



The Foundation Connection

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Welcome to our new group of Master Gardener Interns: *Class of 2020!*

From the Editor:

Think it's hard to find continuing education classes and workshops? Think again. How about where to find some extra MG service hours? Looking for specific events? *The Connection* now features separate sections for Volunteer Hours, CE Opportunities, and Events to make it easier than ever to plan your Master Gardener life. Check **In This Issue** to find a direct link to these new features.

Spring Plant Sale: *Pot Up Your Perennials*

...by Master Gardener Cleo
Raulerson



It's time to think about what perennials to pot up for the Spring Plant Sale in April. Do it yourself or attend a Potting Party. Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson provides information and tips to make attractive donations that will sell.

[Read more](#)

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Plant Sale Garden Gala: Splendor in the Garden

...by Master Gardener and Gala Co-Coordinator
Cristina Cartledge



The Party of the Season for Master Gardeners. Master Gardener Cristina Cartledge gives us a preview of the Spring Plant Sale preview party.

[Read more](#)

Extend Your Resources

An occasional series highlighting recent WSU Extension home gardening publications and other helpful clinic resources.

New Tip Sheets: Pollinator-Friendly Gardening and Additional Gardening Resources

You'll find new tip sheets at our Gardening Tip Sheets page [here](#). Tip Sheet #12 features sources of information on *Pollinators and Pollinator-Friendly Gardening* not only from WSU Extension but also OSU Extension, King County, and US Fish & Wildlife. Tip Sheet #13 lists a wide variety of *Additional Gardening Publications* and may enable you to answer that one unusual question you get in your Clinic. Browse the list and get a head start on where to find your answer. Some examples: Scientific Literacy (EM100E); Cold Temperature Injury of Landscape Woody Ornamentals (FS299E); Hügelkultur (FS283E); Backyard Forest Stewardship (EM026E).

Tip Sheets #12 and #13 will also be added to the Clinic Resource Boxes for this coming season.

Note: Many of the articles contain references and embedded links to additional WSU Extension publications. Those *embedded* links are not functional. However, you can download the referenced publication directly from the publications website. Links to other sites (not WSU Extension) are functional.

All of the listed publications are free downloads at

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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](#)

On-Topic CE: *Soil, Food, and Climate Change Workshop*

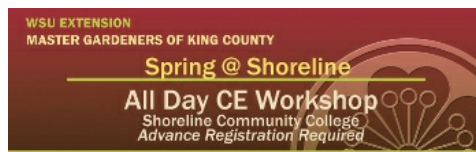


...by Master Gardener Susan Miller

Here is a unique event for Master Gardeners that wraps together soil (micro and macro perspectives), food, and climate change with an opportunity to start your own 'How Can I Make a Difference' climate action plan. Our three speakers will present cutting-edge research: Dr. David Montgomery and Anne Bicklé, botanist, whose joint fourth book is due out this winter; and Chad Kruger, who is WSU's highly sought-after climate and agriculture speakers. Master Gardeners will earn three CE credits! David and Anne are published in the science-based book, *Drawdown, The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* (edited by Paul Hawken; Penguin Books, 2017) that we highly recommend for MGs and clinics to own and read. We will be asked questions that this book answers!

This Workshop is Saturday, February 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Fall City's Chief Kanim Middle School. Trained facilitators will help participants think about where they can make a difference and help them start building their plan, with invitations for follow-up meet-ups. You'll find more information, directions, and registration using this link: [Soil, Food, Climate Change Workshop](#). There's also more information at Fall City's website, www.fallcity.org/climate. MGs who have already registered and would like to order a box lunch may do so at the event website or on the Fall City site. This event is also open to the general public.

Spring @ Shoreline: Early CE



...by Master Gardener Dave Hanower

Get a jump-start on your 2020 Continuing

SIGN UP!



WHERE am I?

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



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Education hours at the Spring CE Workshop in Shoreline. The event will be at Shoreline Community College (Shoreline CC), 16101 Greenwood Ave North in Shoreline, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a 1-hour lunch break. The focus of the session is to provide practical guidance to Master Gardeners to help them answer questions commonly encountered in our clinics, and refresh our knowledge in some key areas.

Speakers include:

Mike Bush, entomologist, will talk about fruit tree pest and disease management. Mike authored or co-authored several of the WSU Extension publications on this topic. He was formerly with WSU-Yakima and is now with the Washington State Department of Agriculture,

Christina Pfeiffer, horticulturalist and educator, will cover some of the practical aspects of how to assess and improve soil, including how to conduct soil tests and interpret the results, and how to amend the soil based on what you're trying to grow.

Dave Hunter, owner of Crown Bees, will discuss our native pollinators and what we can do to help them thrive.

Allen Taylor, founder of Conservation Tree Care, will discuss best practices for trees and woody shrubs, including site selection and preparation; pruning; and root pruning and washing.

Michael Paustain, head gardener at Shoreline CC, will lead a tour of the plantings on their campus.

Watch your email and the next issue of *The Connection* for more information and registration.

Gadabout Gardener: Visiting (Plant) Paradise, Part 2



*...by Master Gardener
Bruce Bennett*

In this second article, Master Gardener Bruce Bennett concludes his tour of notable garden centers near Port Townsend, Washington. Read his

review and finish planning your trip.

