clinic resources, log into the Foundation "Members Area". See the MGFKC May 23 email for the password.

## OMG (stands for Outstanding Master Gardener)

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

Do you know an Outstanding Master Gardener? Please [nominate](#) them! You still have a few days (until October 10) to add them to the list of nominees for this year's Recognition Celebration. Even just a few lines recognizing their accomplishments will let that person know they are noticed, appreciated and will inspire others.

## 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](#)

**Sign up to receive the Master Gardener Connection**

## Two CE Opportunities at Bellevue Botanical Garden

***Let's Get Into the Weeds***, a webinar on October 5, 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Dive deep on all things weeds. Are all non-native plants weeds? What is the difference between a noxious weed and an invasive plant? Learn more about how these plants work, which weeds to watch for in the PNW, and get insight on weed management options and resources available to Washington state residents. Presented by King County Noxious Weed Specialist, Skye Pelliccia. Learn more [here](#).

***Great Understory Trees for Pacific Northwest Gardens***, an in-person lecture on October 7, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Using great photos and a friendly speaking style, presenter Extension Master Gardener Laura Watson will describe her personal experiences living with ten great understory trees for



the Pacific Northwest, all but one of which are listed on Great Plant Picks and included in *The Tree Book* by Michael Dirr and Keith Warren. Attendees will receive an informative list of great trees to try that includes cultural information. (There is a discounted price of \$10.50 for King County Master Gardener members on this class.) Learn more [here](#).

## 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://mgfkc.org/education/>

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

Growing Groceries classes are finished for the season. Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration for future classes.

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

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

**October 14: Fall Garden Preparation**, presented by Laura Matter, Program Director of Natural Yard Care, Tilth Alliance.

**October 21: Fire-Resistant Landscaping: Fall Maintenance and Pruning**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Joe Jennings.

### ***San Juan County WSU Master Gardener Annual Workshop Series***

**October 17 – 26: Annual Gardening Workshop**, a lecture series consisting of eight one-hour presentations on Zoom with additional time for questions and discussion. Visit [gardenworkshop.org](https://gardenworkshop.org) for more information and registration.

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

**Tuesdays in October 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?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.

**October 3: Putting Your Garden to Bed**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Art Fuller.

**October 10: Planting Spring Bulbs and More This Fall**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Dale Wheeler.

**October 17: Winter Magic: No-dig Lawn-to-Garden Bed Transformation**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Alice Slusher.

**October 24: Shrub Transplanting Made Easy**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Tom Myklebust.

**October 31: Herbs**, presented by Extension Master Gardener Carolyn Winchell.

### **Bellevue Botanical Garden**

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

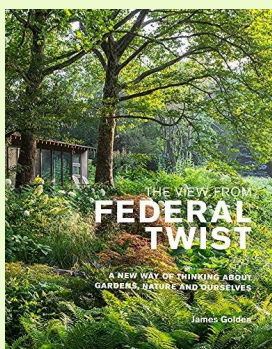
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**October 14: 2023 Symposium: The View from the Garden: Nature & Biodiversity**, presentations are in-person and online. *(Only the lectures by Bill Thomas, Dr. Ross Bayton and Dr. Ari Novy will qualify for CE credit hours.)*

### **King Conservation District**

**October 26: Streamside Restoration 101**, a free webinar with information about streamside restoration (in your backyard, rural property, or a park). Sign up here: <https://streamsiderestoration.eventbrite.com>.



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

### ***The View from Federal Twist: A New Way of Thinking About Gardens, Nature and Ourselves***

Winner of the 2023 Award of Excellence in Gardening and Gardens from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural



Libraries, *The View from Federal Twist* tells the story of the making of a different kind of garden. A garden that celebrates the existing landscape including its flaws.

*The View from Federal Twist: A New Way of Thinking About Gardens, Nature and Ourselves* by James Golden was published by Filbert Press in March 2022. Brian Thompson, Curator of Horticultural Literature, reviewed the book.

[Read the review](#)



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

**MGFKC Board Meeting** on Thursday, October 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online Zoom meeting. Information and details at

<https://kingcounty.mastergardenerfoundation.org/board/>.

Zoom Meeting

[-https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722](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

**Hardy Plant Society of Washington Annual Fall Bulb Sale** will be held on Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at UW Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St. Seattle, WA 98105. A list of bulbs available at the sale will be posted at <http://www.hardyplantsocietywa.org/>. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. Please bring your own boxes and bags.

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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 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.*

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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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