



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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**SEPTEMBER DATES FOR PROGRAM COORDINATORS** (faculty, staff and volunteer coordinators)

WSU MG Coordinators' webinar, Thurs, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 10-11 AM. <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> Topic: need for additional curriculum for vegetable and community gardens.

WSU MG Advanced Education Conference, Sept 13-15<sup>th</sup>, Pasco WA. Coordinators lunch on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

WSU MG Coordinator's Meeting, Monday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, noon-5pm, Spokane. See agenda below

National Extension MG Coordinators Conference, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Spokane

<http://mastgardener.wsu.edu/2012NatiEMGCconference.html>

**COORDINATORS' MEETING, SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>, NOON-5PM, WSU SPOKANE**

Whether you are a faculty, staff or volunteer who coordinates your local MG program, I hope to see you at this annual meeting. Please contact Brigitta for directions and parking passes.

Let me know if you want to add anything to this proposed agenda:

Noon, box lunch provided, introductions

WSU Foundation and MG Program campaign to go directly thru MGs (Linda Bailey)

2013 online training: scheduling, updates for the future, Home Hort online option, (Steve Garl)

Pest alerts and online resources for MG plant clinics (Mike Bush)

Webinars for MGs for Continuing Education (Marianne and others)

Professional Horticulture Certification program

Mandatory trainings for volunteers who work with youth and vulnerable adults...and other safety training.

Interaction with each other...newsletters, MG classes, unique programs, annual meeting for coordinators, other issues

Annual meeting for MG coordinators

**Scholarships:** Because we don't have the opportunity to meet face to face very often, it is important to me that MG coordinators can attend this meeting on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and the national conference on Program Management. If you need financial support in order to attend the conference (from Sept 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>) use the scholarship request form here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGPCScholarshipRequestForm>

### **GROWSMART GROWSAFE**

The website [www.growsmartgrowsafe.org](http://www.growsmartgrowsafe.org) contains a searchable database of lowest-toxicity pesticides registered in WA for home-and-garden use. It is in the upper left column of the website. In addition to being registered, the listed products are available on store shelves. Dr. Catherine Daniels, WSU Pesticide Coordinator, has worked with Lisa Niehaus, King County Hazardous Waste Mgmt Program, on making this an approved resource for WSU MGs when making pest management recommendations.

**It's important to note that this database is a supplement to Hortsense, not a replacement. Hortsense continues to offer up-to-date pest mgmt recommendations based on product efficacy and IPM considerations.** MGs should continue to use WSU materials to answer questions in topic areas in which they were trained. As always, MGs are to give the clients a choice of IPM options, including chemicals, unless the client states they only want non-chemical or lowest-toxicity options. Please remind MGs to tell clients using lower-efficacy pesticides that they may need to invest significantly more energy in non-chemical management activities in order to achieve an acceptable level of pest mgmt. In some cases, the non-chemical approach may mean "stop trying to grow Plant X here". It's important to represent the trade-offs fairly-- so the client can make an informed choice on how to best proceed given their value system and specific circumstances.

### **NEW TRAINING REQUIRED FOR COORDINATORS/VOLUNTEERS**

The 2012 Washington Legislature enacted Senate Bill 5991, which requires **all** higher education employees to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Washington State University Extension, in our continuing efforts to assure a safe environment for all of our program participants, is reminding all personnel that criminal background screening **and child protection training** is mandatory for all faculty, staff and volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults. WSU Extension remains committed to its efforts to prevent the abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable adults.

Randy Baldree, Interim Director of Extension, recently sent the following link for an online training called "Put the Child First" to all Extension faculty and staff. It details the screening process as well as recognizing and reporting of abuse and neglect. <http://eces.wsu.edu/webtips/childpat2/> This was written and prepared by Pat Boyes for use in the 4-H Youth Development Program. She and I are working together to create a version for all Extension volunteers, including Master Gardeners. That version will be available by October 1. You may wait to train new volunteers with that version when it becomes available, please make time to view this 30-minute for your own information.

### **CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WEBINARS**

This three part series introduced a range of skills for managing and resolving conflict and is presented by [Amanda Murphy](#) from the [William D. Ruckelshaus Center](#)

**Session 1: Understanding and Responding to Conflict –**

The archived webinar can be found at this link: <http://breeze.wsu.edu/p66lvar7uuji/>.

**Session 2: Effective Communication: The basis of conflict resolution**

The archived webinar can be found at this link: <http://breeze.wsu.edu/p4fif87b8cg/>

**Session 3: Not archived yet.**