[Read more](#)

Read Part 1 [here](#)



News Shoots: *Short Subjects*

Do you like to write about gardening? The editor of the *Woodinville Weekly* and *Valley View* publications would like to publish a monthly 500-word

column on horticulture. Writing as a Master Gardener, topics of interest can be about any aspect of gardening as it is practiced in Western Washington. Publication is once a month, with a deadline the first Friday of the month. Contact Bob Kirkpatrick at

bob@nwnews.com

Docent Training at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Bellevue Botanical Garden is accepting applications for their 2020 Docent Trainee Program. MGFKC is one of BBG's 11 partner organizations.

The Docent Trainee class sessions start in March 2020 and run through April 2020. Docent trainees will learn about the Garden's history and plants, meet some of the dedicated people who make the Garden such a great place, and learn techniques for leading tours.

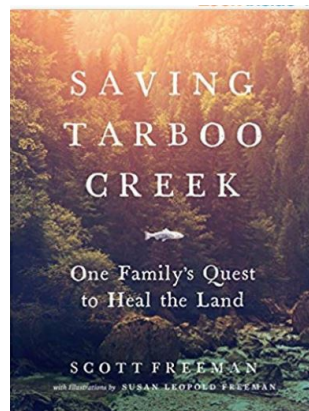
To learn more about becoming a Bellevue Botanical Garden docent, please contact Cynthia Welte at cwelte@bellevuewa.gov.

Note: Docent hours do not qualify as Master Gardener service hours.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Saving Tarboo Creek

This tale of restoring the land around the creek while making peace with the beavers will lift your spirits.



[Read more](#)

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Can You Help??



Looking for volunteer hours? Watch this space for events where Master Gardeners are needed.

Here are the opportunities currently listed in [SignUpGenius](#). Go online and pick your shift!

PlantAmnesty's Prune-a-thon

Feb. 15, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Sky Nursery in Shoreline.

We are still looking for MGs to help.

Woodinville Library Programs featuring Teaching Kits. **Jan. through May**, Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Continuing Education Opportunities

What Counts as CE?

Classes that will improve a volunteer's knowledge and skill base for performing work as a horticultural advisor and serving as a resource on issues of sustainable gardening for home gardeners.



Bellevue Demo Garden Talks, Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 1, Saturday: Growing Cacti, Cascade Succulent Society's Karen Summers.

Feb. 8, Saturday: Vertical Gardening, MG Laura Watson.

Feb. 22, Saturday: Safe & Healthy Edible Gardening, with Tilth Alliance's Laura Matter.

February/March Classes at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

PlantAmnesty is offering their Master Pruner classes at BBG starting with:

Feb. 5, Wednesday:

Pruning-The Basics, PlantAmnesty's Shawna van Nimwegen. Details [here](#).

Other classes in February and March:

Feb. 23, Tuesday: The Art of Bonsai, Lucy Davenport.

Mar. 3, Tuesday: Hydrangea How-to, NPA's Kit Haesloop.

Details and more classes at [Bellevue Botanical Garden](#).

February Growing Groceries classes.

El Centro de la Raza, Beacon Hill,

Feb 11, Tuesday-Small Fruit/Crop

Rotation/Cabbage Family.

Feb 25, Tuesday-Seed Starting (Inside and Out)

The Grange in Issaquah,

Feb 19, Wednesday: Pea and Carrot Families.

Visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration.

Library Talks at North Bend (10:30 a.m) and Sammamish (2:00 p.m.)

Feb. 15, Saturday: Pruning with Alan Haywood at North Bend Library: 115 E 4th Street, North Bend; Selena Ligrano at Sammamish Library: 825 228th Ave SE, Sammamish.

Feb 15, Saturday: Soil, Food, Climate Change Workshop,

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Chief Kanim Middle School, Fall City. Register [here](#). Already registered? Check back on the registration page for lunch options.

Feb. 20, Thursday: Insect Damage in the Garden, 7:00 p.m., Elaine Sherbrooke at the Maple Valley Library, 21844 SE 248th St, Maple Valley.

Find more CE Opportunities on the [MGF education page](#)

More classes.

[UW Botanical Garden classes and workshops](#)

Future File

Mar. 14, Saturday: Whidbey Island Gardening Workshop. Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor. Pre-workshop field trips Mar. 13. Many CE-eligible classes! More information and registration [here](#)

Mar. 28, Saturday: Master Gardener Spring Continuing Education, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shoreline Community College in Shoreline. Watch your email and future issues of *The Connection* for more information and registration.

Oct.1 to 3, 2020:

[WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education](#)

[Conference](#), Port Townsend. Conference registration opens April 1, 2020. Note: Camp/RV reservations open January 2, 2020; on-site lodging reservations open January 1, 2020.

Events, Coming Attractions

Feb. 13: MGF Board meeting, Feb. 13, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., CUH.

Feb. 8: Snoqualmie Valley Seed Exchange, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Cedarcrest High School.
More information [here](#)



Feb. 26-Mar. 1: Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. See the schedule to select classes that can be used as CE. <https://gardenshow.com/>

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 for consideration, please contact us at communicate@mgfkc.org

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