



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

JUNE 2015

JULY WEBINAR

Webinar **Wednesday, July 1, 10am-11am** (We may go past 11am for this webinar)

Go to <http://breeze.wsu.eu/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. Feel free to use your camera/microphone.

Agenda:

- Guest Presenter – Carolyn Zink (Global Campus)
- Topic – Using Blackboard -the new online training system

June webinar cancelled. See you Monday, June 15th in Ellensburg!

MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING

(Updated Agenda Attached)

Monday, June 15th, 10am – 3:30pm
Hal Holmes Community Center
209 N. Ruby St.
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dinner

Sunday, June 14th, 6pm – 8pm
Valley Café - valleycafeellensburg.com
105 W 3rd Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 925-3050

FIRST STEP IN EVALUATION MATERIALS REQUESTED

Attached is the checklist of materials needed for the first step in evaluating the program. I've created folders for each of you on our SharePoint site: <https://sharepoint.cahnrs.wsu.edu/MGP/> Please post by June 1.

The items needed include:

1. All marketing materials for programs MGs teach in your county. This includes brochures, fliers, etc.

2. Any curricula MGs use for their programs. This includes organized curricula that MGs use and share as a standard method of teaching a topic.
3. How you collect the information on programs MGs are doing in your county. Send any forms you use to collect the information and also describe your process.
4. Topics of presentations that are given by MGs to the public.
5. Any tools you currently use to evaluate MG outreach activities.
6. Any tools you use to evaluate MGs or MG Trainees.

Directions for accessing the folders on SharePoint:

- Find the “Evaluation/Reporting/Strategic Planning” tab at the top of the main page
- Click on the “Shared Documents” folder
- Go to the folder “Program Materials for Evaluation First Step.”
- Click on the folder with your county’s name.
- Upload documents by using the “+ new document” link.
- Then browse your computer to select the documents you want to upload.

STATE MASTER GARDENER AWARDS AND PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS (Attached)

State MG Awards information is attached. These awardees are recognized at the State Conference. Please review the documents and share with the MGs in your county. **All nominations are due by June 15th**. Please see the attached documents to see who you send your nominations to.

Presidential Awards information is also attached. These awardees are also recognized at the State Conference in Sept. **Please send the requested information to me no later than June 1st**. Remember, MG nominees must have their hours recorded in the database for 500+ and for those with over 4,000 you need to write a statement, if those hours are not in the volunteer database.

ANGEL TRANSITIONS TO BLACKBOARD IN AUGUST

Angel will be taken offline on August 10, 2015. Here’s more information about that transition:
<http://lmstransition.wsu.edu/>

A’KEY GRANT OPPORTUNITY FROM KING COUNTY FOUNDATION

Attached is information for a grant the King County Foundation is offering to MGs for future programming. Please forward this notice to the MGs in your county and work with them to determine a program that would be appropriate for these funds.

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/>

2015 STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE (REGISTRATION NOW OPEN) (Flier attached)

Registration for the conference is now open.

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1512046>

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 this 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.

CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASTER GARDENERS

Cool Season Gardening: Growing Fall and Winter Edibles with Bill Thorness

Wednesday, June 3rd, 7pm-9:30pm

WSU Snohomish County Extension's Cougar Auditorium in McCollum Park

More information: CoolSeasonGardening.brownpapertickets.com

Youth Garden Educator Workshop (Flier attached)

Saturday, June 27th 9am-3:30pm and Sunday, June 28th 9am-3:00pm

WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center Allmendinger

INVASIVE PESTS TO WATCH FOR (pdf Attached)

- Red Lily Leaf Beetle
- Brown Marmorated Stink Bug
- Viburnum leaf beetle
- European Chafer

Please report findings to Sharon Collman 425-357-6025 collmans@wsu.edu

INTERNATIONAL EMG CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the International EMG Conference.

<http://mastergardener.unl.edu/imgc2015>

Please help us spread the word by getting our information out to your 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 IMGc Conference

Thank you for your help in getting the word out!

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The EMG online discussion archive can be accessed at: <http://create.extension.org/node/9385>