



## OCTOBER WEBINAR

For various reasons it has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. The webinar will be an introduction to Angel, but Steve Garl would like questions from you regarding what you'd like to learn about Angel. Please email me your questions by Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and RSVP to me for the webinar so that you receive an invitation to participate. Steve will be using a new, and very easy to use software called Zoom to host the webinar. You will only receive an invitation if you RSVP. Keep in mind he will be covering the technical aspects of Angel. If you have any questions regarding policies or anything unrelated to how to actually use Angel, please email or call me.

November Webinar – Claudia Steen: Introducing Students to Angel

December Webinar – Catherine Daniels: How to Create and Use QR Codes

## STATE IMPACT REPORT

Here is a [link](#) to the State Impact Report for the MG Program. Feel free to post it to your website and share it with MGs. <http://ext100.wsu.edu/impact/state-master-gardener/>

## STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION SURVEY

Expect a link to the survey later today. Please send it out to your MG membership so that those who attended the conference can give their feedback.

## ACTIVITIES FOR TRAINING WHEN YOU HAVE NO-SHOW PRESENTERS

Elaine Anderson couldn't make our September meeting, but sent me the activities she has for time to be filled during training. They are all attached.

Message from Elaine -- The Insect Brain Teaser activity and/or the True-False quiz are what I use if an instructor is running late, or if someone finishes early (15 minutes or so). I ask each question; they don't need to complete the actual forms. Some questions lead to a discussion. These activities can be interrupted at any point, when the instructor arrives.

If 30 to 45 minutes need to be filled, I use Decoding Gardening Advice. Each trainee needs to complete the quiz, then we discuss the answers.

Finally, Debate Topics are used to fill about 1 ½ hours.

## APPLICATIONS

Here are answers to questions you may have regarding keeping applications.

- The entire application needs to be retained.
- Only the applications of those who become MGs need to be kept.
- Applications must be stored in a secure place. Electronic copies are acceptable, but please keep them on an external hard drive that can be securely stowed.
- Applications must be kept in perpetuity.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 masse.

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 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Union Gap, WA 98903. Digital images sent to [bushm@wsu.edu](mailto: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**

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.

## **2015 SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR MASTER GARDENERS**

Applications are being accepted now through January 1, 2015.

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)

