

# MASTER GARDENER connection

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AND THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY

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## 2022 Master Gardeners of King County Recognition Celebration

*...by Sarah Moore, Program Coordinator and Jim Olson, Foundation Board President*

On Saturday, October 22, approximately 85 WSU Extension Master Gardeners gathered at the Aaron Education Center in the Bellevue Botanical Garden to enjoy a delicious catered lunch and to celebrate the award recipients for Length of Service Awards, Outstanding Master Gardener, the President's Award and the Foundation Award.

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*Event attendees enjoy a buffet lunch.  
Photo credit: MG Amy Lee*



*Eve Rickenbaker presents "In the Garden of Good and Evil Plant Names."  
Photo credit: MG Amy Lee*

## Recertification Applications Due November 30

The annual recertification window for current Master Gardeners is open through November 30. It's important to complete your recertification requirements and submit your application by the deadline to continue as an active Master Gardener in 2023. Please see the October 19 email from Sarah Moore, Program Coordinator, with recertification requirement details and a link to the application form in GivePulse.

### A Note from the Program Coordinator

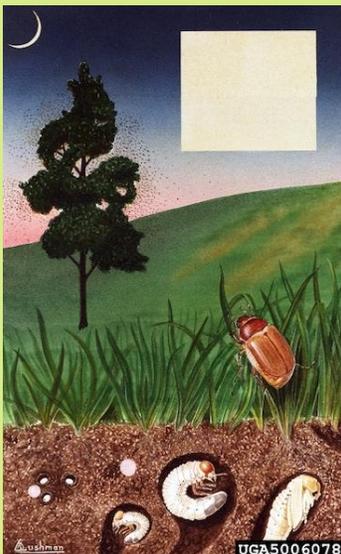
As we near the end of 2022, I want to thank all of this year's interns. 2022 interns, please save the date for an **Intern Graduation and Celebration** event planned for 1:00 p.m. on January 7, 2023, via Zoom. This event will be a way to show our appreciation for all the interns have accomplished. If you are a veteran Master Gardener and would like to help celebrate our interns, please contact Program Coordinator Sarah Moore.



*Reminder to interns, in order to become Certified Master Gardeners, please complete and submit your application for certification in GivePulse by November 30, 2022.*

It's been a joy getting to know people this way and I want to remind you that I will be available in the office on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., as well as on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/92515676866>. Please note you must be signed in to Zoom in order to connect.

Warmly,  
Sarah Moore  
King County Master Gardener Program Coordinator



### *Cultivate (More) Knowledge*

#### Why Does My Lawn Look Like a Buffet After the Guests Have Finished?

*This article was originally published in Heads UP! Spring 2021, Volume 7, Issue 1*

In late winter we are seeing aggressive crow and raccoon activity in lawns as European chafers (*Amphimallon majale*) damage turfgrass areas. Turfgrass specialists state in [Protecting Lawns Against European Chafer](#) that lawns receiving minimal irrigation during our seasonal drought

periods are susceptible. ...[Read more](#)

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## Thanks, WSU Master Gardeners!

Who doesn't love a discount? Two area merchants continue to offer a 10% discount to WSU Master Gardeners when they show their badge at checkout. **McLendon's Hardware** offers the discount on regularly priced merchandise. **Sky Nursery** in Shoreline also offers the discount on regularly priced merchandise (excluding gift cards, delivery). This year, we add **Newcastle Fruit & Produce** to this group, offering the discount on both regular merchandise and sale items. Do remember to bring your WSU Master Gardener badge when you shop these local merchants. Happy shopping!

## Extension Master Gardener 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2023



"The Extension Master Gardener 50th anniversary campaign will kick off on Monday, March 20, 2023, which is the official first day of spring.

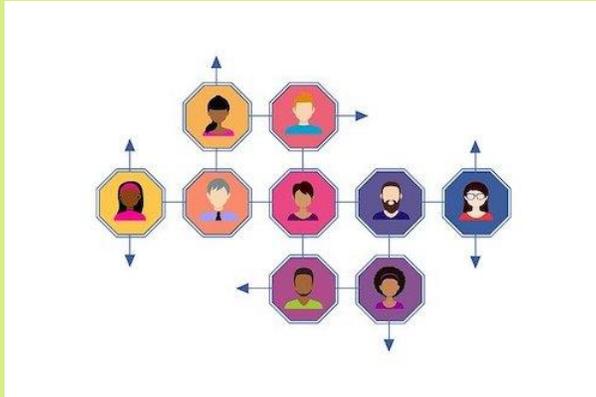
"2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Program. For a half-century, the Extension Master Gardener Program has taught individuals how to grow their own food sustainably and improve their communities by conserving water, fortifying soil health, bolstering the food-supply chain, sharing knowledge, and teaching the next generation the values of stewardship ... Founded in 1973 by Washington State University (WSU) Extension agents in King and Pierce counties, the Extension Master Gardener concept has been replicated throughout the United States and internationally. Today there are 85,000 certified Extension Master Gardeners worldwide."

Stay tuned throughout 2023 for news, updates, and invitations to get involved.

## MGFKC Annual Appeal

As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. MGFKC provides over 80% of the financial support for the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County. Your generous contribution will help support all Master Gardener activities in King County at a time when more people than ever are taking up home gardening. Thank you.

