



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

JULY 2015

JULY WEBINAR

Webinar **today, 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: Jennifer Cook (Global Campus)
- Topic: Using Blackboard -the new online training system
- September Meeting
- Presidential Awards
- Evaluation Plan (First Steps)

August webinar TBD.

TENTATIVE MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING (SEPTEMBER)

Many thanks to the State MG Foundation for support!!

Tentative dinner meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16th (Location TBD)

Tentative meeting at Hilton 8am-12pm Thursday, Sept. 17th

- Doodle Poll to come this afternoon – need response ASAP
 - Would you attend Wed. night dinner meeting?
 - Would you attend Thursday meeting if you were to get some expenses covered?
 - Dinner covered as per diem
 - Lunch on Thursday covered

2015 STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE (REGISTER NOW)

September is quickly approaching. It's time to register for the State MG Advanced Education Conference!

<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.

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.

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/>

NEW PUBLICATION ON DROUGHT TOERLANT LANDSCAPING

[Drought Tolerant Landscaping for Western Washington \(Home Garden Series\)](#)

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 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/>

NEW RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR MGs

[How Plants Work](#): The Science Behind the Amazing Things Plants Do

By Linda Chalker-Scott

How Plants Work brings the stranger-than-fiction science of the plant world to vivid life! It explains how plants tell time, how they move to follow the sun and capture food, and why they change color. Linda Chalker-Scott, of the popular blog *The Garden Professors*, uncovers these and other fascinating mysteries in this engaging and accessible introduction to plant physiology. By revealing the science behind what plants do every day, this book arms you with information that will change the way you garden. You'll learn how to fertilize and prune more effectively, how to weed less than you ever have, and how to determine which garden products are worth your time and money.

CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASTER GARDENERS

MG Invasive Pest First Detector Webinar (Flier Attached)

Tuesday, July 28

10am-12pm

<http://breeze.wsu.edu/masterg>

*Open to the first 100 participants. Advise MGs to log on early!

Pierce County All Day CE Workshop “From the Ground Up”

Saturday, August 1

8:45am-3pm

Registration: 8:30-8:45am

[Register Online](#)

Common Tree Problems Seminar (Information Attached)

Tuesday, July 14

Begins at 9am

Chelan County

Summer Vineyard Management

Sat. July 18, 2015; 10:00am-1:00pm

Bow, WA

Harvest/Fall Vineyard Management

Sat. Sept. 19, 2015; 10:00am-1:00pm

Bow, WA

To register online, <http://VineyardCare.BrownPaperTickets.com>, or download the form from <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/VineyardCare> and mail with your check.

OTHER MG EVENTS

MG Garden Tour Mason County (Flier Attached)

Saturday, July 11th

10am-4pm

STATE FOUNDATION 2015 VAN BOBBITT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

[Joshua Lackey](#) Pierce County MG Volunteer wins Van Bobbitt Scholarship Award

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 IMGCC 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/93850>