

# MASTER GARDENER **connection**

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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## *Program Update*

### **Sarah Moore Announced as Master Gardener Program Coordinator**

Jennifer Marquis, Statewide Master Gardener Program Leader, and the Master Gardeners of King County Program Leadership Team are excited to announce the selection of Sarah Moore as the new WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator! Sarah comes to us with a wealth of experience managing

volunteer programs and we look forward to partnering with her as she takes over the reins of the WSU Master Gardener Program in King County. Sarah's first day will be September 1, 2022.

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**Continuing Education Opportunities  
at Cool Plants, Hot Topics!**

The end of the year is fast approaching. Do you have all the continuing education hours you need for recertification? **Join us for the 2022 Master Gardener Plant Sale and Talks at Bellevue Botanical Garden on Sunday, September 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** You can earn Continuing Education hours at two lectures and purchase plants from a variety of vendors. An additional plant sale at the event will support the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. It will include nursery plants and plants donated by Master Gardeners and demonstration gardens.

***The Living Soil, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:*** Science writer and public speaker, Anne Biklé, lectures about the soil microbiome. She'll cover methods and techniques for cultivating and safeguarding beneficial soil life. Drawing from her books, *The Hidden Half of Nature* and *What Your Food Ate*, Anne will share how gardeners can bring their soil back to life and keep it that way. Learn more about Anne at her website [www.Dig2Grow.com](http://www.Dig2Grow.com).

A book signing will follow the lecture. Copies of Anne's books –*What Your Food Ate*, *The Hidden Half of Nature* and her husband, David R. Montgomery's book, *Growing a Revolution* – will be available for sale and signing at the event.

***Summer Lawn Recovery Using Natural Lawn Care, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:*** Ladd Smith, co-owner of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes, lectures about the five steps of Natural Lawn Care based on the Natural Yard Care Program. Fall is the best season for lawn renovations and preparing your lawn for winter. Learn how to revive your lawn after the stress of summer heat. Ladd will cover the seasonal tasks of watering, fertilizing and mowing. Aeration, seeding and topdressing will also be discussed. Learn more about Ladd and In Harmony at [www.inharmony.com](http://www.inharmony.com).

The lecture fee is \$15.00 for one talk or \$25.00 for both. Pre-registration to attend the lectures is encouraged, but on-site registration will also be available. You do not need to register to attend the plant sale. More information about the speakers and a link for registration can be found [here](#).

***Plant Sale:*** A selection of specialty plant vendors will be selling garden plants and houseplants. WSU Master Gardener volunteers have also donated plants for sale from their own gardens. The Northeast Seattle Tool Library will be on hand to sharpen and teach you how to sharpen small garden hand tools. *(Please note that per Bellevue Parks Department rules, knives will not be sharpened.)*

**Find all event information including plant vendors here:**  
[Master Gardener Foundation of King County | Fall Plant Sale & Talks](#)



## The Joy of Master Gardening and Learning Together

...by Amy Koskovich and Sarah Bergdahl, Master Gardeners and Issaquah Clinic Co-Leads

What could be more fun for Master Gardeners

than strolling through a community garden with the gardeners that tend the plots, answering their questions, observing and appreciating the wonderful plant collections and learning together?

Recently, the Issaquah Senior Center and the Issaquah Community Garden approached the Issaquah Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic for help outside of the usual Saturday clinics.

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### *Donate Plants, Volunteer & Advertise Cool Plants, Hot Topics!*

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Bellevue Botanical Garden**

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Help support the Master Gardener Foundation of King County with your plant donations and volunteer time. Spread word of the Cool Plants, Hot Topics! event through your clinics, social media and neighborhood bulletin boards. Together, we can make this event a success!

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### **News from Ronald McDonald House Outreach Garden**

*...by Susie Thorness, Master  
Gardener and Ronald McDonald  
House Outreach Garden Lead*

In March 2020, the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, ground was broken for a new wing at Ronald McDonald House. Access to the Ronald McDonald House Outreach Garden was limited by the construction and the pandemic for over a year. In 2021, some of the plants died from the heat dome at the end of June and a water main break shut down the irrigation system. All of this upheaval has left the garden with new planting areas that will be planted



this fall.

