



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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PROGRAM COORDINATORS' WEBINAR, Thursday AUG 2ND, 10 AM.

Guest speaker Steve Garl, CDPE talking about MG registration for online training this fall and in 2013.

Log in as a guest at <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> a few minutes before 10. (Or log in as early as 9:30 and Brigitta will be on line to help anyone with webinar technology questions) Other agenda items include scholarships for attendance at national meeting, and anything else you want to bring up.

NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS' WEBINAR, AUG 15th, 11 AM Pacific Time

Background Checks/Screening of Volunteers. This discussion will be about how it's done in other states and what they do when records show a misdemeanor or felony.

<http://create.extension.org/EMGCoordinators-OnlineDiscussions>

[Web conference Instructions](#)

WSU STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE SEPT 13-15TH

Encourage MG volunteers in your county to sign up for the annual WSU MG Advanced Education conference in Pasco! It's a wonderful chance to meet other MGs from around the state and hear the latest in gardening trends, info. Registration was recently opened to non-MGs. The link for conference registration is

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1010784> or Phone: 509-374-7845 Email: MGF2012Bounty@gmail.com

MG Coordinators who are attending: we will meet together over lunch on Friday in the Merlot/Syrah room located downstairs in the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites. This is right next to the TRAC center where classes are. Agenda: discussion about online training, plans for Coordinators' meeting on Sept 24th, upcoming topics for coordinators' webinars.

WSU ANNUAL PROGRAM COORDINATORS' MEETING SEPT 24, 1-5 PM

Once a year, people who coordinate MG programs (remember-faculty, staff or volunteers) get together for an extended period of time to meet with each other, share program insights and discuss future needs/meetings. This year, instead of holding this meeting prior to the state MG conference, we decided to meet the day prior to the national conference which is being held at the WSU Spokane Riverpoint Campus, South Campus Facility Bldg. *The scholarship funds available for attendance at the National conference can be applied to this extra day.*

Agenda (so far):

Steve Garl; MG Online Training

Mike Bush; teaching MGs to use the best online resources for pest and disease identification AND detecting new pest "visitors"

Linda Bailey; WSU Foundation campaign for MG program

Tonie Fitzgerald; 2013 webinars, meetings, new ideas

You: sharing of challenges and solutions in MG program mgmt.

NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS' CONFERENCE SEPT 25-27TH

About two years ago when I became involved with the relatively new national EMG Program Leaders group, I offered to host the next national conference. This is only the 3rd or 4th time this group has met. The group is relatively new and beginning to organize around issues common to each state such as program evaluation, standard curricula, advanced education, etc. This meeting in Spokane is the result of a lot of discussion with program leaders and coordinators in other states. It is my hope that all WSU program coordinators, regardless of whether you hold faculty, staff or volunteer status, will participate in this unique opportunity to discuss management of Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Programs.

Link for conference registration: <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/2012NatlEMGCconference.html>

DISPLAY ON GROWING VEGETABLES

Kristina Bayas, Volunteer Program Coordinator in San Juan County, is looking for the county who did display on growing vegetables or fall/winter vegetable gardening and said they would share some ideas about it, but she can't remember who it was! If your county has this, please contact her at 360.370.7663 or kbayas@wsu.edu