



The Foundation Connection

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

September 2020 Issue



East Meets West in the Garden: *Fun and Fundraising*

Don't miss this entertaining evening with local garden celebrities Dan Hinkley and Nita-Jo Rountree. The online fundraising event is on Friday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m. Dan and Nita-Jo will talk about their favorite plants and their love of gardening.

To make the evening even more fun, several local organizations have donated door prizes. Registered guests will receive a couple of drink recipes from author Jodi Helmer.

[Join us for this special event](#) and help the Master Gardener Foundation continue to support the Master Gardener program and local gardeners.

In This Issue

[East Meets West in the Garden: Fun and Fundraising](#)

[News from the Board: Annual Recognition Event, New Board Member](#)

[Applause, Please: Nominate an Outstanding Master Gardener](#)

[A'Key Grant Award](#)

[Extend Your Resources: Tip Sheet #14](#)

[Growing Groceries: New Season Begins October 7](#)

[Master Gardener Bruce Williams: What Do I Do Now? Second](#)

News from the Board: Annual Recognition Event, New Board Member



...by Jim Olson, MGF Board President

2020 Recognition Event

Every year, we take the time to honor our volunteers who have given so much time and effort to the Master Gardener Program. We recognize them publicly at the annual Recognition event, this year on Saturday, October 24. This year's recognition will not be in person, as in years past, but still important. Planning has started for this event, so watch for more details as our plans develop.

Welcome New Board Member Wendy Jordan

The Foundation Board approved MG Intern Wendy Jordan for Board membership at their August meeting. Wendy is an gardener and educator, teaching at Juanita High School and as adjunct faculty at Bastyr University. She brings experience and training in the culinary field, in designing online curriculum, and is also a student in Bastyr's Holistic Landscape Design program.



**Applause,
Please:
Nominate an
Outstanding
Master
Gardener**

...by Mary Watts, Master Gardener Program Coordinator

It is that time of year again, the time when we submit nominations for the Outstanding Master Gardener Award. Those who receive the award will be acknowledged at our annual **Recognition Event on October 24**, which will be held online this year due to the pandemic. It has been an unusual year, to say the least, but that hasn't stopped many of you

[Edition](#)

[News Shoots: Check Out the new Tip Sheet Pages](#)

[September Book Selection](#)

[Continuing Education Events, Coming Attractions](#)

Quick Links

[MGFKC](#)

[King County MG](#)

[Online Continuing Education](#)

[Become a Master Gardener](#)

[WSU Volunteer Database](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

Staying Smart

[Growing Groceries 2020-2021](#)

[Community Education](#)

[Online CE opportunities](#)

Volunteer



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

Tip Sheets for KC

from making significant contributions. Our program wouldn't be the awesome one that it is without so many of you stepping up, above and beyond the basic requirements. The passion and commitment I see every day is inspiring. My request to you: If you have noticed that one of your peers has made significant contributions to the program in 2020, please nominate them using the 2020 Outstanding Master Gardener Award Nomination Form. Please view the 2020 [Guidelines](#) for Outstanding Master Gardener and the [Nomination Form](#) for details. Deadline for submissions is October 1.



Ellen A'Key Grant Award: Cowlitz County Master Gardeners

The A'Key Grant Award Committee has chosen the 2020 recipient: Cowlitz County Master Gardeners (CCMG) for their project, Master Gardener Greenhouse for At-risk Youth. Read the compelling story behind this project.

[Read more](#)

Extend Your Resources

Tip Sheet #14: Climate Friendly Gardening



This newest tip sheet offers the many ways we can address climate change and global warming. Read about all the actions you can take in your own garden and neighborhood.

[Tip Sheet #14](#)

Tip Sheet authors Jim Little, Master Gardener, and Elizabeth Smoots tell how this timely tip sheet came about.

[Read more](#)

Browse tip sheets
about Puget Sound
Gardening

[Garden Tips](#)

WHERE am I?

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

amazonsmile

You can donate .5%
of your purchase to
the Foundation when
you use
[AmazonSmile](#).
Thank You.



[Donate to MGFKC](#)

Growing Groceries: *Season Three* begins October 7

...by Gary Scheider, Master Gardener

Growing Groceries begins a new season October 7, offering science-based horticultural advice to home gardeners. Master Gardener Gary Scheider introduces the 2020-2021 season, and also asks for help in getting the word out.

[Read more](#)

What Do I Do Now? *Second Edition*

...by Bruce Williams, Master Gardener and Foundation Board Member

Last spring, Master Gardener Bruce Williams wrote about the long list of things he planned to do while staying safe. Here's his update on how that all turned out.



[Read more](#)



News Shoots: Short Subjects

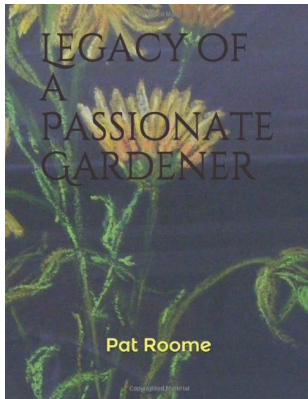
Check out the new Tip Sheet pages on our WSU Extension website

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/gardening-tip-sheets/>

Each Tip Sheets can be downloaded as a PDF just as they were before, but now the text is also in the body of the webpage, so the content is discoverable

when the public does an internet search on gardening topics. They are also easily accessible for Master Gardener clinicians to reference and share during online clinics. Our Program Assistant, Mimi Southwood, has been hard at work creating and designing user-friendly webpages on the WSU Extension website for our most frequently sought-after reference materials.

...Mary Watts, Master Gardener Program Coordinator



September Book Selection

Legacy of a Passionate Gardener

Pat Roome, one of our original Master Gardeners, has written a memoir of her gardening life. Master Gardener Carrie Hill reviews the book.

[Read more](#)

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>

Asian Giant Hornet

Watch the *recording* of this training, first presented on August 11, by Karla Salp with the Washington Department of Agriculture. Master Gardeners will earn 1 hour of CE credit.

[Asian Giant Hornet](#)

Check these websites for updates on online classes. Most in-person classes are canceled until further notice.

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.

September 12. Good and Bad Bugs in Vegetable Gardens with Sharon Collman, WSU Snohomish County Extension.

September 19. Water Saving Irrigation with Bruce Williams, Master Gardener.

September 26. At Home with House Plants with Alison Johnson, Master Gardener.

Library Talks at North Bend and Sammamish-Online

Saturday, September 19, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Wildlife Friendly Gardens, sponsored by Snoqualmie Valley Master Gardeners, Garden Hotline, and KCLS. More information [here](#)

Bellevue Botanical Garden

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.

September 9, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Great Garden Trees with Christina Pfeiffer.

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

Savvy Gardener Classes

(Saving Water Partnership)

<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, September 10,
7:00 p.m. online meeting.
Information and details at



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

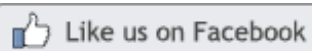
East Meets West in the Garden, Friday,
September 11. Information and registration [here](#).

Conversations with Eden, September 19 and 20,
joint symposium hosted by Heronswood and the
Bellevue Botanical Garden. Information and
registration [here](#)

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@mgfk.org. All published photos
have the photographer's permission or are sourced
from free-to-use sites. Lead photo: [Pixabay](#).

Stay Connected:



Copyright © 2020. All Rights Reserved.