



The Foundation Connection

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

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Read the Program Coordinator's Updates

Read the latest message from Master Gardener Program Coordinator Mary Watts: [Call to Action MGFKC.org](https://www.mgfk.org/call-to-action)

News from the Foundation: 2020-2021 Board



The Board continues to operate with fewer members than the number mandated by the MGFKC by-laws. Board members agreed to make personal contacts before the June meeting to recruit members to fill the need.

At the May 14 meeting, two officer changes were noted. Valentina Barei volunteered to be Secretary, and was voted in by the Board. Jim Olson was voted in by the

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Board to serve as President of the Foundation Board of Directors through May 2021.

Board members include: Jim Olson, Board President; Terry Jo Johnson Wing, Treasurer; Valentina Barei, Secretary; Bruce Williams, Carrie Hill, Amy Lee, Randi Smith, Bruce Caredio, and Trish Bloor.

Jim Olson, Board President

Master Gardeners Alison Johnson and Bob Connor are leaving the Board, having reached their term limits. During his time as a Board member, Bob has managed the raffle that is part of the CUH Spring Plant Sale. He has also chaired the committee that awards the Ellen A'Key Grant each year.

Alison Johnson became a Master Gardener in 2011 and joined the Foundation Board five years ago. Alison shares her thoughts on her time as a Board member [here](#).

The Foundation Board and Master Gardeners appreciate the leadership and hours that Bob and Alison have contributed.

Master Gardener Spring Plant Sales: *Necessity is the Mother of Invention*

*...by Gary Scheider, Master
Gardener*

An innovative team of Master Gardeners constructed an online "plant shop," allowing sales of herb and veggie plants to bring in some revenue for Program activities. Master Gardener Gary Scheider describes the extraordinary effort.

[Read more](#)

Plant Source: *Perennial Potters*

*...by Cleo Raulerson, Master
Gardener*

Thanks to all the Master Gardeners who potted up



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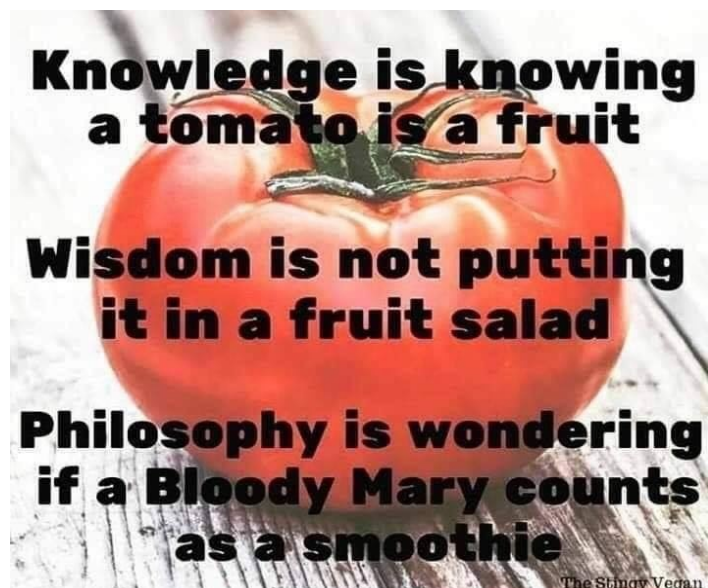
If you have **WordPress** or **Constant Contact** expertise and would like to help KCMGs, contact Penny at [pckriese at gmail](mailto:pckriese@gmail.com).

Of Interest to You

Continuing Education

Learning takes place in many ways, and the Program is offering more ways to learn than ever

perennials for the Spring Plant Sale and those people who are holding or fostering pots through the summer in the hope that we can have some sort of sale in the fall. We really appreciate your commitment! If you are holding plants, please contact Gary Scheider (alpinist.gary@gmail.com or me (cleo@raulerson.net) if we do NOT know that you have plants. We have a list of the people we know about and want to have a complete list so that we can keep you informed as the summer progresses. Thanks all!



Courtesy Capital Area (Michigan) Master Gardeners

A'Key Grant Applications: July 1 Deadline for Submissions

Interested Master Gardener programs have one more month to submit an application for the 2020 Ellen A'Key grant. The grant program is open to Master Gardener organizations in all counties in Washington. The Master Gardener Foundation awards up to \$1,500 each year to support projects where support dollars may not be available. Read about the [grant](#) in the April edition of *The Foundation Connection*.



Bob Connor, Master Gardener, A'Key Grant Committee

Continuing Education Opportunity

WSU Extension Forestry Program: Free Webinars



before. [Find CE opportunities](#)

Tip Sheets for KC
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[Volunteer Now!](#)

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The WSU Extension Forestry Program is offering a variety of webinars free to the public. Two webinars, one in June and one in July, qualify for Master Gardener Continuing Education credits. MGs can earn one hour of CE per 50-minute webinar. You could accrue 2 hours of CE by attending both. Registration is required. See registration details [here](#).

June 4, 12:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m

Another One Bites the Dust Why so many trees have been dying in western Washington.

