



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

Find the latest update from Master Gardener Program Coordinator Mary Watts at MGFKC.org

Stay Up to Date! Record Your Master Gardener Hours

Master Gardeners, service hour *requirements* have been relaxed for this unusual season, but not the requirement to *record* the hours you do volunteer. Be sure to update your hours record in the WSU volunteer database. This is important to meet WSU Extension's reporting requirements and to document the impact of the pandemic on the program statewide. Please update your hours



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monthly, if not more frequently. Reminder: the CE requirement for veterans is 10 hours; for emeritus, 5 hours.

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Please Read: *Suspicious Seeds*

You may have seen recent reports of packets of seeds sent through the mail to residents of Washington and other states from another country. The packets are labeled as something else, usually jewelry. The Washington Department of Agriculture have provided instructions for turning in these packets which have been shipped illegally.

Read the WSU Extension announcement [here](#).

News from the Board: *Welcoming a New Member*



At the July meeting of the Master Gardener Foundation Board, Richelle Godwin was confirmed as the 14th member of the Board. Congratulations, Richelle! Richelle is a member of the University District Farmers Market Clinic.

Meet Board Member Bruce Caredio

Master Gardener Bruce Caredio talks about his cultural gardening heritage and his eclectic horticultural interests.

[Read more](#)

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**Ask a
Master Gardener!**

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Maintaining Connection with Home Gardeners: *Updates on our Virtual Clinics*

Times of great change can sometimes be the driver for trying new ways to provide a service or redoubling efforts for an existing service. Our

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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

Master Gardener in-person plant clinics were canceled this season; in their place, we have online and email clinics at [Ask-a-Master-Gardener](#). Here are updates on both.

[Read more](#)

Cultivate More Knowledge

Let's Be Precise: Companion Planting, Interplanting, Polyculture, Plant Associations

Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott tackles *The Myth of Companion Planting* to more clearly describe how plants get along with each other.

[Read her article here](#)

Extend Your Resources

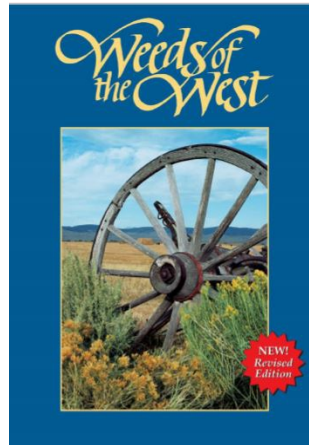
Available for Download: *Weeds of the West*

Weeds of the West now available free!

The University of Wyoming Extension has made *Weeds of the West* (WotW) available free for download as a PDF or in epub format, readable on a smartphone, tablet, e-reader, or computer. Note that both versions of WotW are large files and will take some time to download. The PDF is 55 MB, the epub version is 817 MB. Master Gardeners can download one or both.

This comprehensive resource has been on our clinic approved references list (as optional) for a long time, but has not been available from WSU or the publisher for the past three years. The full-color photos and accompanying text are useful for identifying weeds; however, the entries do not include cultural and chemical controls. Hortsense, our standard weeds reference, does include controls for the 85 weeds included in its listing.

Don't plan on printing the book: Color printing could run into hundreds of dollars. Note also that if you do



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](#)

[Volunteer Now!](#)

 **SIGN UP!**

 **SignUpGenius**

WHERE am I?

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

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print it, the Program will not approve a reimbursement. Both versions are easily searchable in electronic format.

Here's the link for the download: [WotW](#)
(The link is about a third of the way down the page.)



News Shoots: Short Subjects

Update: Master Gardener Intern Basic Training 2021.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Master Gardener Program of King County will not be conducting our usual annual training in 2021 for persons interested in becoming a Master Gardener.

Home Horticulture Course.

Due to the increased demand for gardening education, the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program will offer an online Home Horticulture Course. The course will cover much of the content conveyed in Master Gardener training. However, this course will not, in and of itself, lead to becoming a Master Gardener. The online Home Horticulture Course will take place January - April 2021. Details of the Home Horticulture Course are still in development. More information will be available by September 1, 2020.

*Mary Watts, Master Gardener Program
Coordinator*

New Garden Website!

