



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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Feb 9, SW Cluster meeting. Contact Don Tapio for details

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Feb 17, Eastern Cluster meeting, contact Brigitta Jozefowski for details

Feb 16, 11 am Pacific Time - EMG social media (blog, Facebook, Twitter) This is the national Extension MG group. Join other state and county program coordinators in sharing ideas.

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/hortcop> Enter as a guest, and provide your name and what state you are from in the provided box.

Feb 18, 10 am to noon. First Adobe Connect meeting for WSU Extension MG faculty and coordinators. This will be the first of every-other-month meetings where I can share information on a statewide level and you all can participate from office computers. I will be sending out an agenda prior to meeting, but please look at <http://cwr.wsu.edu/distance/connect.html> to know what to expect.

March 2, 10 am. Continuing Education opportunity for all MGs

Turfgrass Fertilizers and Fertilizer Practices by Gwen Stanke, PhD and Eric Miltner, PhD; WSU Turfgrass Scientists,

Abstract: Careful balance is needed to insure that turf grass receives the proper nutrients, at the correct time to optimize growth and to minimize the potential environmental degradation that may accompany over application. This presentation will discuss the science of accurate fertilization strategies.

DVDs of the 2011 MG online Training

DVDs of this year's online training will be shipped as soon as CDPE is able to complete them.

The course fits on one DVD this year. Veterans who wish to purchase one without enrolling in the course can find instructions here:

<http://conferences.wsu.edu/conferences/mastergardener/>

Scholarship for faculty, staff and volunteers

- *Karl Hobson Memorial Fund Professional Development Award*. The deadline for applying for the 2011 Award is March 1, 2011. The Washington State University Foundation, in collaboration with the Karl Hobson family, have established the Karl Hobson Memorial Fund for the support of training opportunities for WSU Extension faculty, staff and volunteers. This fund is dedicated to the development of Extension faculty, staff and volunteers who show promise for enhanced performance following the selected training. No portion of the funds may be used for support of, promotion of, or work associated with the beer and wine industry.

Scholarships of up to \$1000 will be awarded each year, the number dependent on applications received and the amount of expendable income available. For more information, go to: <http://ext.wsu.edu/pd/h4AOL.htm> or contact Jim Lindstrom at 509-358-7871 or jlindstr@wsu.edu.

Resources for MG Program Management

- *GardenABSs*, a school garden share site. In 2010, GardenABCs featured some amazing school garden projects, including some research projects through universities. The site has a library of articles and projects on successful school gardens. Consider subscribing to this site if you work with youth garden projects and be sure to share this with FoodSense and 4-H staff in your office. http://www.gardenabcs.com/Home_Page.html
- *National Extension MG program blog*: (<http://blogs.extension.org/mastergardener/>)
- *Spotted Wing Drosophila*. This fly is likely to be a problem in both commercial horticulture crops and in backyard gardens. Please check the link on our MG website for information about this insect pest. <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/SWD2010.html>
- *Brown Marmorated Stinkbug*. Here's another pest to be on the alert for. It is reported in Portland, OR area now and is a significant threat. http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/docs/pdf/ippm_halyomorpha_alert_09.pdf?ga=t and <http://pmtb.wsu.edu/BMSB.html>

New Updates to the MG website <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/>

Under *Resources for MG Clinics & Community Events*

- Vegetable working group
- Corrected pre- and post-class evaluation formula for measuring % of learning and change