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## Master Gardener Basic Training Applications Opening for 2023

Do you know someone who would like to become a WSU Extension Master Gardener? Applications for the 2023 Basic Training class in King County will open in early September and are due no later than October 31, 2022. The classes will be a combination of online and in-person sessions from January through March. Please refer any interested applicants to our [Become A Master Gardener](#) page for more information!



### Linda Peterson Joins the MGFKC Board

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County welcomes Linda Peterson to the

Board. Linda is a retired speech-language pathologist and audiologist. She moved to Seattle 22 years ago, but grew up on a farm in Illinois and that farm gave her an interest in agriculture. While Linda was familiar with the Master Gardener program when she moved to the Pacific Northwest, she was working full time and didn't have enough time to devote to becoming a Master Gardener. Instead, she trained to be a Master Composter.

Transitioning to part-time work gave Linda the time to become a Master Gardener in 2014. Linda says, "I decided to become a Master Gardener so I could use my teaching skills to help other people with their gardening problems. It was perfect for someone whose favorite activity is hanging out and talking to people."

When Bellevue Demonstration Garden (BDG) needed volunteers to take on the BDG Workshop Series, Linda and Patti Highland agreed to work on it together. When COVID hit and the Ranger Station closed, Jim Olson trained Patti and Linda to host the workshop sessions on Zoom. The shift to online workshops opened the doors to

### Quick Links



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[BDG Saturday Workshops 2022](#)

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

[Growing Groceries](#)

many more workshop participants, both Master Gardeners and the general public.

In addition to her involvement with BDG, Linda is a member of the Renton McLendon's Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic. She lives in a little house up Benson Hill from McLendon's with two bobtailed cats and a garden.



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."



## Community Connections at Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden

*...by Amber Wise, Rose Tobin, and Suzy Knutson  
Master Gardeners and Cesar Chavez Demo Garden  
Co-Leaders*

The Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden in front of [El Centro de la Raza Community Center](#) in the Beacon Hill neighborhood has been busy this summer. We've grown vegetables for the El Centro de la Raza Food Bank and Little Free Pantry. We've also kept the weeds managed and perennials pruned. We restarted our compost bin and cleaned out the neglected corners of the garden.

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## Master Gardener Recognition Event on October 22

...by Jim Olson, MGFKC Board President

Mark your calendars for the annual Master Gardener Recognition and Foundation Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2022, in the Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. for food, beverages and socializing. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. We will celebrate fellow Master Gardeners, give an update on the Master Gardener Foundation of King County and Program progress and goals. There will also be an element of continuing education. The meeting ends at 3:30 p.m.

Guidelines for nominating an Outstanding Master Gardener(s) will be coming soon in an email from our new Program Coordinator, Sarah Moore. Nominations will close on October 7.

## Of Interest to You

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### Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

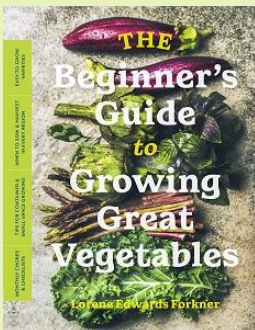
[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

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### 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*

## *The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables*

Find advice to plan and prepare your next vegetable garden with *The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables*. This book includes monthly "to-do" lists, planting and harvesting dates for a variety of vegetables

and seasonal essays.

*The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables* by Lorene Edwards Forkner was published by Timber Press in March 2021. 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 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>.

**September 10: Planting and Growing Garlic**, presented by Lory Armitage, Master Gardener.

**September 17: Saving Seeds for Our Future**, presented by Colleen Donahue, Master Gardener.

**September 24: Great Understory Plants for the Pacific Northwest**, presented by Laura Watson, Master Master Gardener.

**October 1: Home is for Houseplants**, presented by Penny Kriese, Master Master Gardener.

#### *Bellevue Botanical Garden*

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

**September 14: Grasses for Every Season**, in-person class presented by Daniel Mount.

**September 15: Perennial Vegetables and Hardy Herbs**, webinar presented by author and Master Gardener Bill Thorness.

**September 17: Joint Heronswood/BBGS Annual Symposium**, in-person at the Aaron Education Center. Speakers include Carol Reese, Dan Hinkley, Wambui Ippolito and Andy Sturgeon.

## 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, September 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online Zoom meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>.

Zoom Meeting

-<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722>

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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 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](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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