Announcing the debut of the website www.pugetsoundgardens.org, designed to serve as a resource for information on public gardens in the Puget Sound area. It is not a comprehensive list, but a welcoming open gateway for garden lovers to explore.

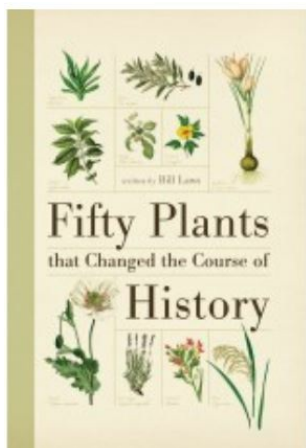
The beautiful website is rich in destinations, maps, and links to horticultural connections in the Puget Sound region and beyond.

The site welcomes all visitors looking for education, beauty, healing, and peace, to delve into the diversity of public gardens in the Pacific Northwest region. Please check individual gardens' websites for reopening plans and open hours. These public spaces will require generous financial support to recover successfully.

The site was created by local garden advocate Sue Nevler and designed by Spiderlily.com in direct response to garden closures and resulting difficult financial consequences brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Contact: info@pugetsoundgardens.org

August Book Selection



Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History

Take a break from your August gardening and read about the power of plants.

[Read more](#)

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Can You Help??



Note: In-person volunteer opportunity listings are postponed for the near future. Stay informed with updates on the mfgkc.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.mfgkc.org/education/online-continuing-education>

Check these websites for updates on online and in-person classes.

Bellevue Demo Garden Talks Online!

All talks from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Visit <https://www.mgfk.org/education> for information and link to the Zoom session.

Saturday, August 1. Good and Bad Bugs in the Vegetable Garden

with Sharon Collman, WSU Snohomish County Extension.

Saturday, August 8. Bringing Your Tomatoes to Harvest with Master Gardener Marcia Dillon

Saturday, August 15. Making Gardening Easier as You Age with Master Gardener Pat Roome.

Saturday, August 22. Low-care Perennials for Our Gardens with Master Gardener Cleo Raulerson.

Saturday, August 29. Gardening With and Problems of Rhododendrons with Atsuko Gibson, Nursery Manager/Assistant Curator, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

Master Gardener Program/WSDA

Tuesday, August 11, 10 a.m.

Giant Asian Hornets

Karla Salp, Public Engagement Specialist with the Washington State Department of Agriculture will share everything you need to know about the Asian giant hornet. Master Gardeners will receive 1 hour of CE for participating. This session is specifically for MGs and MG Program Coordinators, is limited to 500 attendees, and will be recorded for those unable to attend the live session. View the flyer [here](#)

Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, August 7. Register [here](#)

WSU and Zoom have implemented security measures to protect against Zoom bombers and other threats. To participate in this Zoom session, you must have your own free Zoom account.

Please see the [tip sheet](#) for instructions and troubleshooting.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Webinar

Preregistration is required for webinars; \$5 fee for BBG members, \$15 for nonmembers. Registrants will receive an email within two business days with

"join" information.

**Wednesday, August 12, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,
online. Perennial Plant Breeding at Home** with
Janet Egger. \$5 BBGS members/\$15 nonmembers.

**Wednesday, August 19, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,
online. Grow the Heck Up! Embellish Your
Garden with Vines**

with Laura Watson. \$5 BBGS members/\$15
nonmembers.

More information and webinar details:

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/webinars>

***Savvy Gardener Classes (Saving Water
Partnership)***

Check the website for updates.

[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, August 13, 7:00
p.m. online meeting.
Information and details at



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

Special CE Event!

The Master Gardener Foundation has been secretly
(and quietly) developing a major and very unique
short continuing education (CE) event that will
feature two of the area's most well-known celebrity
gardeners, brought to you through the technology
of the Zoom platform. Details are not yet final, so

stay tuned for full information and registration details for this Foundation fundraising CE event that will happen sometime in late August or early September. You'll want to join us....and maybe try some of our recipes as well (hmmm, what do they mean by that?)

City Fruit

City Fruit kicks off the 2020 Great Seattle Fruit Harvest. For more information, please visit www.cityfruit.org

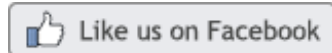
Tilth Alliance

Saturday, August 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Spanish-language Facebook event:

[Los polinizadores del jardín](#)

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