



## The Foundation Connection

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

### 2019 Ellen A'Key Grant Award: *Island County Master Gardeners*

...by Master Gardener Bob Connor



*Greenhouse at Greenbank Farm*

We only had one grant application this year. Fortunately, it was an excellent one. Our grant winner for 2019 is Island County and the winning project is: Greenhouse at Greenbank Farm.

In 2005, these Island County Master Gardeners established the Master Gardener Educational Garden at Greenbank Farm on Whidbey Island. This setting is used to help educate their Master Gardener trainees. Classroom training is supplemented by time spent in the garden as part of their qualifying service hours.

After extensive research, these Master Gardeners created a report detailing all aspects of acquiring, installing, outfitting and operating a greenhouse. Using this 2019 report and with help from Whidbey Island Garden Tour, Home Depot, Mailliard's Landing Nursery, and available funds from their Island County Master Gardener Foundation, they built their greenhouse. Their A'Key grant award will help outfit the greenhouse and fund further educational opportunities. They propose using the grant money to acquire a solid-top table, a grated-top table, two rolling plant racks, lights, two rain barrels, and a counter with a sink. We wish them the best.



*Island County Master Gardeners*

The grant was named in memory of Ellen A'Key, King County Master Gardener, whose generous bequest enabled the Master Gardener Foundation of King County to establish a reserve fund. It is in her honor that we share our resources with other MGs around the state.