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Master Gardener Foundation of King County Director Election Results

By Joan Baldwin, Extension Master Gardener and Foundation President

The Board of Directors of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County is pleased to announce the results of our recent election. Three current Directors, Joan Baldwin, Gary Scheider and Daryl Schlessler, have been re-elected to new terms. In addition, we're excited to announce the election of three new Directors, Alma Cardenas, Demica Linsten and Kristen McCaw!



[Read More About the Election](#)

Foundation's May Plant Sales Were a Rousing Success

By the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

The Master Gardener Foundation's mission was in full bloom this past month as both Master Gardener Foundation of King County plant sales at Tilth

Alliance and Bellevue Demonstration Garden achieved remarkable success.

The sale at Tilth Alliance reached a record-breaking **\$8,500 in revenue, a 50% increase from last year**. These results, combined with **over \$13,000 earned at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden sale**, provide essential funding required to sustain our Foundation's impact.



[Read More About the Successful Sales](#)



Summer Vacation Ahead for PNW Garden Savvy!

By Extension Master Gardener
Janile Martin

Summer is almost here—yay!—and PNW Garden Savvy is taking the summer off. We hope you will all be out in your gardens or enjoying the summer months hiking, kayaking, biking, and more.

No need to worry, you can still purchase recordings from our season one and two classes to watch on rainy summer days.

We will return Saturday, September 12 with Anna Sczaniecka presenting 'Growing Unusual Plants in the PNW.' Have a great summer, and we'll see you in September!

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Earth Day Events in Kenmore Area Draw Crowds and Generate Ideas

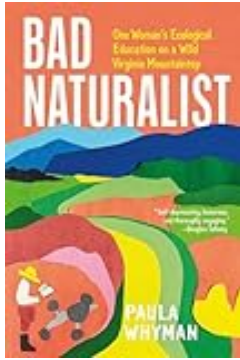
By Extension Master Gardener Sharon O'Grady

Members of the Kenmore area community joined together with WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners to celebrate Earth Day at two events. The first event, "You Can Do This! Adapt Your Landscape to a Warmer, Drier Climate," took place on April 18. On April 25, Extension Master



Gardeners Christine Lentz and Sharon O'Grady teamed up with Kenmore Rhododendron Park volunteers to prune and weed in the park.

[Read More About the Events](#)



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection: Bad Naturalist

When a non-gardener decides to restore a mountainside meadow to its precontact condition, it's not surprising that challenges – no, failures – occur. Paula Whyman

presents the case for extreme persistence and a willingness to change direction when faced with new information as a substitute for previous experience. Along the way she opens to the reader a vista of what such restoration requires.

[Read the Book Review](#)

Helpful Links

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Gardening Education

Classes presented by Extension Master Gardeners and partners of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

Find more gardening classes!

Visit our [Education](#) page to find more horticulture and home gardening classes available to the public from our Growing Groceries and PNW Garden Savvy series.

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Extension Master Gardeners can visit our [Volunteer Portal](#) page for a full list of approved content eligible for credit toward annual continuing education requirements.

PNW Garden Savvy: Dahlias 101, 102, and 103

Presented by Roger Walker, Puget Sound Dahlia Association
June 6 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Water Wise Gardening (Free!)

Presented by EMG Dawn Rubstello

June 6 at 10 a.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Staying Mission Driven 2026 (Free! Attendance open to EMGs only.)

Presented by Jennifer Marquis, WSU Master Gardener Statewide
Program Director
June 10 at 9 a.m. | Virtual
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Workshop: Know your Grasses 2026

Presented by Clay Antieau, Washington Native Plant Society
June 10 - 12 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

PlantAmnesty: Renovation Techniques for an Overgrown Yard

Presented by Ellie Bender, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society
June 10 at 6 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Flower Hour: The Perennial Border

Presented by Tere Kaulfus, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society
June 11 at 5 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Sustainable Water Design Workshop

Presented by Jake Harris, Tilth Alliance
June 11 at 6 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Grow a Climate Resilient Edible Garden

Presented by Alex Soleil, Tilth Alliance
June 17 at 6 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Cultivating Delicious: 10 Secrets for Your Edible Garden

Presented by Lorene Edwards Forkner, Northwest Horticultural Society
June 17 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Soil Shop (Free!)

Presented by King Conservation District
June 20 at 10 a.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Garden Pest Management (Free!)

Presented by King Conservation District
June 23 at 5:30 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

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