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Wally Prestbo learned a lot about tomatoes while doing his chores on his family's small farm in Spokane. When he eventually moved as an adult from the east side of the state to the west, he learned a lot more. He has shared his knowledge with the community in his twenty years as a Master Gardener.

[Read the full article](#)

Cool Plants and Hot Topics at the Fall Sale & Speakers

Saturday, September 24, 9:30-4:30

Bellevue Botanical Garden



The first ever **MGF Fall Sale & Speakers: Cool Plants & Hot Topics** will be **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.

Cool plants from Master Gardener gardens and delivered from specialty nurseries will draw you in. Garden art and tool sharpening, along with informational booths will be on site.

Speaker sessions run all through the day. Learn from Richie Steffen, Joan Helbacka, Susie Egan and Cass Turnbull, each with their own special emphasis on gardens in the PNW. Earn MG CEs while you attend.

Do you have '**cool plants**' to donate to this fall sale? Here are [instructions for donating](#) your garden beauties and a [form](#) to leave with the donated plants in pots. **Note** where and when plants will be received.

If you have not already volunteered, you can earn MG support hours or public contact hours [when you volunteer](#).

Bellevue Home Depot Clinic: Reaching a Different Clientele

...by Master Gardeners Karen Tollefson and Colleen Donahue



Do you ever go into a store looking for one thing and come out with something totally different? The Master Gardeners at this Home Depot Clinic delight in helping would-be home gardeners change their way of thinking when it comes to garden design, plant choices and IPM.

[Read the full article](#)

Neely-Soames Homestead Demonstration Garden: *A Peek at the Past*

...by Master Gardener Marty Byrne



The Master Gardeners who tend the Neely-Soames Homestead Demo Garden know first-hand what varieties of heritage roses, herbs and vegetables early settlers in south King County grew for food and commerce. The Demo Garden continues the agricultural legacy of the Kent Valley, featuring plants cultivated before 1910.

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Cultivating (More) Knowledge

I'm Lichen It: Helpful Ornamentation

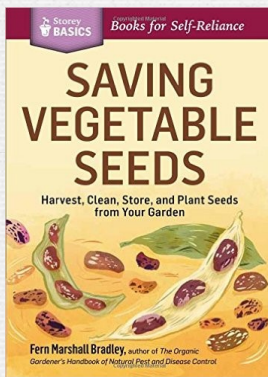
...by Master Gardener Wendy Lagozzino



Those lacy white patches that grow on tree branches, rocks and cement add a measure of beauty to our environment even as they do their part to support plants and insects. Contrary to popular belief, they do no harm.

[Read the full article](#)

Miller Library Book Selection *Saving Vegetable Seeds: Harvest, Clean, Store, and Plant Seeds from Your Garden*



Preserve the plants you love the most from year to year by saving the seeds. Keep growing the varieties that do best in your garden. Our selection from the Elisabeth C. Miller Library tells you how to do just that.

[Read the full article](#)

Don't Check Your Skills at the Door!

We can find a use for them

Can You Help??



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:

- **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, **Sept. 8**, at CUH. If you are interested in earning support hours by serving on a committee, contact president@mgfkc.org.
- **Now to Oct 31: [MG applications open online](#)**. Tell someone you think would be interested how to Become a Master Gardener.
- **Save the Date: [Sept 10 Bellevue Demo Garden Harvest Festival & Plant Sale](#)**, 10am to noon. Fun for the whole family.




- **Save the Date: Sept 24 Cool Plants & Hot Topics -- the First Annual Fall MG Plant Sale** at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Register in advance for the speaker sessions. [Volunteer](#) to help at the sale and earn support hours.
- **Save the Date: Master Gardener Recognition Breakfast and Annual Foundation Meeting.: Oct 29 - new times!, 9:30am to noon**, at CUH. *Watch for registration details.*
MG Program Coordinator, Elaine Anderson, is looking for outstanding MGs to recognize at this year's event. If you would like to nominate a fellow MG, find details and [nomination guidelines online](#).
- **Save the Date: Nov 19.: MG All Day Workshop in the South Sound.** *Watch for more information about registering for this event at Renton Technical College.*

WHERE am I?

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

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