



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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The Return of CHOMP!

...by Bruce Bennett, Master Gardener

Contrary to popular opinion, CHOMP! is not a summer sequel to *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park* or even *Little Shop of Horrors*. It is, in fact, a free, family-friendly, day-long event which focuses on sustainability, healthy food and social justice. Even with these strong underpinnings, CHOMP! is a fun new kind of county fair highlighting local food production, green living, and recycling mixed with live music, food trucks and kids' activities.

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**COOL PLANTS
HOT TOPICS**

**Master Gardener
Fall Plant Sale & Talks**

*Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden*

Save the date for **Cool Plants, Hot Topics!** WSU Extension Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale & Talks at Bellevue Botanical Garden. WSU Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education hours at two lectures and purchase plants from a variety of vendors.

Talks

Anne Biklé, biologist and environmental planner, will present *The Living Soil* for the morning talk. Anne will draw from her books, *The Hidden Half of Nature* and *What Your Food Ate*. A book signing will follow her presentation. Ladd Smith, co-owner of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes, will present *Summer Lawn Recovery Using Natural Lawn Care* in the afternoon. His talk will include information on fall lawn restoration and how to prepare your lawn for winter. The price of each talk will be \$15.00 or \$25.00 for both.

Plants

Plant vendors will be selling houseplants and garden plants. Donated plants from WSU Extension Master Gardeners and empty coffee bags for winterizing your garden beds will also be sold to support the Master Gardener Foundation of King County.

You Can Help Now

WSU Extension Master Gardeners and Demonstration Garden participants are encouraged to pot divisions from their favorite perennials and other plants to donate to the plant sale. Please use plain black, one-gallon pots and potting soil (not garden soil) to pot the plants. Label individual plants with information about the plant including the common name, botanical name and a suggested sale price. Information on delivering plants for the sale will be provided in August. There will also be an Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic and other opportunities for Master Gardener volunteer hours.

Come and enjoy the day with fellow WSU Master Gardeners and other gardening enthusiasts! Event details will be released at <https://mgfkc.org/events/fall-sale-speakers> throughout August, including registration information for the talks, information about vendors and other activities.



Lin Provost Joins the MGFKC Board

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County welcomes Lin Provost to the Board. Lin is an avid gardener who recently retired from 30 years working in the tech sector. In her professional life, Lin was a technical writer, knowledge manager, manager of a technical services team

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and a dedicated technician for various customers throughout the country.

After completing WSU Extension Master Gardener training in 2020 (with the last month of training online due to COVID-19), Lin became an intern and volunteered to help with the GivePulse roll out. She is currently the lead for the King County Master Gardener Help Support Team. Lin is also a member of the Email Clinic. As a member of the clinic she enjoys researching and responding to other gardener's questions.

In her free time, Lin can be found putting in the small vegetable garden in her backyard. She also maintains drought-tolerant plantings in her front yard, a rose garden in her side yard and a fern grotto. She looks forward to serving on the board of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County.

Record Impacts

[GivePulse Login Page](#)

Staying Smart

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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."



Of Interest to You

Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

Extend Your Resources

WSU Extension Home Gardening Publication: *Why Do Leaves Turn Red?*

As autumn approaches, brush up on your knowledge of anthocyanins and the reasons leaves turn red.

In this WSU Extension Publication, Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, Extension Urban Horticulturist, outlines why red leaves can also indicate the need for a remedial response by gardeners. Red leaves can be caused by undue levels of fertilizer, de-icing salts, chronic drought or poor drainage.

Download WSU Extension Publication FS209E [here](#).

WHERE am I?

Find King County Master Gardener clinic and garden locations using the [MGFKC map](#)

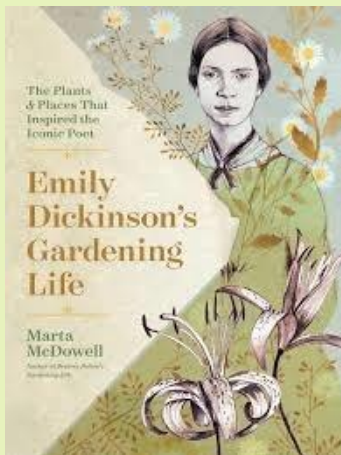


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Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life

If you are a lover of both poetry and gardening, *Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life* is the summer read for you. Follow the poet and her garden through the seasons, beginning with "Early Spring." Dickinson's poems, excerpts from her letters, historical photography and botanical illustrations are masterfully woven together to give the reader a deeper understanding of the woman as both a poet and a gardener. An annotated list of plants from Emily's garden and herbarium completes the book.

Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life by Marta McDowell was published by Timber Press in October 2019. Priscilla Grundy, a volunteer in the archives of the Miller Library, reviewed the book.

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

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>.

August 13: Slugs and Snails, presented by Sharon Collman, WSU Extension Professor Emeritus.

August 20: Bringing Tomatoes to Harvest, presented by Marcia Dillon, Master Gardener.

August 27: Growing Rhododendrons in the Pacific Northwest, presented by Atsuko Gibson, Nursery Manager/Assistant Curator, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way.

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, August 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online Zoom meeting.

<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



CHOMP! Saturday, August 20, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Marymoor Park in Redmond.

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Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2022
Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake
Olympia, Washington

Learn the latest in gardening techniques and discoveries, refresh your gardening know-how, and grow your own skills to help other gardeners be successful.

- Choose from over 30 classes taught by top-knotch instructors
- Earn CE credits
- Be inspired by keynote speaker Benjamin Vogt, prairie inspired garden design author
- Network with like-minded garden enthusiasts

**Registration Opens
May 1**

**Save \$50 by
registering by May 31!**

BONUS: First 100 registrants entered into a special drawing.



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WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local WSU Extension Office.

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@mgfkc.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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