



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

JANUARY 2016

STATE REPORT

Attached is the pdf with the report questions. You will, most likely, need the help of your faculty lead to answer the questions about funding. I will send a personal link to the survey for each of you on Tuesday next week.

Please have the online survey completed by **Friday February 5th.

FEBRUARY WEBINAR TBD

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST TO BEGIN DECEMBER 25

I am so excited to be able to welcome **Eric Larsen** on board later this month!

Eric is leaving a position as the 4-H Youth Development Agent for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Pima County to join our team.

He brings a wealth of experience and expertise in volunteer management and volunteer systems to this new position. He is going to be a tremendous asset to the Extension volunteer system. After he gets settled into his position based at the WSU Spokane campus, I'll invite him to be a guest presenter on one of our webinars.

ONLINE TRAINING INFORMATION (PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

**I am working with Global Campus on a solution to the gradebook issue. We hope to have something worked out for you soon. The good news is that beginning fall of this year, each county will be put into its own course space, this will allow you to use the calendar, discussion boards and change menus for your county and your county only. Hooray!! Stay tuned for news about a temporary solution for the gradebook this year.

All instructors should have access to Blackboard now. The price has not increased. It is still \$70.

Attached is the **PowerPoint Claudia Steen created and Howard edited to help students with Blackboard**. You will find a longer version in pdf on our SharePoint site. You can convert it to Pot in Adobe Acrobat.

If you do not have a WSU ID, please follow these instructions for accessing the course:

Go to <https://learn.wsu.edu>

In the lower left, click on "NonWSU Sign in HERE"

In the next screen, use your email address (the one you gave Nicole) as the username.

Your password will be your first initial last name

If you get an error message:

Go to <https://learn.wsu.edu>

In the lower left, click on "NonWSU Sign in HERE"

Click "Forgot Password" and you should be able to change the password and access the course.

Instructions for students to register are attached.

- Please note that if your county is not listed on the registration directions handout, it is listed as a session your students can register for on the actual registration site.

****Remember, if I've not heard from you regarding your first day of training and estimated number of students, you need to email me with that information so flash drives can be mailed in a timely manner.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: OLT ISSUES AND WHO TO CONTACT

Issues with registration go to noncredit@wsu.edu (**remember**, you, as the coordinator, should contact noncredit, not the student). Emails should not go to Jennifer Cook, they should go to noncredit@wsu.edu

Minor issues with software inside Bb go to WSU IT Helpdesk wsuonline.support@wsu.edu, 509-335-4320 (these would be things like incorrect links or pages not loading, etc.- technical stuff)

Issues with content go to Nicole nmartini@wsu.edu

Issues with handbook go to Nicole nmartini@wsu.edu

Major issues or requests for changes in Bb go to Nicole nmartini@wsu.edu (these would be any changes that will impact the way Bb works or is set up).

Please Note:

If you have a **student with a space in their last name**, such as Van Dyke, they will need to include that space in their password when they initially log into the training.

Botany and Plant ID Crossword Spelling Error

Please let your students know there is an error in the Botany and Plant ID Crossword puzzle and that WSU is aware of the problem. The question asks for the name of the outer most layer of a plant. The correct answer is "epidermis," but the system generates "edidermis." The question will be fixed during the regularly scheduled update at the end of summer.

INSTRUCTORS FOR UPCOMING TRAINING CLASSES

If you are not sure which faculty or staff instructor you can contact for your annual MG training, please contact me, so we can talk about your need and who might be able to fill it for you.

NEW DIAGNOSTICIAN IN PULLMAN, WA

The Pullman based Plant Pest Diagnostic Clinic has reopened! On December 1st Rachel Bomberger joined the WSU Plant Pathology Department as the diagnostician and manager of the diagnostic clinic. Rachel

received her Master of Science degree at Oregon State University and worked as the Nevada Department of Agriculture plant pathology diagnostician. Rachel's background is in fungal, viral, nematode, and abiotic plant problem diagnostics. The Plant Pest Diagnostic Clinic in Pullman will be working with the Puyallup Plant and Insect Laboratory to offer plant problem diagnosis, and provide pest management recommendations. The PPDC is here to help solve plant health problems and provide training related to disease and pest diagnosis. Master Gardeners can find more information by visiting the diagnostic clinic's website at: <http://plantpath.wsu.edu/diagnostics/> or by contacting Rachel at rachel.bomberger@wsu.edu, (509)335-0619, or by stopping by the diagnostic clinic at Johnson Hall 316.

MG COORDINATORS NATIONAL RESOURCE PAGE

Including information on:

- Program Planning
- Hosting a Master Gardener Class

https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg_coordinators/home

NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS CONFERENCE

September 19 - 23, 2016
Yellowstone National Park

INTERNATIONAL MG CONFERENCE

July 10 - 14, 2017
Portland, OR
<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

CE OPPORTUNITY FOR MGs

Whidbey Gardening Workshop (Flier Attached)
March 5th, 2016
Oak Harbor, WA
For more information go to: Whidbeygardeningworkshop.org

WSU Master Gardener Advanced Workshop (Flier Attached)
March 26th, 2016
Longview, WA

Speakers and topics:

Jenny Glass: Plant problem diagnostician at WSU Puyallup Plant and Insect Diagnostic Laboratory
Hands on learning for solving the perplexing plant problems that we encounter.

Todd Murray: WSU Skamania County Extension

Review of insect pests and new insect invaders that are a local concern for their environmental or economic impact

Alec Kowalewski: OSU Assistant Professor, Turf Specialist
Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass

NEWSLETTERS

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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>