



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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GARDENING.WSU.EDU AND UPCOMING TRAINING FOR MGs

Please remember that gardening.wsu.edu is to be the first resource Master Gardeners use when helping clients. This is the only WSU gardening website that contains up-to-date and peer reviewed information.

The **webinar training** on the new website will be:
10am on Wednesday, November 12th

Please let your Master Gardeners know about this upcoming training.

STINK BUG WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE POSTER

Stink Bugs Still At Large in Washington State

Adult Stink Bugs are a well-known family easily recognized by shield-like shape, five-segmented antennae, and for producing a most disagreeable odor when provoked. They can come in various shades of green, brown and black. There are a number of species in this family that are known for unwanted feeding and vandalism of plant crops like raspberries, tomatoes, peppers. They may attack and damage ornamental plants en mass.

In 1988, a statewide survey revealed 23 species of stink bug in Washington. In 2014, this number was increased to 47 species including the invasive and dreaded Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (middle image) that was found in a handful of counties. We have reasons to believe more stink bugs exist in Washington State.

If you capture any bug that resembles a stink bug, we desperately need the specimen mailed to us along with information that provides us with where (the town or county or GPS location captured), when (date) and on what host plant they were found on.

Please mail (freeze them for 24 hours and place them in a plastic pill bottle) suspected stink bugs to your local Master Gardener Program or to Mike Bush, Extension Entomologist, 2403 S 18th Street, Suite 100, Union Gap, WA 98903. Digital images sent to bushm@wsu.edu may be acceptable as well.

This Wanted Poster expires December of 2015

It is posted at <http://ext100.wsu.edu/yakima/invasive-pests/>

NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATOR CONFERENCE

The 2014 National Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Conference: "*Growing Stronger!*"

October 27-29, 2014

**The Hyatt Regency New Brunswick
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

RUTGERS NJAES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION INVITES ALL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS!

Dear Fellow Extension Master Gardener Coordinators,

We are proud to announce the launch of the online registration and hotel reservation website for the 2014 National Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Conference (2014 NEMGCC), which will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, NJ on October 27-29, with an arrival date of Sunday, October 26.

Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/2014nemgcc/> for all conference information, including program information and registration, hotel information and reservations link, and local travel tips including transportation options to and from Newark Liberty and Philadelphia International airports as well as driving and parking information.

Links throughout our website will lead you to the Hyatt reservation page, and other information on Rutgers campus and evening 'free time' dining and entertainment options, and other details to make your travel and stay here in New Jersey a great time for you!

Hotel room rates are guaranteed through October 6, 2014, while the conference registration deadline is October 13, 2014. Please register and reserve your hotel room as soon as possible to not miss out on this great conference and opportunity to reconnect and network with fellow colleagues and Extension Master Gardener program leaders from all across the country.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 2014NEMGCC@gmail.com.

We look forward to hosting you this fall in the heart of “The Garden State”!

Nick Polanin, Jan Zientek, Dan Kluchinski, Co-Chairs
2014 NEMGCC

KOREAN MG CONFERENCE

Master Gardener Coordinators: Please share this with Master Gardeners who may be interested in participating in the Korean Master Gardener International Conference. Also consider attending yourselves. This email have more detailed information regarding travel and conference registration as well as an invitation for attendees to bring posters to display at the conference.

The Website for the Korean International Master Gardener Conference now has better functionality, www.kmgic.org. The main symposium of the conference will run September 25-27 with preconference and post conference activities spanning the dates of **September 23rd through October 1**. Visiting the website you can get a taste of the agenda. Information about speakers and their talks will be added as detailed information becomes available. We plan to provide a book during the conference that will give detailed information about the talks in Korean and English.

Those wishing to attend should complete the registration form on the website. Payment for the conference can be completed by PayPal, if you do not have a PayPal account you can enter your information and make payment as a guest.

Dr. Wonsuk Lee, lws0815@gmail.com, can assist in the details of your visit. He would like the following information if you are attending as soon as possible. If you wish you can also send this information to me, rdurham@uky.edu.

Your Name:

Name(s) of any traveling companion(s) and if they will register for the conference:

Type of hotel room you need (such as bed for one person, bed for two people, two beds for two people):

Your itinerary or planned itinerary (at least travel dates):

Dietary restriction or preferences:

Whether you are going on the Jeju Island tour and if you plan to stay longer than the 2 nights:

Emergency contact person and phone number for you in the US while you are in Korea:

Dr. Lee has a number of rooms reserved at the conference hotel and can reserve your room for you so that all you need to do is provide a credit card for payment at check-in.

Dr. Lee, working with a local travel agent, can also help you book Korean domestic airline tickets for the optional trip to Jeju Island. This will allow our group’s travel to be as coordinated as possible. I have found that booking through this method saves almost 50% on Korean domestic airfare to Jeju Island over the least expensive flights we can buck through US websites. If you book this way you can pay for your tickets through the conference PayPal account. You still need to book your international flights to and from Korea on your own. **If you are participating in the Jeju conference and tour, and want Dr.**

Lee to assist you in booking airfare, please let him know by JULY 31, (lws0815@gmail.com). The information Dr. Lee will need to book your flight to Jeju is: Full name as it appears on your passport, passport number, date of birth, and a photo or photocopy of the passport page that shows your photo.

There are also opportunities for participants to display posters that talk about their local or state Master Gardener programs or projects. Posters should be sized **no larger than 1 M high (~3.3 ft) by 1.5 M wide (~4.9 ft)**, less that these dimensions such as 3 ft X 3 ft is okay. Be sure to place the name(s) of the authors, their county and/or state affiliation, land-grant university affiliation, and a contact email at the top of the poster. Text and photos (with captions) should be readable from a distance of at least 3-4 feet. You do not need to submit the poster in advance, just bring it with you. However, it would be helpful to know who is bringing a poster so there will be ample display space during the conference. Just let us know. There will be Korean-English translators circulating through the audience when posters are being discussed.

PROGRAMS

Title: Tree and Turf Wars

Date: September 25, 2014

Location: Rocky Reach Dam Visitor Center & Park Arboretum, Hwy 97A, Wenatchee, WA

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You will find the brochure and agenda attached. Please forward as appropriate.

2015 SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR MASTER GARDENERS

The International Master Gardener Search for Excellence is the recognition program of Master Gardener volunteer work throughout the United States and Canada.

- Search for Excellence has seven categories in which Master Gardeners can demonstrate their outstanding contributions to their communities.
- All SFE applications must show that significant learning took place, whether by the Master Gardeners or the general public they were involved with.

All volunteer projects done by Master Gardeners are significant to their communities, but not all are Search for Excellence projects. The Search for Excellence is designed to recognize outstanding group projects, not an individual who does outstanding work. The IMGCC Search for Excellence Committee oversees the Search for Excellence Winners.

More details [here: http://www.extension.org/pages/29834/international-master-gardener-search-for-excellence#.U62OKU1OWUI](http://www.extension.org/pages/29834/international-master-gardener-search-for-excellence#.U62OKU1OWUI)