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## The Master Gardener Connection

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**COOL PLANTS**

**HOT TIPS**

**Fall Master Gardener  
Plant Sale & Talks**

### **Fall Festival Plant Sale & Speakers: *Cool Plants & Hot Tips***

*...by Cristina Cartledge, Master Gardener*

Don't miss the Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale & Talks at the Bellevue Botanical Garden on September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Plant Sale

Team is hard at work organizing plant sale vendors, speakers, and garden talks. Read about the latest updates to the schedule [here](#).

Please note that COVID-19 policies and procedures are regularly updated on the website. Continue to check back for the most current updates.



### ***Extend Your Resources***

## **Pest attack-order changes plant defenses**

*...article by Sara Zaske, WSU News; photo by Bob Hubner, WSU Photo Services*

Did you know that plants can recognize the type of pest attacking them and change their response? This article reports on recent research that may lead to new lines of study and potential changes in pest management.

Here's the [link](#):

This article was originally published in [the WSU Insider](#), Washington State University

### **Quick Links**

[MGFKC](#)

[King County MG](#)

[Become a Master Gardener](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

### **Staying Smart**

[Growing Groceries 2020-2021](#)

[BDG Saturday Workshops 2021](#)

[Education Events for the Public and Master Gardeners](#)

## **New Master Gardener Class Planned for 2022!**

Want to become a Master Gardener? The Master Gardener Program in King County will conduct training in 2022. A new training class will start in January, a combination of online and in-person sessions. Applications will be available in September and must be returned by email by October 31. Please visit our [Become A Master Gardener](#) page for the details. Tell a friend!



## **Volunteers Needed for Education Strategic Planning Process**

*...by Dave Hanower, Master Gardener*

The Foundation Board has asked the Education Team to organize a task force to evaluate our educational offerings to the general public and our advanced continuing education programming for Master Gardeners. Specifically, the Board has asked us to develop a strategic plan or vision for a more robust education program, which would focus on how we can optimize the impact of our educational programs while becoming a more significant fund-raising source for the Foundation.

The Education Team would like to invite other Master Gardeners who have a background or interest in education to join us for this project. The Education Team is composed of Master Gardeners who organize and run our current educational programs (Bellevue Demonstration Garden speaker series, Growing Groceries, Speakers Bureau, Teaching Kits, etc.). We would appreciate having input from Master Gardeners who have different educational perspectives.

The Board has asked for feedback from this group as the 2022 Budget is being developed. As a result, the work of this group should wrap up by year-end.

If you are interested in serving on this Strategic Planning task force or have questions, please contact Dave Hanower at [dhanower@me.com](mailto:dhanower@me.com).



## News Shoots: Short Subjects

### COVID Policy Update: Master Gardener Program in King County

As I'm sure you've seen in the news, more and more agencies and employers are requiring COVID-19 vaccinations in order to maintain a safe working environment. Governor Inslee announced that state employees and volunteers will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. That includes WSU. "Fully vaccinated" is defined as at least 2 weeks after receiving the last dose of a vaccine approved in the United States for protection against COVID-19.

Within our Master Gardener Program, effective immediately, MGs who wish to participate in in-person activity must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Even fully vaccinated individuals must wear face masks over their nose and mouth at indoor events, given what is currently known about the Delta variant. Misrepresenting

## Of Interest to You

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### Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

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### *WHERE am I?*

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

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### **Master Gardeners: Questions About GivePulse?**

If you have not claimed your GivePulse account to join the new statewide platform, or if you have questions, you'll find links to information and instructions in emails

one's vaccination status is grounds for dismissal from the program.

We respect any individual's decision regarding vaccination. At the same time, we have an obligation to do our best to ensure the safety of our MGs who wish to return to in-person activities.

If you have questions or concerns about this policy, please email me at [king.mg@wsu.edu](mailto:king.mg@wsu.edu)

*Mary Watts, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, King County*

from Program Coordinator Mary Watts on June 22nd and July 15th.

## Where in the World Wide Web can you find us?



Where can anyone find out about the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County, how to become a Master Gardener, our list of speakers or the Puget Sound Tip Sheets?

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/gardening/>

For **MG-only** information, log into the "KCMGs, Only" area.



Where can anyone find links to the most current newsletters, education events for the public, and the Foundation activities and recognitions?

<https://www.mgfkc.org/>

For **MG-only** information about Foundation policies and more clinic resources, log into the "Member Area."

## Did you know? *Critical issues*

The Master Gardener Program in King County supports several critical issues facing Washington residents. These include clean water, local food, climate change, pollinators, and more. Check out all 9 critical issues here:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/our-vision-mission-values-and-critical-issues/>



## *Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection*

### *Buzz: the nature and necessity of bees*

Intense study of bees yields the results of recent research told by a good story-teller. This month's Miller Library selection features Thor Hanson's latest book.

[Read more](#)



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**Thank You.**

## *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!***

#### ***Education Opportunities***

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

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

#### ***Growing Groceries Classes***

Growing Groceries classes are finished for the season. Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration for all classes.

#### ***Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops.***

Workshops are 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.

#### **September 18: Great PNW Conifer Families for Your Green Space**

presented by Penny Kriese, Master Gardener and Seattle Tree Ambassador.

[Register](#)

#### **September 25: Growing Bamboo**, presented by James Clever, Past

President of the American Bamboo Society. [Register](#)

For more information, please visit

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

### ***Bellevue Botanical Garden***

Preregistration is required for online webinars and in-person classes at the Garden; 30% discount for BBG members. Registrants for online webinars will receive an email within two business days with "join" information. Note that some classes are now being presented in person. Please check each class for updates.

**September 2, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pruning Talk**, presented by Ingela Wanerstrand from PlantAmnesty. [Details and registration](#)

**September 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Appreciating the Autumn Garden**, presented by George Lasch, Bellevue Botanical Garden. [Details and registration](#)

Webinars and classes at the Garden are listed on the "Learn" tab.

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/>

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

Check the Savvy Gardener website for registration information and location. If in-person meetings are not allowed at the time of the class, it will be moved online and information to join via Zoom will be emailed before the class.

**September 2, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Know Your Garden: winning the war on water use with great plants and techniques.** presented by Marianne Binetti, author and NW Horticultural Expert. Location: online.

**September 8, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Perma-what? Designing your own permaculture paradise.** presented by Jessi Bloom, author and landscape designer. Location: King County Water District 90, Renton.

**September 14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Native Plants: Combining beauty with water conservation,** presented by Peggy Campell, horticulturist. Location: online.

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

### ***Future File***

**September 12 to 17, 2021:**

[International Master Gardener Conference](#)

Norfolk, Virginia. Registration closed. The conference program is available online.

**September 29 - October 2, 2021:**

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

Registration opens April 1.

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***Events, Coming Attractions***

Master Gardener Foundation Board Meeting,  
Thursday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. online meeting.  
Information and details  
at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>

## Celebrate Mick Duggan!

Open Garden Send-off, Saturday, September 11  
Drop in between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden at El Centro  
de la Raza, 2524 16th Avenue South, Seattle  
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## 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](mailto:communicate@mgfk.org). All published photos have the photographer's permission or are sourced from free-to-use sites.

## **WAIT! Don't unsubscribe from all mailings if you are an active Master Gardener!**

If you wish to unsubscribe, be selective and identify the email lists you wish to receive. **All active Master Gardeners in King County are expected to subscribe to the current year's "KC Master Gardeners" Email List** to continue receiving information about Program activities, updates and recertification notices. Other email lists are optional.

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