



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MARCH 2015

MARCH WEBINAR

Our March webinar is cancelled.

Our next webinar is **Wednesday, April 1, 10am-11am**

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!

Guest Presenter TBD. Please send agenda items you'd like included.

WELCOME NEW MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS!

Art Fuller- Lewis County (art.fuller@lewiscountywa.gov)

Anza Muenchow- Island County (muencha@wsu.edu)

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*The updated MG Program Coordinator Directory is attached.

HIRING RETIRED WSU EMPLOYEES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN MAKING PAYMENTS TO NON-WSU EMPLOYEES

Engaging Washington State retirees in any pay-for-services arrangement requires WSU to perform a review of the hiring of those retirees, and in some cases report these retirees to the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems. Occasionally these payments to retirees may inadvertently impact the individual's retirement income.

To assist WSU in addressing this requirement, prior to engaging an independent contractor, speaker, entertainer or any other individual in a pay-for-services arrangement, including honoraria, first contact Suzette Yaezenko at 509-335-2839 or Becky Priebe 509-335-2842 for guidance. You are not required to contact HRS for the services of vendor companies, their employees and subcontractors, only individuals.

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PAYING FOR A TRAINEE'S ONLINE TRAINING REGISTRATION

Note, you cannot use your p-card to pay for a trainee's online training registration fee. If you want to pay for Master Gardener Training Registrations with WSU Funds, you need to send an IRI to Carolyn Zink. She will bypass the online system to get them administratively registered. Carolyn's contact information is below:

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NATIVE TREES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

A new and excellent resource for Master Gardeners on the west side of the state. Check out WSU professor Kevin Zobrist's new book "[Native Trees of Western Washington, a photographic guide](#)." It has hundreds of photos of 32 different tree species.

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ReturnTo=0&ProductID=15732>

WHIDBEY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 7, 2015, Oak Harbor, WA, 98277 ([Schedule & Directions](#))

Keynote address by Nick Bond. The keynote address is at 9:00 a.m.

Three sessions of classes, with time for lunch, and to explore the exhibits. The first classes start at 10:45 am this year, immediately following the keynote speaker.

44 classes, given by knowledgeable instructors.

Registration is now open. It will close: Sunday, March 1st, 11pm.

Cost: Advance registration is \$40. Walk-in registration is available at the Workshop on March 7th for \$45.

Brought to you by WSU Island County Master Gardeners

<http://whidbeygardeningworkshop.org/2015/>

GARDEN WARS AT THE NW FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Alexis Smith (KIRO7 Traffic Anchor) chose the WSU MG Program as her designated charity when she competed in Garden Wars at the NW Flower and Garden Show. She won the program \$500!

<http://www.gardenshow.com/the-show/garden-wars/>

STATE MG PROGRAM FACEBOOK PAGE AND TWITTER ACCOUNT

Please spread the word to your MGs that the statewide program now has a Facebook page and Twitter account.

They are accessible through the main State MG Program website: <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/>

The links directly to the sites are:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSUMGProgram>

<https://twitter.com/MGatWSU>

GROWING GROCERIES WORKSHOPS (Flier Attached)

Growing Groceries Education Series #7

Saturday morning 9:00am-Noon March 7, 2015

The seventh class in the series will introduce you to the myriad insects that inhabit our gardens. Did you know that less than 1% of the insect species in the world are the so-called bad bugs that eat us, our livestock, and/or our food? The other 99% are necessary to keeping a healthy environment in our gardens. They help pollinate our crops, eat the bad bugs, and help keep our gardens healthy in many ways.

Dave Pehling, Pest Management Specialist with the WSU Snohomish County Extension and a local beekeeper, will show you how to know the good from the bad and how to encourage those ever-important pollinators and other beneficial insects to our gardens.

Diane Decker-Ihle, Master Gardener and Growing Groceries Instructor, will focus on cultural and physical techniques to prevent disease and pests from damaging our garden crops.

The WSU Snohomish County Extension Growing Groceries Education Series brings together beginning and experienced gardeners with speakers and topics focused on growing healthy food using sustainable gardening practices.

No matter if you have a tiny apartment deck, a small garden space, or plenty of acreage you can grow fresh, healthy food in a healthier, more environmentally friendly way.

Developed over the last five years, the program's goal is to increase local access to fresh, healthy food by teaching the latest research-based techniques for growing food.

Upcoming Classes

Wednesday evening, 7-9:30pm: Feb. 18 – Small Fruits, Big Harvests (RESCHEDULED for March 18th)

Saturday mornings, 9am-noon: Feb. 28 – Early Start = Early Harvest; Mar. 7 – Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, & Pollinators; Mar. 14 – Weeding and Watering; Mar. 21 – Small Space & Vertical Gardening; Mar. 28 – Growing Heat Lovers in the Chilly NW

For more information on the program, contact Kate Halstead, (425) 357-6024, khalstead@wsu.edu or Sharon Collman, WSU Snohomish County Extension Educator, (425) 357-6025, collmans@wsu.edu.

<http://ext100.wsu.edu/snohomish/growing-groceries/>

FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS

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

2015 STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE (Poster Attached)

Please share this information with your Master Gardeners. Clark County, the hosts of the 2015 conference in Vancouver, has produced a promo video for the conference. They also have set up a Facebook page and conference registration site. To see what's in store for Master Gardeners at next year's conference, please check them out.

Here's the link for the YouTube promo video for the conference.
www.youtube.com/embed/Re9mdKvl-iA?feature=player_embedded

Here's the name of the Facebook page [2015 WSU Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference](#) Items about speakers, seminars, events and other things will be posted on it on a regular basis.

Questions concerning the conference can be directed to the conference chair, Dean Sutera, dsutera45@msn.com.

INTERNATIONAL EMG CONFERENCE

We are less than a year out for the next International Master Gardener Conference –

As the planning continues I wanted to extend the invitation to you, the other coordinators in your state and all of your Extension Master Gardeners to join Iowa and Nebraska for a fun filled week of workshops, tours, and comradery!

Please help us spread the word by getting our information out to your State EMG Programs –

- [Facebook](#)
- [Website](#)
- [E-Newsletter](#)

We also have promotional items we can provide to give away at any of your EMG events!
Please contact us if you have any questions about the upcoming IMGCC Conference
Thank you for your help in getting the word out!

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