



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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New WSU Program Coordinator Training Series!

Check it out... a new series of short webinars is posted on the MG Program website at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/pctrainingintro.html>. Whether you are new to the role of Program Coordinator or not and whether you are an Extension Director, Educator, office manager or volunteer responsible for managing a MG Volunteer program, you will find this series helpful in understanding all aspects of volunteer program management. There are 4 sections in the series. Each is comprised of 10 to 15 minute modules designed to allow you to start and stop at any time and view as many times as you wish. Print out the PC Training index to see the whole table of contents.

National Extension MG Coordinator online discussions occur on **3rd Wednesday of every month at 11AM** Pacific time. I send out announcements about them a couple of times before each discussion. All discussions are about MG program management topics and are archived. I am facilitating the next one, **Feb 15th**, which is a presentation on **Measuring Impact of MG Volunteers**. Dr Wendy Hamilton, New Mexico State University, is engaged in a national study to show the value of Extension MG Programs to society. The national EMGC (Extension Master Gardener Coordinator) online discussions are hosted by and paid for by eXtension so you go to the "meeting room" on your computer, log on as a guest and follow directions. You watch the presentation on your computer screen and hear it through your phone. There is no phone charge to you.

WSU MG Coordinators online discussions (webinars) occur on the **1st Fridays of every month at 10 AM**.

I have been calling these webinars but I will use the vernacular of the national group and refer to them as online discussions. Our next one is **March 2nd**. **Dr. Catherine Daniels, WSU, will discuss pest management recommendations by MG volunteers**, including the form that MGs are required to sign. She will explain state law, Extension policy and ask for your opinions about MG program issues. Participate by logging in as a guest at breeze.wsu.edu/mg and follow directions in the note pod.

Every MG office was sent a set of headphones last year. **Brigitta will be online at breeze.wsu.edu/mg at 9:30 on Friday, Mar 2** to walk you through the process of connecting your headphones so you can ask questions and talk without having to type in the chat pod. Call her at 509 358-7968 to arrange another time for her to do this with you if Friday March 2nd doesn't work for you.

Watch for announcements soon about...

the revised online MG Coordinators Handbook of policies and procedures
2011 Final Report for MGs

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