



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

JUNE 2013

Welcome Nicole Martini, Interim WSU MG Program Leader!

It is my pleasure to announce that Nicole Martini, MG Program Coordinator in Pierce County, has been selected as the Interim WSU Extension MG Program Leader. Nicole comes with a wealth of experience in Extension agriculture and horticulture programs, environmental education and MG program management in Georgia (2005-2007) and Washington (2007 –present). She will begin working at the Puyallup Research and Extension Center on June 1 and will take over as interim MG Program leader on July 1. She will work with me (Tonie) for the month of June to ensure a smooth transition in program leadership. Nicole will facilitate the second day of the Coordinators Conference in Ellensburg, June 20-21, and will attend the WSU Extension Gardening Team meeting on June 27th.

Coordinators' Conference, Ellensburg, June 20-21st

See attached email and RSVP by June 1st so we can make arrangements with the caterer and plan to reimburse your lodging and mileage costs. Motel reservations at Days Inn must be made by June 6th to get the discounted rate. Attached is information about location for the first day, meeting agenda and lodging. Full agenda and details for the dinner Thursday night and the program on Friday will come later. Please contact me with any questions.

2013 WSU-Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference, Everett, Sept 26-28.

Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Master Gardener Program in Washington State. For complete conference information, go to www.wa-mg-conf.org

WSU Extension listserv for home garden pests

MG volunteers have a responsibility to be the eyes and ears in our communities for new and potentially threatening pests that show up in our state. Please get all MG volunteers to subscribe to this listserv. It is used only by WSU Entomology faculty to make announcements and provide information about pests in yards and gardens. It is a monitored list and will be used for no other purpose than stated above. People may unsubscribe at any time by following instructions at the end of each posting. To join, visit this link: http://lyris.cahe.wsu.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=pestsightings-hg&page=all_forums

American Community Garden Association Annual Conference, Seattle, Aug. 8-11

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.communitygarden.org/>

Nicole Martini submitted an abstract on the WSU Growing Groceries Volunteer Mentors and Community Garden Advisors programs. The paper was accepted for presentation at this conference.

URLs for individual Hortsense pages

Attached is a fact sheet by Catherine Daniels on how to print or send individual Hortsense pages for clientele in plant clinics. You may post it in your plant clinics or send to volunteers who staff them.