

MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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Annual Master Gardener Recertification Begins October 19

It's that time of year already! The annual Master Gardener Recertification window will open October 19. All applications for recertification will be due by November 30, 2022. *Late applications cannot be accepted.*

Active Master Gardeners are encouraged to review their hours now and ensure they have a plan for completing their volunteer requirements before the recertification deadline. Volunteer hours must be kept current in [GivePulse](#) at least monthly. A reminder of 2022 volunteer requirements, along with instructions for checking recorded 2022 hours, may be found in the September 8 email message from the Program Leadership Team.

Current Master Gardeners in *intern, veteran, emeritus* and *leave of absence* status will receive an email with more information about recertification in early October. The application link will be sent in a separate email on October 19.

A Note from the Program Coordinator

I would like to begin by saying thank you to all the Program and Foundation leaders and the Master Gardeners who have made me feel so welcome. Thank you for sharing information about the important work you are doing. I'm working with Program leadership to find opportunities and activities where I can meet more of you and see the work you are doing. In the meantime, you are invited to come meet me and share your insights into the Program.



I will be holding in-person office hours in the Master Gardeners' office at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle WA 98105, on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. I will also be available to meet on Zoom on Tuesdays from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting link is here: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/96435472662?pwd=ZkxMNDC5Z2VtVGJHN3RtbWZxbVpzZz09>. I will have my Zoom meeting open; feel free to say, “hi” so I know you are there.

In the future, I will use this space to share Program news and updates. As I get to know more of you, I hope to learn what is important to you and use this space for topics you most want to hear about.

Warmly,
Sarah Moore
King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator

Magnuson Children's Garden Dedication and Anniversary Event

Over 50 children and adults gathered on June 30th for a day of celebration at Magnuson Children's Garden. The garden looked its best on the sunny afternoon with dozens of shrubs and perennials blooming in the beds and all of the garden furnishings “shined up” for the big occasion.

Artist and teacher Sandy Brichel Miller emceed the event and received kudos for her leadership of the “All Are Welcome” double-sided mural project. Over 100 local youth participated in the ceramic mural and/or the painted mural. Several of the children shared favorite moments of their participation in the design and creation process. Children's Garden (CG) volunteers Carol Furry, Martha Taylor, and Master Gardener Emily Bishton received special recognition for their work on the mural project.

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*CG Committee Co-Founders, Christina Pfeiffer and Cindy Hazard, speak with community youth and parents.
Photo credit Wanqin Su.*

Master Gardener Recognition Event and Foundation Annual Meeting

Our Master Gardener Recognition Event and Foundation Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden. We'll have refreshments catered by Pyramid Catering and a continuing education presentation on plant identification by Eve Rickenbaker, Collection Manager for the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium at UW Botanic Gardens. Master Gardeners, watch your email for an invitation to register for this event. Seating will be limited.



Remember to nominate those Master Gardeners who have gone above and beyond this year. The Outstanding Master Gardener [nomination form](#) is due October 7. Award recipients will be acknowledged at our annual Recognition Event.

If you have questions, please email king.mg@wsu.edu or president@mgfkc.org.

Sarah Moore, Program Coordinator - King County Master Gardeners
Jim Olson, President – Master Gardener Foundation of King County

Cool Plants, Hot Topics: *Event Recap and Acknowledgments*

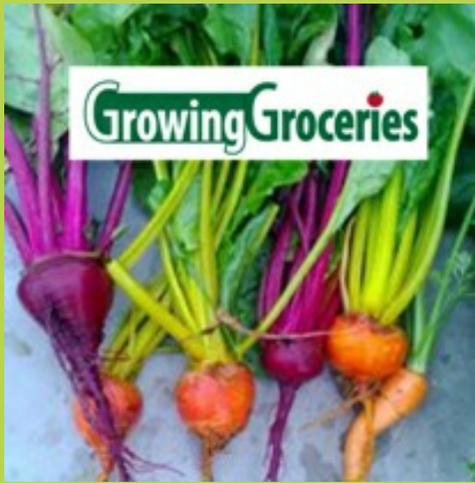
...by Bruce Caredio, Master Gardener and Foundation Board Member

While big events never go perfectly, from my point of view, the **Cool Plants, Hot Topics!** event ran quite smoothly. The team of Master Gardeners, Suzi O'Byrne, Bruce Williams and myself under the gentle guidance of event coordinator and Master Gardener, Linda Peterson, planned and facilitated a successful plant sale and continuing education event.

