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The Master Gardener Connection

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The Master Gardener Connection is a publication of the King County Master Gardener Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports and promotes the WSU Extension Master Gardener program in King County to provide research-based education about urban horticulture to the residents of King County.



Growing Groceries Returns

Looking for a way to lower your soaring grocery bill? Growing Groceries is here to help with a fourth year of classes designed to help gardeners of all levels increase the bounty of a home garden.

[Read more](#)

Bellevue Demonstration Garden:

Saturday Workshops Resume



The Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops will launch their new 2022 season on Saturday, January 22, on Zoom.

Presentations start at 9:30 a.m. and run to 10:30 a.m. These workshops are for both beginning and experienced gardeners. The workshops emphasize current horticultural science and techniques. Participants can expect to learn about new methods and plants as well as the tried and true. Topics will vary from vegetable gardening to ornamental cultivation. There is a \$5.00 charge for each class with an option to register for a series of classes at a discount. (There will be a limited number of financial need fee waivers available for individual classes.) The registration fees help the Master Gardener Foundation support the Master Gardener Program in King County. Preregistration is required. See the January workshops in the Continuing Education Opportunities section below. The list of workshops will be updated each quarter; you'll find it here: <https://www.mgfkf.org/education/bdg-workshops>.



Thank you, Master Gardeners!

In appreciation of your DEDICATED VOLUNTEER WORK, and in the spirit of 2022 teamwork, the King County Master Gardener Foundation is giving a T-shirt to every active King County Master Gardener and Intern.

The T-shirt (offered in one color, TBD) will be presented to each of you in March 2022, and will look something like the photo above. Shirts are available in adult sizes.

Expect an email from the Master Gardener Foundation in the next few days with the subject line "Thank you!" for the link to the sign-up form.

Please sign up by **January 15, 2022** so we can get the correct size for you.

Thank you!
King County Master Gardener Foundation



2022 Joint Webinars with Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

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

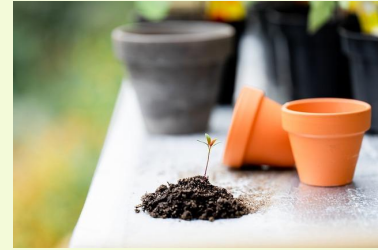
We've been asked for a repeat performance! In 2021, we launched the first season of jointly sponsored webinars in collaboration with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society (BBGS). Last season's three webinars drew large audiences from just about every corner of the state and elsewhere. They were so well received that we've planned four programs in 2022, all featuring Master Gardener speakers.

[Read more](#)

New Year's Resolutions for the Garden

...by Bruce Bennett, Master Gardener

I don't make a habit of creating New Year resolutions. Many years ago, I realized going through that particular annual exercise was – for me, at least – a futile attempt to change overnight. It seemed to me that going through this mental exercise of good intentions was doomed to failure before the effort even began.



[Read more](#)

Become a Docent at Bellevue Botanical Garden



BELLEVUE BOTANICAL
GARDEN
SOCIETY

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

Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) docents lead tours of the Garden and share interesting information about the Garden and its history with its many visitors. You will meet other dedicated people who make the Garden such a great place, learn about the Garden's history and plants and learn techniques for leading tours. The next docent training class will begin on February 1, 2022, and meets on eight consecutive Tuesdays through March 22, 2022. February training classes will be held via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and March classes will be held in person at BBG from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A two-year commitment to the docent program is requested. If you are ready to join their terrific docent program, please contact Cynthia Welte, Volunteer Program Coordinator at BBG, at cwelte@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6826.



Plant Samples Needed for the Youth Education Committee Library Program

The Youth Education Committee would love to have a variety of plant samples for 50 families for the January library program on plant adaptations. For example, fuzzy leaves like lamb's ear, thick succulent leaves, vining tendrils, thorny stems other than roses (we have those covered) or anything else that you think kids and families would like. We realize that specimens might not look their best, but kids LOVE a

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collection no matter what. Maggie Windus is willing to pick them up, or meet you halfway, but would **need the samples no later than January 16**. Contact her at mr.windus21@gmail.com.

The kids and the committee thank you!

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

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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."



News Shoots: Short Subjects

Welcome to our New Program Assistant

The search for a new King County Master Gardener Program Assistant has resulted in the hiring of Kaiti Lopez. We are very excited to have her join our team. She is catching on quickly and will be up to speed in no time. Kaiti started in a part-time temporary position, but we are working on hiring her on full time. Thank you to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County and to WSU for chipping in additional funds to allow this position to become full-time.

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?**

Open MGFKC Board Seats

Are you interested in volunteering on the Foundation Board? There are currently two open seats. You can self-nominate to take one of the two open positions by emailing Foundation Board President Jim Olson at president@mgfkc.org. The Board will vote on any candidates.

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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Thank you.



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest

Filled with almost 1,000 examples of native plants and including nearly as many color photographs, this third edition of *Gardening with Native Plants* from Art Kruckeberg and Linda Chalker-Scott is an essential resource for the gardener interested in Pacific Northwest natives. Published in 2019, this edition includes new chapters on garden ecology and garden science. 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.

January 19: Principles of Gardening in the Pacific Northwest and Planning and Garden Design, presented by Master Gardener Jim Olson.

February 9: Soil Science Basics, presented by Master Gardener Darien Payne and **Seed Starting**, presented by Master Gardeners Suzie O'Byrne and Margaret McLeod.

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January 22: Planning for a Vegetable Garden, presented by Master Gardener Alumna Pat Roome.

January 29: The History and Art of Bonsai. An Introduction to Bonsai for the Curious, presented by Master Gardener Bruce Williams.

February 5: Safe and Healthy Edible Gardening, presented by Laura Matter, Garden Hotline Manager, Tilth Alliance.

February 26: Orchid Growing Basics, presented by Master Gardener Jim Olson.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

BBGS members receive a 30% discount on most webinars; \$15 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required.

January 27: Houseplants 101, presented by Glasswings plant director, Tassy de Give.

February 3: Growing Small Fruits: Currants and Berries and Kiwis, Oh My! presented by Master Gardeners Gia Parsons and Joan Baldwin.

More information on BBG classes and webinars at

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/webinars/>

Washington Native Plant Society

January 11: Botanizing the Pacific Crest Trail: Washington, a free Zoom webinar presented by Matt Berger, Horticulturalist. Visit

<https://www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1430> 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, Coming Attractions

MGF Board Meeting, Saturday, January 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

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