



UPCOMING WEBINARS:

WSU MG Coordinators online discussion

Friday, April 6th, 10- 11 am. Making Food Preservation Recommendations - Angie Combe will explain resources for and the current WSU policy about Master Gardener volunteers providing information about food preservation and food safety. Find out what’s available now and what’s in the making for new training, publications and other resources.

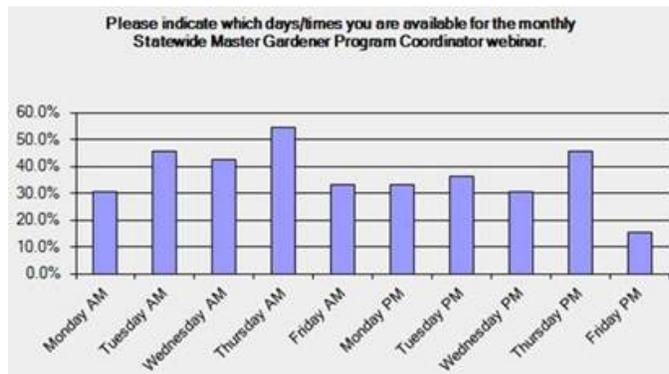
April 17th, 9 am – 10:30. Submit Samples Successfully with WSU’s Digital Diagnostics System, Karen Ward, Plant Pest Diagnostician at WSU in Pullman.

This webinar will provide basic training in the use of **WSU’s Plant Pest Diagnostic eNetwork (PPDeN)** <http://www.dddi.org/wsui> which allows users to digitally submit photos and information to diagnosticians statewide. A digital submission form will substitute for a paper form, and once the sample is diagnosed, the submitter will receive the diagnosis via email. (Samples may still be mailed to Puyallup and Pullman, but this system is much faster, free and easier.)

If you want to attend the webinar, please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NTXNLCX> . This short survey will allow you to register for the webinar and your answers will guide the content of the session. Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation with information on attending the webinar.

If you cannot attend but would like to comment on the PPDeN system or give input on webinar content, please complete the survey anyway. The webinar will be recorded and archived, so those who cannot attend may view the webinar later.

New day for WSU MG Coordinators’ monthly webinars After April 6th, our monthly webinars for MG Program Coordinators will change to first Thursdays, 10-11 am. The recent survey shows that Thursday mornings work best for most of you. As always the webinars will be recorded and archived if you can’t attend the live session. Mark your calendars! The May webinar is on May 3th, and our speaker, Dr. Linda Chalker Scott, will address best resources to have in clinics and offices for horticulture practices.



FUN THINGS TO KNOW AND SEE:

“Bee Friendly! The Importance of Pollinators” - Pamela Pavek, a Pullman-based agronomist with the USDA’s Natural Resource Conservation Service, talks about the key role of pollinators in the global food system in this short video. “One out of every three bites of food comes from crops that are insect pollinated,” Pavek explains. This is video suitable for use as brief introduction to the importance of pollination. Watch the video: <http://bit.ly/yKKFlc>

WSU MG Community Impacts <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/2011Report.html> These reports are for YOU to have for bragging, describing, cajoling and advocating. Use excerpts on flyers, brochures, newsletters, articles and documents you prepare for meetings. Above all, share them with MG volunteers so they know what their work means in communities. So far, I’ve used these reports with WSU and Extension administration and King County Gov’t. Some of the numbers will be used in the Natural Resources federal report . Extension Master Gardener s are community assets!!

Fourth Grade Foresters, USA is a program that teaches students the importance of trees in the environment and the responsibility of caring for trees. The City of Lynnwood has celebrated Arbor Day with fourth graders in the Edmonds School District. Trees are now planted in back yards, city parks and open spaces and are being cared for by 860 students in the Lynnwood school district. This new generation of trees will have a positive impact on urban reforestation in Lynnwood. For more information on Fourth Grade Foresters USA, visit their [website](#) or email: fourthgradeforesters2@gmail.com

Western Cherry Fruit Fly webinar, by Paula Dinius, is excellent! Get volunteers prepared to answer questions about worms in cherries. Have MG volunteers watch it before the flies fly! The URL is <http://breeze.wsu.edu/p52095515/>

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Volunteer educators may wonder what can and cannot be photocopied or downloaded from the Internet and incorporated into PowerPoint presentations or classroom work. WSU has policies and guidelines to help.

Here is a short presentation that explains the basics of copyright, public domain, and fair use, especially as it pertains to downloading information from the Internet:

<http://ext.wsu.edu/pd/documents/Copyright.pdf>

The following link, http://publishing.wsu.edu/copyright/fair_use/index.html, gives more information on how to judge fair use considering the following four factors:

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4. The effect upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

The section on “Suggested Guidelines for Navigating the Commercial Factor” in this link may be of particular interest in helping you evaluate how materials you copy may end up being distributed and how this might affect fair use.

Finally, this link, http://publishing.wsu.edu/copyright/fair_use/classroom.html, gives rules of thumb for classroom situations if you are not comfortable judging fair use on the basis of the four factors outlined above.

It is recommended you check out all three links in the order given to help determine if your proposed copying for educational purposes falls within the guidelines of U.S. copyright law.