[Read more](#)



*Shoppers at the Cool Plants, Hot Topics! plant sale.
Photo credit Suzi O'Byrne.*



Calling All Veggie Gardeners!

The Growing Groceries Leadership Team is looking for new members who are interested in developing the next Growing Groceries lecture series. Team members *may* be presenters, but the main tasks involve planning and administering the program. There's no need to drive to meetings as Growing Groceries is a very successful Zoom-based program.

Please consider joining this amazing team. If you are interested, please contact Joan Baldwin at growinggroceries.king@gmail.com for details.

Quick Links



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Volunteer hours must be entered monthly.

Staying Smart

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Wisdom from the Past

The excerpt that follows appeared in an article in the "President's Corner" in the April 2001 Program/Foundation joint newsletter. Master Gardener Laura Roudabush, then President of the Foundation Board, wrote this shortly after the Nisqually earthquake, which hit the Puget Sound area in February 2001. Laura's comments are as relevant today as then, and prescient as well. Thanks to Master Gardener Penny Kriese for bringing this to light.

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"Be it energy prices, water supply or job layoffs, we are all under tremendous

budgetary pressures that directly impact our decision making. We need to put food on the table, heat our homes and keep a roof over our heads. It is important to know the impacts of our choices both on our budget and on the environment. Knowing your options, leads to environmentally friendly choices. It is times like these that we need the research based factual education provided by WSU Cooperative Extension via Master Gardeners to be widespread. Learning how to protect, cherish and nurture this fragile earth is the true path to saving not only it but also ourselves.

Our training and expertise are needed more now than ever. There are so many needs and only so many Master Gardeners to go around. I would urge those of you with special skills to use them to their fullest. Apply yourself to the area in which you excel. I want you to be greedy about acquiring new knowledge, take advantage of the educational opportunities that WSU offers so that you can then pass it on to others. When we are passionate about our calling, the entire community gets fired up and the effect is contagious...As Master Gardeners [we] can immediately have an impact on the quality of daily life and need not wait for an earthquake to see the bounties of our teachings. By joyously sharing our knowledge, we enable others as well as ourselves to live life to its fullest.”



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.mgfkf.org/>

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



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Master Gardener Basic Training Applications for 2023

Do you know someone who would like to become a WSU Extension Master Gardener? Applications for the 2023 Basic Training class in King County are due no later than October 31, 2022. The classes will be a combination of online and in-person sessions from January through March. Please refer any interested applicants to our [Become A Master Gardener](#) page for more information!

Of Interest to You

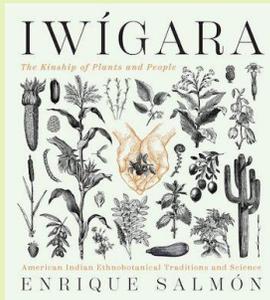
Tip Sheets for KC

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](#)



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection

Iwígara

In his book, *Iwígara*, ethnobotanist Enrique Salmón weaves together the traditions and knowledge of North American indigenous peoples with scientific facts. His plant guide covers 80 different native plants and includes each plant's story, origins, its botanical family and traditional uses.

Iwígara was published in September 2020 by Timber Press. 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 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. Pre-registration is required. For information and details, please visit <https://www.mgfk.org/education/bdg-workshops>.

October 1: Home is for Houseplants, presented by Penny Kriese, Master Master Gardener.

October 8: Fall Groundwork in the Natural Garden, presented by Laura Matter, Program Director-Natural Yard Care at Tilth Alliance.

October 15: Our Pacific Northwest Gardens and Climate Change, presented by Jim Little and Molly van der Burch, Master Gardeners.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

BBGS members receive a 30% discount on most webinars, lectures and classes. More information at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/learn/?all-events>.

October 6: Peonies, webinar presented by peony expert, Kit Haesloop.



Events and Coming Attractions

MGFKC Board Meeting on Thursday, October 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. online Zoom meeting. Information and details at <http://www.mgfk.org/events/mgfk-meetings>.

Zoom Meeting

-<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88172076722>

Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722

One tap mobile - +12532158782,,88172076722#

Dial in - +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 881 7207 6722

2022 Master Gardener Recognition Event – Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

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.

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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