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## The Master Gardener Connection

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### **Cool Plants, Hot Tips, Long Pants, Parsnips! Plant Sale Success**

Master Gardeners, Bellevue Botanical Garden, and the Master Gardener Foundation teamed up to present a successful plant sale and continuing education in September.

[Read the recap](#)

***Cultivate More Knowledge***

**Insect Culprits: The Beasties of**



## Halloween

...by Bruce Bennett, Master Gardener

What better time to talk about creepy crawlies than Halloween? MG Bruce Bennett reviews four insects that can do serious damage to your plants.

[Read more](#)

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## Finn Hill Demonstration Garden Update: Garden Tour Treat



King County Master Gardener Alumna Pat Roome conducted a tour recently of her extensive garden for the MGs working on the Finn Hill Demo Garden. The MGs were treated to Pat's collection of vegetables and fruit trees and they have shared some views of that tour in this short video, courtesy of Master Gardener Carol Hart and husband Brian. Enjoy!

[Pat Roome-Master Gardener-v4.mp4](#)

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## ***Announcements...Announcements...Announcements***



### Growing Groceries 2022

The Growing Groceries leadership team is currently building our fifth season of classes and will relaunch the program in January 2022. This very popular series, presented online, averaged nearly 250 registrants per class. The new season will also be on Zoom and will include a few classes with content ideal for the advanced gardener, but will continue to focus primarily on content for beginning and intermediate gardeners. We also hope to add some hands-on workshops to our talks. Watch for more information coming soon at <https://www.mgfk.org/education/growinggroceries>. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our faculty by contacting [growinggroceries.king@gmail.com](mailto:growinggroceries.king@gmail.com).

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## ***Help Wanted***



### Volunteers Needed for Education Strategic Planning Process

Want to help plan our education strategy? The Foundation Board has asked the Education Team to evaluate our educational offerings to the general public and advanced education offerings to Master Gardeners and develop a strategic plan that

would optimize our educational impact while becoming a more significant fund-raising source. The Education Team would like to invite Master Gardeners with a background or interest in education to join us in this project. The work of this group should wrap up by year-end. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Dave Hanower at [dhanower@me.com](mailto:dhanower@me.com)

## Contribute Content to our Master Gardener Facebook Page

We are always looking for fresh content for our Master Gardener Facebook page. If you have an idea for a post, or would like to submit a post, please contact MG Tiffany Ng, [tiftfng21@gmail.com](mailto:tiftfng21@gmail.com). Here are some suggestions for posts:

- >Re-posts from other Master Gardener sites in Washington state, Oregon, Idaho
- >Information about plants from other Pacific Northwest horticultural organizations like the Northwest Perennial Alliance, Plant Amnesty, or Eastside Fuchsia Society
- >Links to WSU or other Cooperative Extension universities (Oregon State University Extension, University of California Extension)

*No advertising accepted*



## Master Gardener Recognition Event

Mark your calendars for the annual Master Gardener Recognition event: Sunday, October 17, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate your fellow Master Gardeners, get an update on Foundation and Program progress and goals, plus a palette of short-subject continuing education topics! *Nominations for Outstanding Master Gardener close on October 4*: Check the September 9 email from Program Coordinator Mary Watts for details.

## 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.

### Quick Links

[MGFKC](#)

[King County MG](#)

[Become a Master Gardener](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

### Staying Smart

[BDG Saturday Workshops 2021](#)

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



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.mgfk.org/>

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



## News Shoots: Short Subjects

### Annual Re-application Process

It's almost time! The annual reapplication process for current Master Gardeners will begin mid-October this year. Completed reapplications will be due by November 30, 2021, which is one month earlier than last year. The earlier deadline is necessary to collect critical information for required year-end planning and reporting. Master Gardeners will receive more information via email in early October.

### COVID-19 Update: Vaccination Verification Steps

Governor Inslee has set a deadline of October 18 for state employees, contractors, and volunteers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and WSU has defined the steps we need to take to verify Master Gardeners' vaccination status. Note that Master Gardeners who wish to remain active

## Of Interest to You

### Tip Sheets for KC

Browse tip sheets about Puget Sound Gardening

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

### *WHERE am I?*

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

### **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 from Program

after October 18 will need to follow these steps. Please check your email September 27/28 for communication from Program Coordinator Mary Watts for complete information.

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

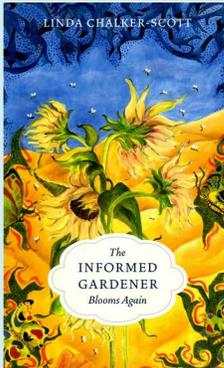
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**Thank You.**



### ***Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection***

### ***The Informed Gardener Blooms Again***

Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott busts some more gardening myths in this update to her first edition of 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! 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 updates on classes for 2022.

### ***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.

**October 2: Homing in on Houseplants**, presented by Penny Kriese, Master Gardener. **FREE CLASS** – Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/95231928282> Meeting ID: 952 3192 8282 [By phone: Dial in: 1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 952 3192 8282]

**October 9: Planting and Growing Garlic**, presented by Lory Armitage, Master Gardener [Register](#)

**October 16: Shrubs that Grow Well in King County**, presented by Cleo Raulerson, Master Gardener [Register](#)

**October 23: Gardening Naturally with Adapted Plants**, presented by Pat Roome, Master Gardener Alumna. [Register](#)

For more information, please visit

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

This completes the 2021 series of BDG Workshops. Thanks for your interest and look for more classes in 2022.

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

Preregistration is required for webinars; 30% discount for BBG members, \$15 for nonmembers. Registrants will receive an email within two business days with "join" information.

**October 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m Symposium: Wild by Design.** Joint presentation of Heronswood and Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. This year's symposium is a fundraiser for both organizations.

Details and registration at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/symposium-wild-by-design/>

More information on BBG classes and webinars at

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/learn/?all-events>

### ***Washington Native Plant Society***

**October 12, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Native Plants to Enjoy All Year**, presented by Sara Gage. Zoom webinar, admission is free. To register, please go to the event website: <https://www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1176>

### ***Future File***

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

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

Online registration open.

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## ***Events, Coming Attractions***

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. online meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>



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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@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org). All published photos have the photographer's permission or are sourced from free-to-use sites.

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## **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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