Dead and dying trees have proliferated throughout the region, especially with cedars and hemlocks, causing concern for many property owners. This webinar will talk about why so many trees are dying right now and how to recognize when there's a problem on your property. Topics include insects, diseases, and drought, and what property owners should do (and not do) to increase resilience and mitigate impacts. Instructor, Kevin Zobrist, Extension Forestry Professor, Washington State University. *Thursday, June 4, at 12:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.*

*Mary Watts, WSU Extension Master Gardener
Coordinator, King County*



News Shoots: Short Subjects

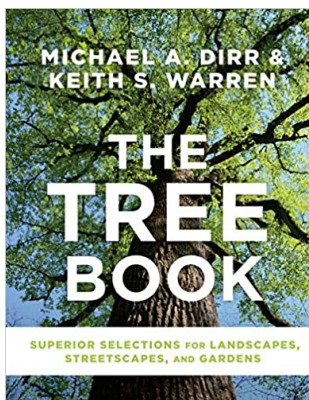
Ask a Master Gardener Online Clinics are LIVE!

Home gardeners can now get their questions answered in an online clinic on Zoom. The first-ever online clinic aired on Wednesday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gardeners logged into Zoom and posed their questions in a "breakout room." Each breakout room was staffed with a Master Gardener veteran or emeritus, plus a 2020 intern. MG Carrie Hill reported 10 "very appreciative" clients, mostly during the first hour or so. Carrie reported that client questions were very much like those at in-person clinics, covering fruit tree pests and diseases, vegetable gardening, lawns, and landscaping. One client took those in the breakout room on a virtual tour of his orchard, using his smartphone. All that information provided to the MGs resulted in a diagnosis of winter moth (inchworm). Online clinics will continue Wednesdays and Saturdays through the 2020 gardening season, offering gardeners another resource. Master Gardeners interested in participating in the online clinics can sign up here: [Virtual Clinic Signup](#)

Home gardeners can still email questions to Ask-A-MasterGardener@live.com, and include photos that would help with diagnosis. Master Gardeners interested in participating in the email Clinic can send an email to king.mg@wsu.edu with the subject line "Email Clinic Volunteer."

The addition of online clinics offers our Master Gardeners yet another way to provide science-based horticultural information to King County gardeners. For more information on the Ask A Master Gardener options, go to <http://www.mgfk.org/ask-a-mg>. Watch future issues of The Foundation Connection for updates as Ask A Master Gardener evolves.

Help promote the Online Clinics. Download and distribute the [promotional flyer](#) to your social networks, friends, and family.



Horticulture Book Selection

The Tree Book

Master Gardener Bruce Williams loves trees. An avowed "nut about trees," he reviews this encyclopedic book.

[Read more](#)

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Can You Help??



Volunteer for a Master Gardener online clinic!
Online Master Gardener Clinics are in the early stages. Clinic hours for MGs are Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. MGs (including interns!) interested in finding out about the clinics can sign up using the link below. You will be contacted about attending a 1-hour orientation session, with the shift link shared later.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aaca92aa6fc1-iminterested>

Stay informed with updates on the mgfk.org website.

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.



Staying Smart!

Online Learning Opportunities

Master Gardeners can still earn Continuing Education credit from a wide selection of online classes, webinars, and online workshops. Check out the new section on the MGF Education page:

<http://www.mgfk.org/education/online-continuing-education>

June 4, Thursday

WSU Forestry webinar, 12:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

Why so many trees have been dying in western Washington. Registration required; details and registration [here](#).

No Growing Groceries classes in June.

July Growing Groceries Classes

The remaining Growing Groceries classes will be offered on the Zoom online platform, allowing us to reach many more gardeners.

July 22:

Succession Planting/ Fall & Winter Gardening/Seed Saving

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

Check these websites for updates on in-person classes. Most in-person classes are canceled, although there may be online classes offered.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/classes/>

Bellevue Demo Garden Talks, Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

The Bellevue Demonstration Garden Talks are now online!

Talks scheduled for June:

June 6: Growing Ferns, Judith Jones, Fancy Fronds Nursery.

June 13: Good and Bad Bugs in the Vegetable Garden, Sharon Collman, WSU Snohomish County

Extension.

June 20: Rain Garden Design, Emily Bishton,
Sustainable Garden Educator.

June 27: Composting in Your Backyard, Jules Arvin,
Tilth Alliance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98357808723>

Meeting ID: 983 5780 8723 Password: 060052

Call in +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) - Meeting ID: 983

5780 8723

Password: 060052

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

Please watch future issues of *The Connection* for
updates on these classes.

Savvy Gardener Classes (Saving Water Partnership)

[https://www.savingwater.org/lawn-garden/gardening-
classes/](https://www.savingwater.org/lawn-garden/gardening-classes/)

Future File

September 12 to 17, 2021:

[International Master Gardener Conference](#)

Norfolk, Virginia.

Fall 2021:

The WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education
Conference for 2020 is rescheduled to Fall 2021.

[WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education
Conference](#),

Events, Coming Attractions

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday,
June 11, 7:00 p.m. online
meeting. Information and details
at



<http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>

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