



The Foundation Connection

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Master Gardener Lisa Marahrens: *An Affinity for the Natural World*

...by Master Gardener Lisa Marahrens

Even at the tender age of 5, Master Gardener Lisa Marahrens realized how much she loved being outdoors. That, and her curiosity, opened up the natural world for exploration. She believes that fate had a hand in her becoming a Master Gardener.

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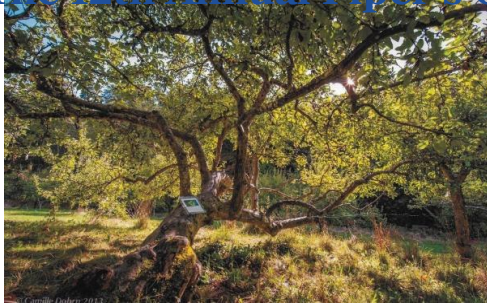
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The 12th Annual Piper's Orchard Festival of Fruit



When:
Saturday,
September 15,

2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Environmental Learning Center and Piper's Creek Orchard, 950 NW Carkeek Park Road, Seattle.

What: Apple pie contest, cider pressing demonstrations, apple variety identification, Tillie's Café, Master Gardener Clinic, Carkeek Gardens tours.

[More information here](#)

September 22 at Bellevue Botanical Garden



Seats at **Hot Topics** are selling fast, but everyone can still browse **Cool Plants!**

The third annual plant sale and continuing education event is **Saturday, September 22, 2018**, from

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come to the Bellevue Botanical Garden to select plants from local nurseries, get your garden tools sharpened, your garden questions answered by a Master Gardener, and information on tree and shrub care from PlantAmnesty. You'll find the details and how to register [here](#).



The Master Gardener Foundation's retirement party for longtime Program Coordinator Elaine Anderson is Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Attendance is limited to

current and past King County Master Gardeners and to others by invitation only. Invitations with full details and RSVP information were sent on August 12 to these Master Gardeners. There is a link in the invitation to contribute a message or anecdote to a

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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](#).

memory book for Elaine or to donate for a gift. If you did not receive your invitation, contact the secretary@mgfkc.org for assistance. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this event and sign up to tour the garden during the event.

2018 Ellen A'Key Award Winner: *Whatcom County Master Gardeners*

Master Gardener Foundation Board Member Bob Connor describes the winning project, *Growing Your Groceries*, for this year's Ellen A'Key Award.

[Read the full article](#)



Master Gardeners, please remember to tell visitors to your clinics about the Growing Groceries 2.0 education series and hand out the brochure to all those with questions about growing vegetables. This MGFKC-funded lecture series launches in Issaquah on October 17 and runs to May 8, 2019. The series includes 10 programs each on a differing vegetable gardening topic. All presentations are suited for home gardeners who may just be starting to grow their own food, or who want to extend their own knowledge to become more successful.

Registration is open to the public and to Master Gardeners. You may register for a single talk or the entire series at once. You'll find class descriptions, resources, and registration information [here](#).

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination.



Nominate an Outstanding Master Gardener: *I SEE You, Whom Do You See?*

*...by Master Gardener and
Immediate Past President
Penny Kriese*

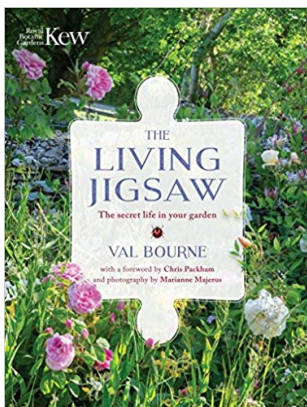
It's one thing to thank a fellow MG for helping with a difficult garden question or for stepping up at the last minute. It's another to recognize those Master Gardeners among us who go above and beyond and inspire the rest of us. All of

that contributes to the success of the Program in King County. Immediate Past President Penny Kriese asks us to look around and really SEE our MG colleagues and submit nominations for Outstanding Master Gardeners.

[Read the full article](#)

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

The Living Jigsaw: The secret life in your garden



In between harvesting the fruits of this season's labor, take the time to relax with this author's close-up view of what's going on in your garden. Miller Library Curator of Horticultural Literature, Brian Thompson, shares why he was delighted to review this book.

[Read the full article](#)



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

Master Gardener Applications

Available: Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Master Gardener? Applications for the class of 2019 are available at

the WSU King County website:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/become-a-master-gardener/>. Classes will meet at the Center for

Urban Horticulture starting January 12, 2019. The

deadline for submissions is October 15.

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, **Oct. 11, 2018**. There will be no Board meeting in September.



Save the Dates!

Sep. 22, 2018 at Bellevue Botanical Garden

- a special event honoring Elaine Anderson after the Hot Topics speakers sessions. Remember to sign up -- see your August 12 email for your invitation.

Oct. 20, 2018 at the Center for Urban Horticulture:

Master Gardener **Recognition Event & Annual MGFKC Meeting**. Watch your email to sign up.

Staying Smart -- Save the Dates for CEs!

Sep. 22, 2018:

Cool Plants, Hot Topics at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

[It's not too late to register.](#)

Sep. 29, 2018: Propagation classes with Master Gardener Gordon Polson at [Bellevue Demonstration Garden](#)

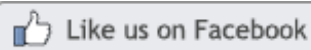
Sep. 26-29, 2018: [MG Advanced Education Conference](#), Wenatchee, WA. Registration is still open.

Oct. 2017 to May 2018: Growing Groceries 2.0 Education Series at Issaquah Grange. **Registration is open for one class or the whole series.** Here are the [details](#).

Nov. 17, 2018: November CE All-Day Workshop at Renton Technical College. **Registration will open Sept. 24.** Watch your email for the opportunity to register. Here's the [flyer](#) with details!

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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