<https://www.mgfkf.org/support-us/donate>



## **Volunteer Needed: *Publicity for WSU Extension Master Gardeners 50th Anniversary Celebration***

The WSU Extension Master Gardeners celebrate 50 years in Washington state in 2023. This is a great opportunity for a WSU Master Gardener with communications skills to guide the campaign's publicity for this occasion on social media here in King County where it all began. The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program (state level) has created a detailed Social Media Toolkit for help planning a timeline, content, images, and even sample posts that we can tailor to our King County audience. Join us on the Communications Committee and share your experiences in communications, content creation, and social media management. This special campaign extends from March 2023 (launch date on the first day of spring) until the end of 2023 and could include managing and posting other general content, like our educational classes, workshops, and special events. Interested Master Gardeners may contact Marty Byrne at [communicate@mgfkc.org](mailto:communicate@mgfkc.org).

### **Quick Links**



[MGFKC](#)



[King County MG](#)

[Become a Master Gardener](#)

[MGF Washington State](#)

### **Record Impacts**

[GivePulse Login Page](#)

*Volunteer hours must be entered monthly.*

### **Staying Smart**

[BDG Saturday Workshops 2022](#)

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

[Growing Groceries](#)



## **MGFKC Board Welcomes Nancy Marshall as Treasurer**

The Master Gardener Foundation of King County welcomes Nancy Marshall to the Board. Nancy is replacing TerryJo Johnson as the Foundation Treasurer.

Nancy's gardening roots can be traced back to her parents' garden complete with a giant Queen Anne cherry tree. She was hooked on gardening with her

first crop of violas planted from seed.

A Master Gardener since 2007, Nancy has always been an environmentalist at heart. She joined the Program to learn and help others learn about science-based gardening practices. After retiring her CPA license last year, Nancy felt she had more time to devote to volunteering and ran for a Board position. “The treasurer position is a natural fit due to my accounting background. I’ve been a treasurer for numerous non-profits over the past 25 years,” Nancy said.

Nancy takes pleasure in the many wonderful friends she’s made through the Program. She is a member of the Snoqualmie Valley Clinic. She lives with her husband, cats, goats and chickens on five acres in Fall City. “We call it our ‘farmette’,” she said. “We grow perennials and veggies, and have started a small orchard. It keeps us busy!”

Nancy can be contacted at [treasurer@mgfkc.org](mailto:treasurer@mgfkc.org).

## Is it Time to Plant Bulbs Yet?

...by Bruce Bennett, Master Gardener

I shouldn’t smile, but I always do at this time of year when spring-flowering bulbs magically appear at our local box stores. Inevitably, I’ll receive questions at an Ask-a-Master-Gardener clinic or after a public lecture about the appropriate time to plant these little bundles of future color and heralds of the next long-awaited springtime. The short answer to this often-asked question is “Plant ‘em if you got ‘em – the sooner, the better, *but* later is okay too.” This column may be about “bulbs,” but, included in the term, are more than just true bulbs, such as tulips. This advice includes plants with tuberous roots, tubers, corms and rhizomes. This information can be applied to all of them.



[Read more](#)



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/>



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

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

resources, log into the "Member Area."



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**Thank you.**



## Northwest Flower & Garden Festival Discounted Tickets for a Limited Time

The WSU Extension Master Gardeners will have a significantly expanded presence at the 2023 Flower & Garden Festival. The Festival, located at the Seattle Convention Center, runs February 15 – 19, 2023. Stay tuned for all the details, but in the meantime, mark your calendar: **Starting Friday, November 25th at 8:00 a.m.**, the Festival will offer 50% off the price of an adult ticket! Use the discount code **GREENFRIDAY** to get an Early Bird ticket to the Festival for just \$13.50. (That's half off the Box Office price!) This offer expires **Monday, November 28th at 11:59 p.m.** Buy your tickets at [gardenshow.com](http://gardenshow.com). This price is *only available online* and is only valid for the Early Bird Adult ticket. There's no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase.

## Of Interest to You

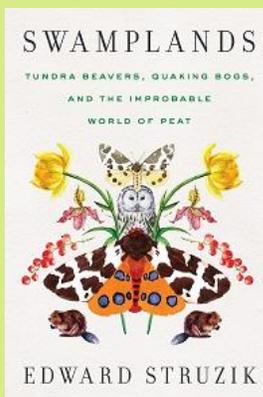
### Tip Sheets for KC

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***

## ***Swamplands: Tundra Beavers, Quaking Bogs, and the Improbable World of Peat***

There's a lot more to peat than meets the eye. This soil amendment, often added to help maintain moisture, has its own remarkable story. In *Swamplands*, journalist Edward Struzik highlights the ecological significance of peatlands, the history of draining swamps and the struggle to save peatlands around the world.

*Swamplands* was published October 2021 by Island Press. Priscilla Grundy, a volunteer in the archives of the Miller Library, 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***

The Bellevue Demonstration Garden Workshops are finished for the season. New workshops will begin in January 2023. Please visit the [Bellevue Demonstration Garden](#) page for information and registration for future workshops.

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

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

**November 10: No Fear Garden Design**, webinar presented by Sue Goetz.

**November 12: Fall Lichen Walk**, taught by Dr. Katherine Glew.

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

**November 3: Washington's Forests, Status and Prospects**, presented by Chris Earle in-person at the Mountaineers Program Center. For more information and COVID-19 related updates visit <https://www.wnps.org/cps-events/calendar/1682>.

## ***Events and Coming Attractions***

**MGFKC Board Meeting** on Thursday, November 10, 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

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

### **King Conservation District 2023 Native Plant Sale.**

Online ordering begins November 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Visit their [online plant store](#) for information and registration.

## **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.*

## **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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