



The Foundation Connection

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

January 2021 Issue



Happy New Year



**Don't Wait to Start
Your 2021
Continuing
Education:**

So Many Choices!

One silver lining (if there even is one) of the pandemic is the opportunity for learning through online classes and workshops. In this issue of *The Connection* you're sure to find topics of interest, including vegetable gardening, soil, plant problem diagnosis, urban forestry and more. And that's just January and February. The availability of online classes can take you around the state or across the country. Check out the current listing of upcoming classes in the Continuing Education Opportunities

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Message from the Board



The January 2021 MGFKC Board Meeting and annual retreat is coming up. This event is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2021, from noon till 3 p.m. The session will be on Zoom. The agenda includes approving the 2021 Foundation budget and a comprehensive review of all King County Master Gardener Program areas. All are welcome.

For any questions, please contact president@mgfk.org

...Jim Olson, Board President

Meet Foundation Board Member Carrie Hill

Master Gardener Carrie Hill joined the Program in 2014 and volunteered for the Foundation Board in 2017. She's been active in Program and Foundation projects during this recent time of change. And she can't stand weeding.

[Read more](#)



BELLEVUE
BOTANICAL
GARDEN
SOCIETY

Enhancing Our Partnerships: Another Step at Bellevue Botanical Garden

...by Gary Scheider, Master Gardener

Our relationship with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society has evolved in a very positive direction over the past few years. MG Gary Scheider tells us about the exciting developments planned for 2021.

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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).

Up and Running! Growing Groceries 2021 Classes

...by Joan Baldwin, Master Gardener

Season 3 continues with classes from January through May 2021. An added bonus: Master Gardeners will staff a Video Clinic to answer questions. Master Gardener Joan Baldwin brings us up to date.

[Read more](#)

Bellevue Demo Garden: Saturday Workshops Resume



The Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops will launch their new 2021 season on Saturday, January 16, on Zoom. Presentations start at 9:30 AM and run to 10:30 AM. These workshops are for both beginning and experienced gardeners. The workshops emphasize current horticultural science and techniques. Participants can expect to learn about new methods and plants as well as the tried and true. Topics will vary from vegetable gardening to ornamental cultivation and may discuss blending both in your garden beds. The first talk of each month is free. For all other monthly workshops there is a suggested donation of \$5 to help the Foundation support the Master Gardener program in King County, and pre-registration is required. Look for the January workshops in the Continuing Education Opportunities below and find the list of all workshops here:

<https://www.mgfkc.org/education/bdg-workshops>

Passing the Baton: MGF Facebook Administrator

After nine years as primary administrator of the Master Gardener



Of Interest to You

Tip Sheets for KC

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](#).

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[AmazonSmile](#).

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Foundation Facebook *Martina Gruendike*
page, Tina Gruendike
provides a little history and thanks to those she met
along the way.

[Read more](#)

Note: If you are interested in maintaining the Facebook page, or you have skills in promotion and graphics that you could offer the Program, please contact us at communicate@mgfkc.org

Remembering...

We remember and celebrate three Master Gardeners who enriched our gardening lives: Ed Lacrosse, Becky Johnson, and WJ Taylor.

[Read more](#)



News Shoots: Short Subjects

Coming Soon! Master Gardener Advanced Training

Two new classes for all Master Gardeners will be offered online on Zoom beginning in February, with sign-ups starting later this month. The classes will focus on our online resources, including Hortsense, Pestsense, PNW Disease Handbook, and will feature group collaboration to respond to client questions. Also included will be a refresher on pesticide advice and *Say, Show, Share*. Watch for an email with more details and a link to SignUpGenius in late January.

...Master Gardener Carrie Hill

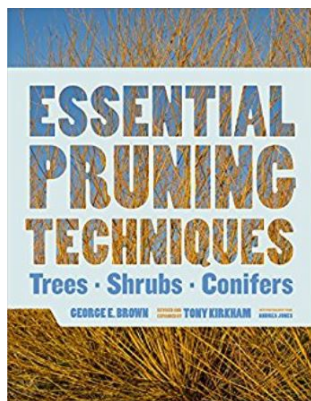
New 2020 Master Gardener Handbook Available for Download

The newest version of the *Master Gardener Program Handbook* is available for download at http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/MG_Handbook_2020.pdf

This resource includes answers to questions about volunteer hours, what qualifies as "continuing education," and Program and Foundation policies and procedures. Check it out!

Job Opening: PlantAmnesty

PlantAmnesty is looking for a new Executive Director. For details about this position, please visit <http://www.plantamnesty.org> or send an email to



Elisabeth C. Miller
Library Selection

Essential Pruning Techniques

We have a couple months of winter to get through yet. This might be a good time to review your pruning knowledge. This month's selection will help you do just that.

[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: <https://www.mgfk.org/education>

Growing Groceries Classes.

Growing Groceries classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Zoom online platform. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$5 for each class, to support the Master Gardener Foundation and the WSU Extension King County Master Gardener Program. Advance registration is required for each class.

January 6, 2021: Small Fruits and Perennial Vegetables [Register](#)

January 20, 2021: Seed Starting [Register](#)
Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#)

page for information and registration for all Growing Groceries classes.

King Conservation District

Wednesday, January 13, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Benefits and Beauty of Landscaping with Native Plants, presented by Jacobus Saperstein, Senior Riparian Resource Specialist. Information and registration at the KCD [website](#)

Bellevue Demo Garden Workshops:

Workshops are selected Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The first workshop each month is free and registration is not required. For the remaining workshops each month, the suggested donation is \$5 and registration is required.

January 16: Planning for a Vegetable Garden,

presented by Master Gardener Alumna Pat Roome. No registration required. Visit

<https://www.mgfk.org/education/bdg-workshops> for Zoom information.

January 23: The Enjoyment and Challenges of

Growing Orchids, presented by Master Gardener Jim Olson. [Register](#)

January 30: Pruning Spring Blooming Shrubs for Optimal Bloom and Year-Round Beauty,

presented by Christina Pfeiffer [Register](#)

For information and details, please visit

<https://www.mgfk.org/education/bdg-workshops>

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.

The first of three webinars co-sponsored with King County Master Gardener Foundation. Discounted fee for MGs is \$5.

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Soil: Your Garden's Most Valuable Player, presented by Master Gardener Gia Parsons.

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

Cowlitz County Master Gardeners Online Advanced Master Gardener Training

Offered on three Friday mornings in February, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for the series.

[Buy tickets and register](#) for the series. Seats are limited.

February 12, 2021:

Diagnosing Plant Problems, Jennie Glass, WSU Plant Pathologist at the Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Laboratory.

February 19, 2021: Horticultural Myths,

Linda Chalker-Scott, Associate Professor, Extension Urban Horticulturalist at WSU PREC.

February 26, 2021:

Urban Forestry, Daria Gosztyla, Projects and Outreach Specialist at Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources.

Savvy Gardener Classes (Saving Water Partnership)

<https://www.savingwater.org/lawn-garden/gardening-classes/>

Future File

The International Conference goes virtual!

September 12 to 17, 2021

Registration opens April 5, 2021. Information at [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 and Retreat, Saturday, January 16, noon to 3 p.m. online. For information and details, contact Board President Jim Olson at president@mgfkc.org



King Conservation District Online Plant Sale
Purchase native plants for your garden. Plant profiles and information available; supplies are limited.

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
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