



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

AUGUST 2015

AUGUST WEBINAR

Our August webinar is cancelled. September webinar details to follow soon.

MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING SEPTEMBER!!

First, I want to thank the State MG Foundation for making this meeting possible!

Wednesday Sept. 16th

Dinner Meeting

6-8pm Hilton Hotel (Conference Location- 301 W 6th St, Vancouver, WA 98660)

- Tentative presentation TBD

Thursday Sept. 17th

Morning Meeting

8am-12pm Hilton Hotel

- Using BlackBoard as an Instructor- Jennifer Cook, Global Campus
- Prioritizing Programming- MG Program Coordinators Panel
- Program Collaboration- Group Activity
- Update on Evaluation Process
- Project Sharing
- Discussion

More detailed agenda to follow soon.

***Those of you who will only be attending the Program Coordinators meeting, please book your room at the Comfort Inn.**

401 East 13th St.

Vancouver, WA 98660

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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/Re9mdKvI-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 DETECTOR TRAINING RECORDING AVAILABLE

The Bugs that Ate WA State

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/for-master-gardeners/>

Under "Recorded Webinars for Master Gardeners"

ANGEL TRANSITIONS TO BLACKBOARD AUGUST 10

Angel will be taken offline on August 10, 2015. Here's more information about that transition:

<http://lmstransition.wsu.edu/>

For Fall Trainers, Registration instructions for students are attached.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

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

[Growing Potatoes in Home Gardens \(Home Garden Series\)](#)

[Selecting Plants for Screens and Hedges \(Home Garden Series\)](#)

[Identifying, Treating and Avoiding Azalea and Rhododendron Problems \(Home and Garden Series\)](#)

[Pollination and Pollinator Protection \(Home and Garden Series\)](#)

REMEMBERING PRESIDENT FLOYD AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

From the WSU Board of Regents:

Please join us in celebrating the life and legacy of one of Washington State's greatest leaders for higher education and a nationally respected voice for higher education access and affordability, the late Washington State University President Elson S. Floyd.

The service will begin at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015, in Beasley Coliseum on WSU's Pullman campus.

RSVP [here](#).

Administrative Changes

WSU Provost Dan Bernardo appointed Interim WSU President
Interim CAHNRS Dean Ron Mittelhammer now serving as WSU Interim Provost
CAHNRS Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Kim Kidwell now serving as Interim Dean of CAHNRS
[More](#)

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT STATE MG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Attached. Archived [newsletters](#).

STINK BUG WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

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

Ready, Set, Grow – Gardening in 2016 (Flier attached)

Saturday, November 21st 9am-6pm

Leavenworth, WA

Flier with details attached. Early bird registration ends Sept. 1.

More information and [registration](#).

<http://ext100.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/gardening/mg/conference2015/>

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.

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

FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS

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