



The Foundation Connection

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the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

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Master Gardeners John and Lynne Skidmore: *Getting the Timing Right*

...by Master Gardeners
John and Lynne

Skidmore

The Skidmores have figured out how to see the world and still exercise their green thumbs. As part of the team that has offered continuing education in Renton for the past three years, they've been instrumental in increasing the CE offerings in the south county.

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Master Gardener Foundation Board: *Looking for Leaders*

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We are in a year of change. The Program and the Foundation are looking for transformative ideas along with a willingness to engage in selecting ideas that work. Good ideas need planners to make them a reality; we are looking for planners. Good plans need leaders who believe in the idea, align with the plan and can help put the plan into action. Do you see yourself in one of these roles or as a member of a team working on a plan?



We need you now as we transition. What do we need most? Here is a short list for you to consider. Watch for a follow-up email with more details on these opportunities.

- Treasurer for the Foundation. Do you have some financial experience? Are you interested in helping the Foundation in its support role for the Program?
- Communications with the Program and the Foundation. Do you have experience working with websites or using WordPress? Do you have experience writing for newsletters or websites? Do you have marketing experience? Do you have graphics expertise?
- Technology. Do you have experience with Microsoft Office 365 or Access? Do you like to work with new software implementation? Do you have documentation skills?

Consider if your interests and skills can find a new fit in a role with the Foundation and its leadership team or with the Program and its transformation. *Watch for the email! It's an invitation to make a difference.*

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Of Interest to You

Continuing Education

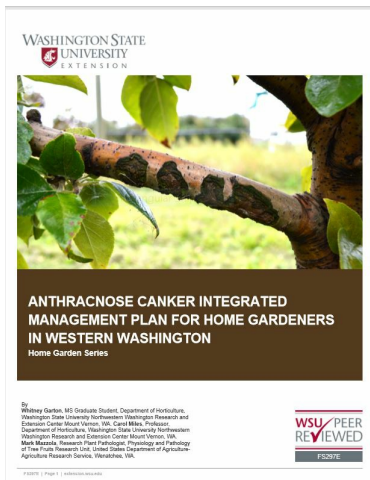
Learning takes place in many ways, and the Program is offering more ways to learn than ever before. [Find CE opportunities](#)

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](#).



Extend Your Resources

New WSU Extension Publications: Preseason Reading

...by MGF Board President and Program Co-Coordinator Carrie Hill

Get ready for home gardeners' questions with newly released publications from WSU Extension. Master

Gardeners can earn an hour or two of continuing education (CE) credit by reading the new publications and pondering how they'd use them to answer client questions, especially if they ponder in *Say/Show/Share* mode.

[Read more](#)

***Advanced Education
Opportunity***



Spring at Shoreline!

Mark your calendars! April 6, 2019

A full day of continuing education for Master Gardeners at Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave. N, in Shoreline.

From 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. King County Master Gardeners will host 3 speakers at Shoreline Community College for this daylong series. Master Gardeners can earn 5 hours of CE. Speakers will educate and inform on subject matter pertinent to the questions that are being asked in clinics to broaden and enhance your gardening education. Tickets for the day will be just \$15. Lunch will be available to order at an additional cost.

All details will be in an email invitation sent out later in February. Check your inbox for more details and instructions about registration!

**Mark Your
Calendar:
*Volunteer for the
Spring Plant Sale***



It's not too early to start thinking 'Plant Sale.' Flip to your calendar online or on the wall and mark Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27. It's only two days again this year: more intense and more condensed and best of all, there won't be the traffic challenges we have experienced during past sales. The 2019 Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale comes one week *prior* to the boating season Opening Day, with its Montlake bridge traffic mess. You'll be able to glide in and out of the area according to schedule with significantly reduced traffic trauma.

For now, just mark your calendar and watch for specifics regarding sign-up and other details. Join me and many other MG friends to help out with the sale, meet many interesting gardeners, and match gardeners with a plant (or a few) looking for a new home.

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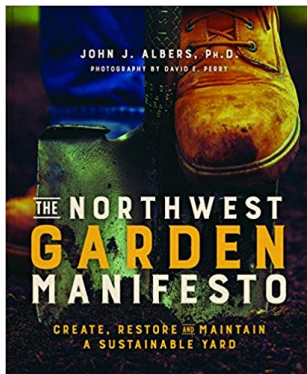


Master Gardener Foundation 2018 Year-End Financial Summary

*...by Board Treasurer
Peggy Smith*

MGF Board Treasurer Peggy Smith provides a summary of the Foundation's financial position for the twelve months ending December 31, 2018.

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*Elisabeth C. Miller
Library Selection*

The Northwest Garden Manifesto: Create, Restore and Maintain a Sustainable Yard

February's book selection by local author Dr. John Albers takes a new look at sustainability in the context of the surrounding ecosystem: consider your own garden and the land "outside the property line."

[Read more](#)



Are you looking for ways to earn PC or SH hours in 2019?

Here are a few events in the next couple of months that are looking for Master Gardener volunteers to participate. These events will be like our pop-up clinics. All materials will be provided for the event. All that is

needed is your willingness to represent the MG Program and reach out to our residents. **Can you help?** [Use this link to sign up or indicate an interest.](#)

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

[Next MGF Board Meeting](#)

Staying Smart -- Save the Date!



Feb 2: Bellevue Demo Garden
- *Remodeling Your Overgrown Garden* with MG Pat Roome

Feb 9: Bellevue Demo Garden
- *Safe & Healthy Edible Gardening* with Laura Matter, Tilth Alliance

Feb 9: [Snoqualmie Valley Library Talks](#)
- *Tomatoes* with MG Marcia Dillon

Feb 13: *Growing Groceries 2.0* - [Seed Starting and Early Greens](#) at The Grange in Issaquah

Feb 27: *Growing Groceries 2.0* - [Cabbage and Beet Families](#) at The Grange in Issaquah

More Events and Dates ...

January-April, 2019: [Snohomish Annual Winter Speaker Series](#), first Friday of the month in Lynnwood. See the website for costs and dates.

February 20-24: [NW Flower & Garden Festival](#). Lots of seminar opportunities for CE.

March 2, 2019: [PlantAmnesty Prun-a-thon](#) at Sky Nursery, 9:00AM-4:00PM

March 2, 2019: [Whidbey Gardening Workshop](#). Registration ends Feb. 15. See the website for costs and schedule.

June 17-21, 2019: [International Master Gardener Conference](#) in Valley Forge, Penna. Registration open.

[Bellevue Botanical Garden Classes and Lectures](#)

2019 King County MG Plant Sales:

April 26 & 27: [MG Spring Plant Sale at CUH](#) (*Note new dates*). Fri., Apr 26 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sat., Apr 27, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 4: [Bellevue Demo Garden Spring Sale](#) at the Big Picture School. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 4&5, 11&12: [Cesar Chavez Demo Garden Spring Plant Sale](#), Beacon Hill. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

Sep 7: MG Cool Plants & Hot Topics at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sep 14: Bellevue Demo Garden Fall Harvest Festival and Plant Sale, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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