



MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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The Happy Intersection of Hope, Expectation and Planning

With Recertification behind us, the King County Master Gardener Program finds itself in a very good position to launch the 2022 season. We've had a robust return of you, our dedicated volunteers, and with the addition of a 2022 class of 116 very excited interns, we'll be nearly 600 strong again this year. We're honored (OK... ecstatic!) to be one of the largest Master Gardener programs in the United States and the largest in the state of Washington. We have a legacy.



Our expectation is that we will be in our public-facing clinics this season (the Email Clinic has remained active all winter), so the Clinic Leadership Team is well into 2022 planning. We are organizing clinic operations, reviewing and building the tools and other support needed for our valued volunteers and the gardening public. We will launch several new resources – and some improved processes – and we will definitely be ready for the opportunities we'll have. Yes, there are a few unknowns, but also a lot of hope and the expectation we will be back. All of us are looking forward to being together again this year, renewing our relationships and supporting our communities.

The Clinic Leadership Team (CLT)

Mary Watts, Gary Scheider, Carrie Hill, Jim Olson, Daryl Schlessner, Brenda Spilker and Molly van der Burch



New Murals at Magnuson Children's Garden

2021 was an exciting year at our

Magnuson Children's Garden (MCG). Emily Bishton, the MCG Communications Leader, reported that there are two new murals which kids and adult volunteers worked on last summer and fall. They were installed on the double-sided kiosk at the south end of the Children's Garden.

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County provides an annual budget for educational materials, plants, tools and other items used in this garden. Find out more about the garden sponsors and partners at http://magnusonchildrensgarden.org/?page_id=5758.

Magnuson Children's Garden was the recipient of a generous \$100,000 contribution through The Climate Equity Fund in 2021. This donation will support the creation of a Baby Grey Whale climbing structure, to accompany our existing Grey Whale Garden "mama." The Baby Grey Whale project fulfills a 10+ year wish from children for our existing Grey Whale Garden "mama" to have an offspring to keep her company. This donation has already made wheelchair-accessible paths throughout the garden possible, increasing accessibility to all.

Read more about the mural and activities at the Children's Garden at Magnuson Park on the garden's website: <http://magnusonchildrensgarden.org/>. Fantastic job, MCG!



Shorewood High School Culinary Arts Garden: *How Does Your Garden Grow?*

...by Judy Broom, Master Gardener

Yes, the sun continued to shine... sometimes. The rain continued to fall and the soil food web worked its horticultural magic in our demonstration gardens. But for almost two years now, a tiny virus has presented a large gardening obstacle.

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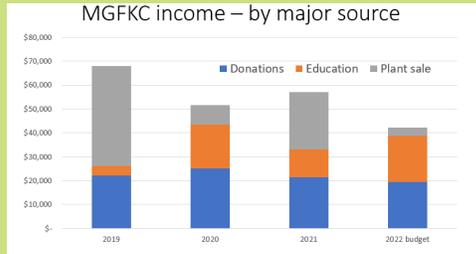
Remembering What it Means to be a Master Gardener

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

It's quite an accomplishment to be a Master Gardener. In the beginning, we attended intern training classes and, for many of us, it had been a long time since we sat in a classroom. Then, there was the internship. Think back to your very first time sitting at a clinic table. Are there any among us who were not fearful of being embarrassed in front of a client or being discovered as an imposter masquerading as the expert? How about

working in a demonstration garden? Did it seem like all the veterans were experts, each with a certain specialty?

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Fundraising Changes for the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

...by Jim Olson, Foundation Board President and Master Gardener

This year, changes are being made to the way the Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGFKC) raises money.

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Remembering Master Gardener Donna Sunkel

...by Nancy Simons, Arboretum Clinic Lead and Master Gardener

Master Gardener Donna Sunkel joined the Arboretum Clinic in 2015 and became a committed Master Gardener. Donna was hospitalized in late October 2021. When she discovered she was facing death, she asked me to tell everyone, which I did, at a clinic meeting in mid-November. Donna died at home, surrounded by her family, at the end of November.

