



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

FEBRUARY 2016

## STATE REPORT

Attached is the pdf with the report questions. You will, most likely, need the help of your faculty lead to answer the questions about funding. I will send a personal link to the survey for each of you on Tuesday next week.

**\*\*Please have the online survey completed by Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>. (DEADLINE EXTENDED, IF YOU NEED THE EXTRA TIME!)**

**\*\*Keep in mind that Rebecca Sero and I are working on a state clinic count sheet with the help of a few program coordinators to be put into place before this growing season.**

## FEBRUARY WEBINAR (HANDOUTS ATTACHED)

**Wed., February 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-11am**

**Presenter:** Karla Salp- Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist with Washington State Department of Agriculture

**Topic:** Gypsy Moth – Invasive Threat to Washington’s Environment

Go to <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> and log in as a guest a few minutes before the meeting. Don’t forget to run the Audio Wizard (found under “Meeting” in the upper left corner of your screen) after entering the meeting to test your equipment. We’re going to be discussing ideas for evaluating the impact of the MG Program. Feel free to use your camera/microphone to join in the conversation!

### Message from Karla

The Washington State Department of Agriculture is hosting open houses throughout Western Washington to inform residents of WSDA’s proposed spring treatment for gypsy moth. Gypsy moth is one of the most invasive and destructive insect pests ever introduced to the United States. In 2015, WSDA trapped 42 moths and is now finalizing a plan to eradicate this pest. WSDA is proposing several aerial applications of Btk, a biological insecticide approved for use in organic agriculture. You can attend WSDA’s virtual open house by registering at [goo.gl/8Megop](http://goo.gl/8Megop). WSDA also has six in-person open houses scheduled throughout Western WA. Visit their website at [agr.wa.gov/gypsymoth](http://agr.wa.gov/gypsymoth) or WSDA’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WAStateDeptAg/> for more information on these events in your communities.

### Other Items:

State Report

Online Training Help Sheet

June Meeting in Ellensburg

### **March Webinar**

Guest Presenter TBD

### **April Webinar**

**Presenter:** Todd Murray (new CAHNRS Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Unit Lead)

**Topic:** A Vision for the MG Program

### **May Webinar**

**Presenter:** Margaret Veibroek (Douglas County Director)

**Topic:** Master Gardeners and Food/Recipes

## **ONLINE TRAINING INFORMATION (HANDOUT ATTACHED)**

\*\*Attached are instructions for creating groups, so your students are the only ones who come up in your gradebook. You can do the same thing for discussions/emails.

Beginning fall of this year, each county will be put into its own course space, this will allow you to use the calendar, discussion boards and change menus for your county and your county only. Hooray!!

**All instructors** should have access to Blackboard now. The price has not increased. It is still \$70.

**Students in All Year** training have access until **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Attached is the **PowerPoint Claudia Steen created and Howard edited to help students with Blackboard**. You will find a longer version in pdf on our SharePoint site. You can convert it to Pot in Adobe Acrobat.

**If you do not have a WSU ID, please follow these instructions for accessing the course:**

Go to <https://learn.wsu.edu>

In the lower left, click on "NonWSU Sign in HERE"

In the next screen, use your email address (the one you gave Nicole) as the username.

Your password will be your first initial last name

If you get an error message:

Go to <https://learn.wsu.edu>

In the lower left, click on "NonWSU Sign in HERE"

Click "Forgot Password" and you should be able to change the password and access the course.

**Instructions for students to register** are attached.

- Please note that if your county is not listed on the registration directions handout, it is listed as a session your students can register for on the actual registration site.

\*\*Remember, **if I've not heard from you regarding your first day of training and estimated number of students**, you need to email me with that information so flash drives can be mailed in a timely manner.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: OLT ISSUES AND WHO TO CONTACT**

Issues with registration go to [noncredit@wsu.edu](mailto:noncredit@wsu.edu) (**remember**, you, as the coordinator, should contact noncredit, not the student). Emails should not go to Jennifer Cook, they should go to [noncredit@wsu.edu](mailto:noncredit@wsu.edu)

Minor issues with software inside Bb go to WSU IT Helpdesk [wsuonline.support@wsu.edu](mailto:wsuonline.support@wsu.edu), 509-335-4320 (these would be things like incorrect links or pages not loading, etc.- technical stuff)

Issues with content go to Nicole [nmartini@wsu.edu](mailto:nmartini@wsu.edu)

Issues with handbook go to Nicole [nmartini@wsu.edu](mailto:nmartini@wsu.edu)

Major issues or requests for changes in Bb go to Nicole [nmartini@wsu.edu](mailto:nmartini@wsu.edu) (these would be any changes that will impact the way Bb works or is set up).

