



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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#### MEETINGS FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

There will be **no September or October webinars** for Program Coordinators. **Next webinar Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

An informal get together to meet and share ideas is scheduled for **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 to noon in the Hospitality Room of the Shilo Inn in Ocean Shores**, just prior to the Annual MG Conference. Coffee and snacks provided. Even if you can't attend the conference, drop in for this if you can. The annual face-to-face meeting will be at the conference on **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the Tide Room**. Agenda for Friday includes state of the State, fall classes, Program Handbook Update, National MG Coordinator's Conference, regional coordinator trainings and whatever items you bring. Minutes from that meeting will be sent after the conference ends.

#### PLEASE SEND BLANK PEST DIAGNOSTIC FORMS TO PUYALLUP

The WSU Gardening Team Pest Mgmt committee is interested in collecting an example of the different forms being used at MG clinics around the state. In the long run, The GTeam Pest Management Committee is interested in seeing whether they (or someone else) can develop a state-wide pest alert system. They are not asking counties for their actual data or whether they want to sign up for a system yet because they are just in the first stages of discussion. However, before they can look at systems they need to know what data folks are currently collecting. Please send a paper or electronic copy of the form your county uses to collect and diagnose pests to:

Dr. Catherine Daniels  
WSU Extension Pesticide Coordinator  
2606 W. Pioneer Way  
Puyallup, WA 98371-  
email [cdaniels@wsu.edu](mailto:cdaniels@wsu.edu)

#### NEW BANNER OPTION ON WEBSITE

Take a look on the mg website under Tools for Program Management at the vertical banner designed for use at a Benton Franklin County MG plant clinic. MGs felt they were often hidden behind displays so they asked for this vertical option. It can be done with other county names and logos. Cost is \$324. Contact Lagene Taylor [lagene@wsu.edu](mailto:lagene@wsu.edu) with WSU Extension/CAHNRS Marketing, News, and Educational Communications

## **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES**

**Turfgrass Nutrient and Pesticide Seminar, Wenatchee. Thurs, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am -3 pm. \$10 fee.**

Registration required. The program is on chemicals (nutrients and pesticides) used in turfgrass management and how they can move from the intended site. With environmental concerns at the forefront and Washington State legislation restricting use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizer by 2013, it's important to know the why's and how's of Best Management Practices on this topic. There are 2 pesticide recertification credits (pending) and 5 WSU Master Gardener continuing education hours available. For more information, contact Paula Dinius at 509 667-6540 or [pdinius@wsu.edu](mailto:pdinius@wsu.edu)

### **Using Facebook in Extension Programming Webinar, October 14, 2011, 10:00 am**

Learn the steps to create a Facebook page for your program, appropriate and inappropriate uses for Facebook in Extension programming, tips for having success and avoiding pitfalls, and how Facebook compares with other available social media tools. Presented by Kevin Zobrist, WSU Extension Area Extension Educator, Forest Stewardship [http://breeze.wsu.edu/online\\_extension\\_program/](http://breeze.wsu.edu/online_extension_program/)

### **From the National Extension Master Gardener Coordinators group**

If you are contemplating starting a Facebook page or figuring out how to make yours more effective, plan a time to view this 45 minute presentation. **Secrets of a Successful & Effective Facebook** by Peter Togel, Clemson University (<http://www.extension.org/learn/event/269>) (Note: There are 2 audio shortages - about 30-60 seconds long; however they self-corrected relatively quickly)

### **Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)**

Colorado State University started this collaborative in 1998 after the community experienced a devastating local flash flood. Anyone who's interested in helping measure and report precipitation can help. Many Master Gardeners in Colorado and in other parts of the country have found out about CoCoRaHS and joined the effort. There are now nearly 15,000 active volunteers and CoCoRaHS has grown to become the largest source of reliable daily precipitation data in the U.S. The data are used every day by National Weather Service, media, USDA, teachers, researchers and many other organizations. An on-line slide show

"**Climate Resources Guide for Master Gardeners**" introduces elements of large scale and local climate important to gardeners. An overview of climate patterns and differences are shown. Links to many regional and local weather and climate resources are provided. Topics include: Climate & Gardening, Sunshine, Temperature, Humidity and Dew Point, Precipitation, Wind, Evapotranspiration, Climate Resources, Climate Change and CoCoRaHS. See it at

(<http://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=MasterGardener>).

**WSU MG Advanced Education Conference, Sept 22-24<sup>th</sup>**. Another fun and info packed 3-day annual conference and this year it's at the beach! If you are not already signed up, it's not too late to register at <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=872252>. See you there!!