Many of our clinic members wrote interesting anecdotes about Donna which highlighted her sense of humor, her exacting knowledge of plants and the environment, her desire to share clear answers with our clients, and her strong commitment to the Cesar Chavez Demonstration Garden. Donna also mentored many new Master Gardeners and thoughtfully helped them through the process of internship. She always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye.

Donna was very reliable and kept her commitments. She always did the best job she could and encouraged the public to have fun with gardening. She was ready to fill in at the last minute if someone needed a sub at our clinic. She was a confidante for me and an inspiration

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for all of us at the Arboretum Clinic. She will be missed by all of 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.mgfk.org/>

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



News Shoots: Short Subjects

A Message from the Program Coordinator:

2022 Master Gardener Basic Training for interns kicked off on Saturday, January 15. We have a class of 116 trainees and 21 mentors supporting them. The support that mentors provide adds tremendously to the trainee experience, so we very much appreciate their time and dedication. Most class sessions will be held via Zoom. We are hoping to have some in-person classes in March if the pandemic has waned by then. It is very exciting to have a fresh class of trainees and this batch of students is very smart and enthusiastic!

The Master Gardeners of
King County will have a

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 questions
about GivePulse, you'll
find links to information
and instructions in an



booth at the 2022 Northwest Flower and Garden Festival, February 9-13, 2022. If you are attending the event, please stop by our booth

(#2611) and say hello!

email from Program Coordinator Mary Watts on November 24 titled "GivePulse: Two Updates and our Top 5 Tips".

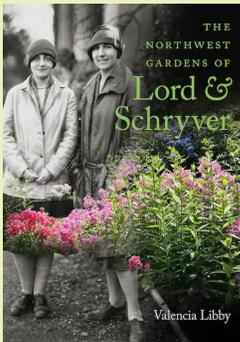


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Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

The Northwest Gardens of Lord & Schryver

In her new book, author Valencia Libby details the history of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver. Edith and Elizabeth met as young women studying at the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women in Massachusetts. In 1929, they founded Lord & Schryver, the first Pacific Northwest landscape architecture firm owned and operated by women. Together, they designed more than 200 gardens in Oregon and Washington. This book will appeal to anyone interested in garden design, landscape architecture and Pacific Northwest history. Brian Thompson, Curator of Horticultural Literature, reviewed 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 Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please visit the [Growing Groceries](#) page for information and registration for all classes.

February 9: Soil Science Basics, presented by Master Gardener Darien Payne and **Seed Starting**, presented by Master Gardeners Suzie O'Byrne and Margaret McLeod.

March 2: Early Spring Vegetables, presented by Master Gardener Anne Neilson

Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops.

Workshops are Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For information and details, please visit <https://www.mgfkc.org/education/bdg-workshops>.

February 5: Safe and Healthy Edible Gardening, presented by Laura Matter, Garden Hotline Manager, Tilth Alliance.

February 26: Orchid Growing Basics, presented by Master Gardener Jim Olson.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

BBGS members receive a 30% discount on most webinars; \$15 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. More information on BBG classes and webinars at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/webinars/>

February 3: Growing Small Fruits: Currants and Berries and Kiwis, Oh My! presented by Master Gardeners Gia Parsons and Joan Baldwin.

February 17: Wonderful World of Trilliums, presented by Susie Egan of Cottage Lake Gardens.

Washington Native Plant Society

February 8: Introduction to Lichens and Bryophytes of Western Washington, a Zoom webinar presented by Dr. Fred Rhoades. Visit www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1425 to register.

Michigan State University Extension

February 5, 11 or 18: Interactive Pruning Workshop for Smart Gardeners, a Zoom webinar taught by Michigan State University Senior Horticulture Educator, Rebecca Finneran. Visit events.anr.msu.edu/2022PruningWorkshop/ to register.

Future File

September 29 - October 1, 2022:

[WSU Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference](#),
at the Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake in Olympia, Washington.

Events and Coming Attractions

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, February 9-13, 2022
at the Washington State Convention Center. Information at
gardenshow.com.

MGF Board Meeting, Thursday, March 10 from 7:00 p.m. to
8:30 p.m. online meeting. Information and details
at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>



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 10th of the month prior to publication (ex: May 10 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.

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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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