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8000 lbs of Produce Donations

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Fred Wemer is from the Master Gardener class of 1999. The year is easy to remember because it's the same year he sold his dental practice. "In my practice I saw a lot of Master Gardeners who would tell me about the program." says Fred. He was intrigued.

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Washington Park Arboretum Master Gardener Clinic

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

Brides, Slime and Coast-to-Coast



Master Gardeners Valentina

Sometimes the first question the Master Gardeners at the Washington Park Arboretum Clinic ask is "Where are you from?"

The clinic is situated in the Graham Visitor Center, a destination for visitors from all over the world. Clinic leader Nancy Simons notes "Many times we will ask the normally appropriate questions only to find out five or ten minutes later

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Board Spotlight: Paul Gardiner Joins Foundation Board

...by Dave Hanower, MGFKC Board President

Garden Confessions from the Chair of the C & CR Committee

Paul Gardiner joined the Board of Directors of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County in October.

Paul admits that his garden is a bit out of control. He is currently battling a wisteria and has plans to install a soft fruit garden and a Japanese garden with native plants.



Paul Gardiner

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Neely Mansion Demonstration Garden

...by Michelle Roedell, MGFKC Community Relations

A Multi-Ethnic Garden Honors the Heritage of the Families Who Lived at the Historic Property



Volunteers dress in period costumes for special events hosted at Neely Mansion throughout each year. Master Gardener Pat Stacey is front and center in the blue dress; Master Gardener Carol Grimes is front row, far right.

The current Neely Mansion Board President, Linda Van Nest, is directly behind Carol

Neely Mansion Demonstration Garden has 14 (and counting) gardens with a total of 2,636 square-feet. A 5,000 square-foot perennial wildflower meadow is in the works. The smallest garden is the Japanese herb garden at 9 square feet (located in a half whiskey barrel).

The Annual Farmhouse Christmas Celebration at the Neely Mansion is a great time to visit the historic property. Events include mansion tours, which is decorated for the holidays, light refreshments served by docents in period costumes and traditional holiday music. The event takes place on December 5 at 12:30pm, 2pm or 3:30pm and on December 6 at 12:30pm or 2pm. Reservations are required. Please RSVP at www.neelymansion.org or call 253-850-2777.

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What's Happening?

News and Updates

- **[Next MGF Board Meeting](#)**: Thursday, **Dec. 10**, at the UW Center for Urban Horticulture.
- **Interested in helping with the 2016 Plant Sale Committee?** The second meeting to prepare for the 2016 sale will be Saturday, Jan. 23, in Redmond. Contact [Horst Momber](#) if you would like to attend. New and interested MGs are always welcome to come to see what's up for 2016.
- **Ready to re-apply?** Now is the time to make sure you have met the requirements for re-application. Review the requirements in [Guidelines](#) provided by Karen Hausrath. MG re-applications will be sent out at the beginning of December.
- **Planning for your 2016 CEs?** The schedule for 2016 training classes open to Master Gardeners for CEs will be sent out at the end of December.
- **Did you miss a back issue of *The Connection*?** Back issues are available online at mgfkc.org/resources/newsletters



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