



The Foundation Connection

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

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Zion National Park

The Gadabout Gardener: *The Gadabout Gardener Goes Southwest*

...by Master Gardener Bruce Bennett

The Gadabout Gardener is off again, this time to one of Utah's spectacular national parks. In between the volunteer work he and his wife do as interpretive

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rangers, Bruce found perennials that would do as well in our Northwest climate.

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Greenhouse at Greenbank Farm

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

...by Master Gardener Bob Connor

Island County Master Gardeners used their A'Key Grant award to outfit their new greenhouse at Greenbank Farm on Whidbey Island. MG Bob Connor tells how they put the funds to good use.

[Read more here](#)

Growing Groceries Season Two: Master Gardeners Can Help



...by Master Gardeners Gary Scheider and Linda Shepherd

The first season of Growing Groceries at The Grange in Issaquah was a great success. The second season is about to kick off at two locations: again at The Grange and the new location at El Centro de la Raza on Beacon Hill. [Registration](#) opens August 1. MGs Gary Scheider and Linda Shepherd provide the details.

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[Growing Groceries](#) -
Registration now
open.

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

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Who Deserves Our Applause? *Outstanding Master Gardeners*

...by Master Gardener and Program Co-Coordinator Penny Kriese

Do you know a Master Gardener who has gone above and beyond the basic requirements? Nominations are open for Outstanding Master Gardeners in King County. MG Penny Kriese encourages all Master Gardeners to look around and find those among us who deserve our recognition.

[Read more here](#)



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Cool Plants, Hot Topics: *4th Annual Fall Festival of Plants and Speakers*

...by Master Gardeners Gordon Polson and Alison Johnson

This annual event at the Bellevue Botanical Garden offers talks by local experts and a chance to shop for the plants they will be talking about. The Plant Sale is free; registration is required for the lecture sessions.

[Read more here](#)

Extend Your Resources

Rabbits in the Garden: *Wascally Wabbits!*



Are you seeing more rabbits--or rabbit damage--in your yard and garden this season? Reductions in habitat from development, fewer predators, and more gardens may all contribute to the rabbit population. How can we live with them and still grow what we love? Elmer Fudd's solution

Dr. David J. Pelting, Extension Educator, WSU Snohomish County



(hunting) isn't legal in Washington but there are steps you can take to limit the damage. WSU Extension publication [FS231E](#) describes the culprits and some options for coexistence.

2020 Spring Plant Sale: Houseplants!

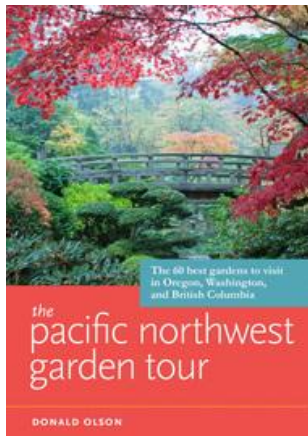
Would you like to see houseplants offered at the 2020 CUH Spring Plant Sale? The Plant Sale Committee is contemplating the addition of a houseplant section. We are looking for a couple Master Gardeners who have interest and experience with houseplants to head up this initiative. Some preliminary work has already been done and a few potential vendors have been identified, so the time commitment should be manageable. Organizational and leadership skills would be helpful. Please contact the Plant Sale team at communicate@mgfkc.org if you'd like more information.



Elisabeth C. Miller *Library Selection*

The Pacific Northwest Garden Tour

Take a break from your gardening, get out of the heat, grab a cool drink and peruse this delightful tour of gardens in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. Plan a day trip or plan to see them all.



[Read more here](#)



News Shoots: Short Subjects

Applications for the 2020 Class of King County Master Gardener Interns are available at the WSU King County website, kingcountymg.org. Classes will meet at the Center for Urban

Horticulture over 12 consecutive Saturdays, January through March, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you know someone interested in becoming a Master Gardener, please pass along the link to the application: [2020 Application](#).

Did you know that gardeners can be prone to tetanus infections? Tetanus lives in the soil and enters the body through breaks in the skin, especially when using sharp tools, digging in the dirt, or handling plants with sharp points.

This advice applies to gardeners of all ages. Some tips for gardening season:

- **Make sure your tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccination is up to date.** Contact your health care provider.
- **Use a good set of gardening gloves**, which can help lower the risk for skin irritations and cuts.

You can find more information at [webmd](#).

What I like about the Master Gardener Program

"It should be what I love, not like. The program allows me to meet like-minded gardeners who are enthusiastic and just plain great people who share their time and knowledge. I enjoy learning and the program keeps me learning. I thought at first the education was a waste of time but boy, was I wrong. They keep getting better. Thanks. The newsletter is great as well."

...Susan Overholt, Master Gardener Alum, Buriennes Moines Clinic

Why did you become a Master Gardener? What do you especially like about the Program? Share your thoughts at

communicate@mgfkc.org

You may see them in a future *Connection!*

News & Updates

What's Happening & When

Next MGF Board Meeting:

Thursday, 12 noon, **August 8, 2019**
at CUH.



Staying Smart -- Save the Date!

Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Cool Plants & Hot Topics - 4th Annual MG Plant Sale & Speakers** at BBG.

More information [here](#)

Sept. 14, Saturday - Snoqualmie Valley Clinic talks: **Cover Crops**, with Darien Payne. 10:30 a.m. at the North Bend Library and 2:00 p.m. at the Sammamish Library.

Starting Oct. 9 - Growing Groceries 2019-2020 in two locations: The Grange in Issaquah, El Centro de la Raza in Beacon Hill. Registration opens August 1. Visit the [Growing Groceries page](#) for information and registration.

Nov. 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Renton Day of CE - Environmental Stewardship** at Renton Tech College. Watch your email for more information.

More Events and Dates . . .

[Bellevue Demo Garden Free Workshops](#)

continue to October.

[Bellevue Botanical Garden Classes](#)

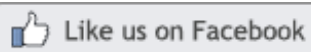
[UW Botanical Garden Classes and Workshops](#)

Contributing to The Connection

Do you have an event or CE opportunity to share? An article of interest to Master Gardeners? Deadline for announcements or article submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (ex: May 15 for the June edition). For more information or to submit items to consider, please contact us at communicate@mgfkc.org.

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