



The Foundation Connection

A monthly e-newsletter from
the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

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Greetings!

Happy new year, Master Gardeners! You might notice some changes to the format of the newsletter in this first issue of 2018. Our goal is to make the newsletter engaging and readable, whether you open it on your smartphone, desktop or laptop computer. Please let us know what you think at communicate@mgfkc.org
Happy gardening!

-Editor

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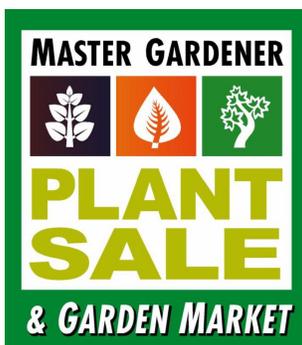
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Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale: Changing with the Season

Master Gardener and Spring Plant Sale Chair Gary Scheider summarizes the changes to the Spring Plant

Sale. This sale is the primary fund-raiser for the Program in King County and therefore an important activity for us. [Read more](#)

Foundation Plantings: *President's Letter*

Master Gardener Foundation President Penny Kriese asks: What is a foundation? As an organization, we raise funds to support our programs in King County. But we are more than that.

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Of Interest to You

Continuing Education

Learning takes place in many ways, and the Program is offering more ways to learn than ever before. [Find CE opportunities](#)

Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening [Garden Tips](#)

Cultivate (More) Knowledge



The Gadabout Gardener: Plains Perennials for Northwest Gardens

While on a cross-country road trip, Master Gardener Emeritus Bruce Bennett acquaints us with some prairie grasses for our own gardens. [Read more](#)

Cultivate (More) Knowledge



Growing Peppers in King County: How the Weather Impacted Peppers in 2017

Master Gardener Terry Thorpe brings us up to date on the Bellevue Demonstration Garden's tests of hot and sweet peppers and the challenges of growing them in our climate. [Read more](#)

WHERE am I?

Find King County Master Gardener clinics and garden locations using the [MGFKC map](#).

Advanced Education Opportunity

Here Comes
Spring! Continuing
Education



Opportunity

Mark your calendars! On March 24, 2018, there will be a day of advanced education classes for Master Gardeners at Shoreline Community College.

The morning speaker is *Ingela Wanerstrom*, owner of Green Darner Garden Design. Ingela will be giving a talk and practical demonstration on fruit tree pruning. This will probably be your last opportunity to prune before spring – unless you have stone fruits.

David Montgomery and Anne Biklé will share the stage in the afternoon, speaking about soils from their newest book, "The Hidden Half of Nature." Hearing this talk is a must, especially if you haven't yet read this book.

Registration for this full day is \$15; the number of seats is limited. Lunch will be available to order at the time of registration for a modest cost. Please watch your email in January for the specifics.

*-Master Gardeners Gordon Polson
and Alison Johnson*

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection



Reading Lists

January is the time for perusing garden books while sipping a nice cuppa. The Miller Library has comprehensive reading lists on many horticultural topics; you're sure to find a good book or three. Here are some lists to get you started and a link to the library's reading list page.

- Containers and Window Boxes
- Drought-tolerant Gardens
- Fruit

[Miller Library Gardening by Topic](#)

You can also curate your own list by visiting the library to register, then creating one on "Your lists."

The Elisabeth C. Miller Library is located at 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98195. For more information, call 206-543-0415 or visit www.millerlibrary.org

Just for fun...

You may be addicted to gardening if

- You grab other people's banana peels, coffee grinds, apple cores, etc., for your compost pile.
- You have to wash your hair to get your fingernails clean.
- Your boss makes "taking care of the office plants" an official part of your job description.
- You buy a bigger truck so that you can haul more mulch.
- You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.
- You understand what IPM means and are happy about it.
- You can't bear to thin seedlings and throw them away.
- Your preferred reading matter is seed catalogs.
- You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.
- You plan vacation trips around the locations of botanical gardens, arboreta, historic gardens, etc.

From the UC San Juaquin (California) Master Gardeners July-September 2017 newsletter

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting: Sunday, **Jan. 14, 2018.**

Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Mar. 3, 2018, Whidbey Gardening Workshop.

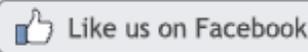
Registration opens Jan. 14, 2018.

Mar. 24, 2018, KCMG CE event, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Shoreline Community College. Watch your email for registration info.

Sep 26-29, 2018, MG Advanced Education Conference, Wenatchee, WA. Registration opens April 2018.



Do you have an event or CE opportunity to share? Submit items to consider for our list of announcements to communicate@mgfkc.org.

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