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The Foundation Connection

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Master Gardener Frank Peters: Gardener from a Young Age

...by Master Gardener

Marty Byrne

Frank Peters remembers helping his father in their garden when he was a young boy. That early experience developed into a lifelong interest in gardening. Frank was recognized in 2015 for his 16 years and 1000 hours of service to the Master Gardener Program.

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Vashon Dry Garden: Conserving Resources in More Ways than One

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

A small but dedicated group of Master Gardeners is experimenting with a technique called dry gardening to grow food for their Community Care Center while conserving water and human resources.

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Vashon Island Ace Hardware Clinic: Small Group, Big Commitment

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne

This dedicated group of Master Gardeners on Vashon Island has renewed their commitment to the Master Gardener Program and their community. They staff the Answer Clinics *and* maintain their Demonstration Garden.

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Thinking Ahead: Consider Fall and Winter Crops

...by Master Gardener Gordon Polson

It's not too early to consider crops that can be sown to overwinter, giving you good returns in the late winter and early spring.

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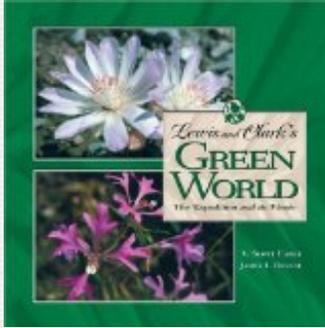
Cool Plants and Hot Topics at the Fall Sale & Speakers

...by Master Gardener Penny Kriese

The first ever MGF **Fall Sale & Speakers: Cool Plants & Hot Topics** will be held Saturday, September 24, at the Bellevue Botanical Garden from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Area gardeners will find plants that will thrive in the cool months and hear celebrity garden speakers throughout the sale.



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Elizabeth C. Miller Library Gardening/Horticulture Book of the Month *Lewis and Clark's Green World: The Expedition and its Plants*

Step back in history to join the Corps of Discovery across the American West. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark documented the plants they found along the way.

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News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

Master Gardener of the Year Nomination from King County: The Foundation submitted the nomination of Mick Duggan to the WA State Foundation as the King County MG of the Year. The award recognizes a Master Gardener who has made an educational impact, is involved in the community and has made a lasting contribution to the MG program and the community.

Mick has served on the Foundation Board as its Treasurer and has led the [Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden](#) since 2007. His work at the Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden and partnership with El Centro del la Raza community center exemplifies these qualities.

Master Gardener Foundation Mid-Year Financial Report: The financial reports for the six months ending June 30, 2016 reflect the income raised for the King County Master Gardener Program through the efforts of its members at the annual raffle and various plant sales. This mid-year report shows the foundation to be below budget on expenses and in strong financial condition thanks to the efforts of all our members.

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Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

We can find a use for them

Would you like to help build a strong Foundation for the Master Gardener Program? Join a committee! We need skills in several areas to carry out the work of the Foundation. Here are some of our current needs:

Can You Help??



- **Website & Graphics** is seeking creative and 'techy' skills
- **Membership** is looking for MGs to connect with our members, celebrating their commitment and keeping them engaged.
- **Communications** is searching for writers to contribute articles of interest to MGs, short subjects, editing and working with our online template.

Much of the important work of our Foundation is handled by our committees. You do not need to be on the Board of Directors in order to participate on a committee, and yet you can have a big impact. Are you up for it? Contact us if you are interested or want to find out more.

[Read about our needs](#)

What's Happening? *News and Updates*

- **Next MGF Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 11, at Magnuson Children's Garden. If you are interested in earning support hours by serving on a committee, contact president@mgfkc.org.
- **August 1:** MG applications open online. Let someone you think would be interested learn how to [Become a Master Gardener](#)
- **Sept. 10 Save the Date: BDG Harvest Festival & Plant Sale** – Celebrate the end of our growing season, Sat., Sept. 10 from 10am - 12noon at the Bellevue Demo Garden
- **Sept. 24 Save the Date: Cool Plants & Hot Topics** – the First Annual Fall MG Plant Sale at Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Register** for all the speaker sessions. Find all the details at [Fall Sale & Speakers](#). **Volunteer** to help at the sale and earn support hours.
- **October 2016 Annual MGF Meeting and the Master Gardener Recognition Event.** Something new and different is planned this year so watch for details soon about the date and place.



MG Program Coordinator, Elaine Anderson, is looking for outstanding MGs to recognize that this year's event. If you would like to nominate a fellow MG, find [nomination guidelines online](#).

WHERE am I?

Find Master Gardener clinics and gardens in King County using the new [MGFKC map](#).

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