



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MAY 2015

## MAY WEBINAR

Webinar **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11am**

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:

- First Step in Our Evaluation Plan
- June Coordinators Meeting (Agenda Items)
- Presidential Awards

June webinar cancelled. See you Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg!

## MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 3:30pm

Hal Holmes Community Center

209 N. Ruby St.

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Details on our Sunday dinner (for those who will be travelling that day) will follow soon.

Block of hotel rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

2705 Triple L Loop, Ellensburg, WA 98926

(509) 933-1600

\*Please make your reservation by May 9<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a room.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## 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/>

I'm trying to line up Global Campus for the July Webinar to do an overview of how to use Blackbaord.

## **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](http://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 Sutura,  
[dsutera45@msn.com](mailto:dsutera45@msn.com).

## **MAY SEEDS FOR THOUGHT – WA STATE MG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER (Attached)**

Can be found on the State Foundation's website at: <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgfws/newsletter/>

## **CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASTER GARDENERS**

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

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm-9:30pm

WSU Snohomish County Extension's Cougar Auditorium in McCollum Park

More information: [CoolSeasonGardening.brownpapertickets.com](http://CoolSeasonGardening.brownpapertickets.com)

### **Youth Garden Educator Workshop (Flier attached)**

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

WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center Allmendinger

### **Pulse on Health**

Hands-on Workshop 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Garden-Based, STEM-Focused Curriculum

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

WSU Research Station Center at 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon

More information: <http://pulseonhealth.brownpapertickets.com>

## **New Tree Essentials – Selection, Establishment and Care (Fliers attached)**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm

WSU TFREC 1100 N. Western Ave. and Riverfront Park, Wenatchee, WA

## **WOULD MGs LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY FROM AMPLEHARVEST.ORG?**

A note from Gary Oppenheimer- AmpleHarvest.org Founder/Executive Director

AmpleHarvest.org is a nationwide non-profit that enables America's home and community gardeners to donate the excess garden produce to one of 7,200+ nearby food pantries, soup kitchens and similar programs.

**I would very much appreciate it if you could take 1 or 2 minutes (really!) to fill in the short online 16 question survey [here](#).**

The information we gather will be used to evaluate the impact local gardeners can have in their community.

We'll make the overall aggregate results publicly available at the conclusion. No individual responses will be made public.

For many of us, this growing season has not yet started so please answer the questions as though you were filling in this form based upon your experience in the **\*\*prior\*\*** growing season.

Please fill in [this form](#) now if at all possible (we need this information no later than **Mother's Day, May 10**)

Any questions/issues can be sent to [info@AmpleHarvest.org](mailto:info@AmpleHarvest.org)

## **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](mailto: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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**FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS**

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