



## The Foundation Connection

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

May 2018 Issue



**MASTER GARDENER**

**Gardening Big  
in Small Spaces**

Friday, May 4  
Saturday, May 5

**PLANT  
SALE**

UW Center for Urban  
Horticulture

**& GARDEN MARKET**

The logo for the Plant Sale & Garden Market is a green rectangular graphic. On the left, it features the text 'MASTER GARDENER' above three small icons: a leaf, a flower, and a tree. Below these is the text 'PLANT SALE' in large, bold, yellow letters, and '& GARDEN MARKET' in white. On the right, a dark green arrow points right, containing the text 'Gardening Big in Small Spaces'. Below the arrow, the dates 'Friday, May 4' and 'Saturday, May 5' are listed, followed by 'UW Center for Urban Horticulture'.

### **2018 Garden Gala: *The Excitement Builds***

*...by Master Gardener/Garden Gala Committee  
Leader Bonny Nordgren*

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Join friends, celebrities, and Master Gardeners at the this annual garden party to

celebrate the opening of the Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Market.

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## GiveBIG! Today and Every Day Through May 9

Early giving began on April 26. Donors can schedule their donations up to May 8 to have the donations processed on May 9. To do this, use the donation button at <https://www.givebigseattle.org>. We are aware that there are many organizations that would like to be the beneficiary of your generosity, and GiveBIG has made this easier. To donate to more than one organization, select the "add more nonprofits" button. Learn more about giving this year at the GiveBIG [FAQ](#) and please remember to include the [Master Gardener Foundation of King County](#) in your giving. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.



## Vote! Master Gardener Foundation Board Elections

Please remember to vote! Ballots must be submitted by May 15, 2018, in order to be counted. Look for the link to the voting site in your April 15 email from the President of the Foundation. Subject: VOTE for 2018 MGF Board by May 15. We hope you exercise your membership option to vote in this year's Board election. Thank you for participating.

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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](#)

#### WHERE am I?

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

## President's Message: Opportunity Knocks



...by MGF Board President  
Penny Kriese

The weekend of May 4 and 5 is a great opportunity to make changes to your garden spaces with plants and garden art from the Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale & Garden Market. Find out why in this month's President's Message.

[Read more](#)

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[Garden Gala](#)  
Buy Your Ticket  
Today

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## Call for Nominations: 2018 Master Gardener of the Year

Each year, the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS) seeks to recognize one outstanding Master Gardener from Washington state who has shown their commitment to the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program by meeting all volunteer requirements, serving in a leadership role in the Program, and making a lasting contribution to the Program or Master Gardener community. The criteria also include having a significant statewide or broader impact on the Master Gardener Program or acting on behalf of MGFWS.

The selection process is quite intensive and the timeframe is brief this year. Please visit the MGFWS website for detailed forms and instructions: <http://mgfws.org/Awards.aspx>. Send the completed forms and a high-quality photo to our Master Gardener Foundation of King County at [president@mgfkc.org](mailto:president@mgfkc.org) **no later than May 10**. The King County Foundation must review all applications for completeness and forward one nominee to the to the State Foundation for consideration. Nominations will be accepted by MGFWS until June 1, 2018.

The Master Gardener of the Year Award is presented at the annual WSU/MGFWS Advanced Education Conference. This year's conference will be held in Wenatchee on September 26 through 29. Registration is open at <https://www.sharingourroots.org/>.



## News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

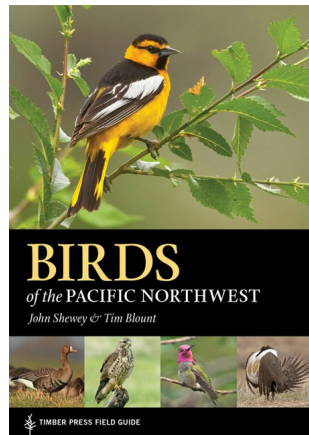
MGF Plant Sale Parking: Master Gardener volunteers will find significant changes in where we can and cannot park at the upcoming Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Market May 4 and 5. Please review the parking guidelines (first published in the April *Foundation Connection*) before you head to the Plant Sale. [Read more](#)

Volunteer Instructions: Our Master Gardener volunteers are key to the success of our Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Market. Please help the Sale run smoothly by reviewing the Volunteer Instructions. [Read more](#)

## *Elisabeth C. Miller* *Library Selection*

### *Birds of the Pacific Northwest: Timber Press Field Guide*

Do you know which birds patrol your neighborhood? Which ones frequent your yard? This helpful book will be a handy addition to your gardening library.



[Read more](#)

## Do You Have an Article Idea for *The Foundation Connection*?

Master Gardeners love to share their knowledge of gardening with each other and our home gardeners. We've published a great variety of articles written by MGs over the past three years: root girdling, bees, prairie plants, Teaching Kits, profiles of gardens, MGs and clinics, and more.

Articles by Master Gardeners are welcome for publication in *The Foundation Connection*. Our editorial guidelines provide information about submitting ideas or articles to the newsletter.

[Read more](#)



## News & Updates

### *What's Happening & When*

#### **Next MGF Board Meeting:**

Thursday, **May 10, 2018.**



#### ***Plant Sales -- Save the Dates!***

**May 4, 4-8 p.m. and May 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

[CUH Plant Sale & Garden Market](#)

**May 4 5:30-8 p.m.:** [Garden Gala](#) - get tickets.

Read these guides before you attend:

- [Parking](#) for volunteers and customers
- [Volunteer guidelines](#)

**May 12,** [Bellevue Demo Garden Plant Sale](#)

**May 12-13, May 19-20,** [Cesar Chavez Demo Garden Plant Sale](#)

#### ***Staying Smart -- Save the Date!***

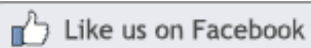
Check out our CE page for education events.

**Sep 26-29, 2018,** [MG Advanced Education Conference](#), Wenatchee, WA. Registration open now.

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

**Stay Connected:**



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