### **Please Note:**

If you have a **student with a space in their last name**, such as Van Dyke, they will need to include that space in their password when they initially log into the training.

### **Broken Links in OLT** (Attached: *Errors in MG OLT Links 2016*)

I thought all the broken links had been fixed in the online training, however, they haven't been (or something went wacky with them after the corrections had been made). Attached is a spreadsheet showing the errors. Feel free to send it to your trainees.

### **Botany and Plant ID Crossword Spelling Error**

Please let your students know there is an error in the Botany and Plant ID Crossword puzzle and that WSU is aware of the problem. The question asks for the name of the outer most layer of a plant. The correct answer is "epidermis," but the system generates "edidermis." The question will be fixed during the regularly scheduled update at the end of summer.

## **INSTRUCTORS FOR UPCOMING TRAINING CLASSES**

**If you are not sure which faculty or staff instructor you can contact** for your annual MG training, please contact me, so we can talk about your need and who might be able to fill it for you.

## **POLLINATION AND POLLINATOR PROTECTION VIDEO**

<https://vimeo.com/146957716>

Produced by Carrie Foss (WSU Urban IPM Director and Darrell Kilgore with CAHNRS Communications)

## **SEEDS FOR THOUGHT MGFWS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter is Attached.

Can also be found [here](#)

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgfws/newsletter/>

\*\*Please share with the MGs in your county!

## **CE OPPORTUNITY FOR MGs**

### **Whidbey Gardening Workshop (Flier Attached)**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Oak Harbor, WA**

For more information go to: [Whidbeygardeningworkshop.org](http://Whidbeygardeningworkshop.org)

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabin Fever Gardening Symposium**

**Saturday, March 12**

**Spokane, Washington**

Attend this conference and you'll become inspired about spring, earn CE credits, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow gardeners. This is a time to learn and have fun. Attendees can choose four out of twelve outstanding class options with topics ranging from landscape design tips to broader issues of environmental stewardship. Many of our speakers are leaders from WSU, Federal and State agencies, and small business.

For more information go to: [mgfsc.org](http://mgfsc.org).

To purchase tickets on-line, please visit [mgfsc.org](http://mgfsc.org).

### **WSU Master Gardener Advanced Workshop (Flier Attached)**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Longview, WA**

#### **Speakers and topics:**

**Jenny Glass:** Plant problem diagnostician at WSU Puyallup Plant and Insect Diagnostic Laboratory  
Hands on learning for solving the perplexing plant problems that we encounter.

**Todd Murray:** WSU Skamania County Extension

Review of insect pests and new insect invaders that are a local concern for their environmental or economic impact

**Alec Kowalewski:** OSU Assistant Professor, Turf Specialist

Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass

## **MG COORDINATORS NATIONAL RESOURCE PAGE**

Including information on:

- Program Planning
- Hosting a Master Gardener Class

[https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg\\_coordinators/home](https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg_coordinators/home)

## **EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS E-NEWS BLAST**

[Subscribe](#) to this newsletter for updates on nationwide MG Program Coordinators news.

## **NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS CONFERENCE**

September 19 - 23, 2016

Yellowstone National Park  
(Still no details about registration)

## **INTERNATIONAL MG CONFERENCE**

July 10 - 14, 2017  
Portland, OR  
<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

## **NATIONAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM**

April 10-13, 2017  
Asheville, North Carolina  
For more information like the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/1NECV>

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Seeds for Thought State MG Foundation [Newsletters](#)

WSU Green Times [Newsletter](#)

Archived State MG Program [Newsletters and Webinars](#)

## **FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS**

The EMG online discussion archive can be accessed at: <http://create.extension.org/node/93850>