



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

APRIL 2016

JUNE ELLENSBURG MEETING -SAVE THE DATE AND HOTEL INFORMATION-

We'll be meeting **Friday, June 17th** in Ellensburg at the Hal Holmes Center. Please plan on a dinner together on Thursday- location TBD.

Room reservation information:

Our **room block** is at the Holiday Inn Express in Ellensburg for Wed., June 15 (if you want to arrive early) and Thurs., June 16. *Our meeting is Friday, but we will have dinner together Thursday night.

HIE direct line is 509-962-9400

Ask for the "WSU Extension" room block

Rate should be \$109/night

****Make your reservation before the block expires on June 1!**

APRIL WEBINAR (I had the presenters switched in the March Newsletter)

Correct Info below.

Next Webinar Wed., April 6, 10am-11am

Presenter: Margaret Veibroek (Douglas County Director)

Topic: Master Gardeners and Food/Recipes

Go to <http://breeze.wsu.edu/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. We're going to be discussing ideas for evaluating the impact of the MG Program. Feel free to use your camera/microphone to join in the conversation!

May Webinar

Presenter: Todd Murray (new CAHNRS Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Unit Lead)

Topic: A Vision for the MG Program

STATEWIDE MG WEBINAR (DATE AND TIME CHANGE DUE TO CHANGE IN WSDOA TREATMENT SCHEDULE!!)

The Master Gardener's Role in Protecting Washington's Environment from the Invasive Gypsy Moth
Statewide MG Webinar

NEW DATE: Thursday, April 14th, 12-1pm

Presenter: Karla Salp, WSDA

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

Gypsy moths are one of the most destructive tree insect pests ever introduced to the United States. In 2015 the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) had a record catch of gypsy moths, including the highest number of Asian gypsy moths ever caught in Washington. Join this webinar as Karla Salp shares about the devastation that the gypsy moth can cause, WSDA's plan to eradicate the 2015 introductions, and what you as a Master Gardener should look for. You'll also get tips and information to answer questions from the public who visit your clinics. Karla Salp is the Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist with WSDA. Ms. Salp is also an active Master Gardener in Thurston County.

****Log in as a guest and make sure your speakers are working, properly. Registration is not required, but the online classroom space is limited to 100 participants, so please log in early.**

DIRECTORY OF EXPERTISE OF EXTENSION FACULTY

While this directory is not entirely up to date, you will still find it helpful. Please bookmark the site for future reference.

<http://cahnrsdb.wsu.edu/newdirectory/expertiseLetter.aspx?letter=M>

NEW WSU PRESIDENT

Last week the WSU Board of Regents announced that Kirk Schulz today accepted their offer to become the 11th President of Washington State University.

Currently serving as president of Kansas State University, President Schulz was the unanimous choice of the Board of Regents following a nationwide search.

President Schulz's colleagues consistently praise his integrity, passion for the job, and belief in the transformative power of higher education. Those qualities, combined with his deep connection to students and commitment to the land-grant mission, make President Schulz the ideal choice to lead Washington State University into the future.

Details about planned activities to welcome President Schulz to each of WSU's campuses across the state will be announced soon. A contract will be before the Regents for approval at the May Board of Regents meeting. To learn more about the president, visit the [Presidential Transition](#) website.

A'KEY GRANT OPPORTUNITY (Flier attached)

What's on your organization's wish list? Time to plan that great new project and money to fund it. Why not apply for funding from the A'Key Memorial Grant program? This program, sponsored by the Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGFKC), is designed to assist and support Master Gardener organizations in all counties of Washington State. MGFKC awards up to \$1500 each year to a Master Gardener program with a great idea for a project. Particular consideration will be given to smaller counties where support dollars might be sparse. The deadline is July 1, and MGFKC welcomes all applications. This grant money is meant to be used! Apply this year!

COST OF REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE TRAINING INCREASE

The cost for the online training is going up to \$75. We will have a discussion about the flash drives at our June meeting.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION DOCUMENT

Attached is a document that will help you and your MGs decide what projects your program should be taking on. Colleen Miko (in Kitsap County) originally developed it with her MGs and presented it at our meeting last September. Howard Voland revised it slightly with his MGs and posted it to SharePoint. It will be discussed with a group and then added to our Volunteer Handbook when that undergoes revisions this fall. You will find this document very helpful!! It's also posted to our SharePoint site. Thanks, Colleen!

FUN FACT

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has declared **2016 the International Year of Pulses**.

Visit their website [to learn more](#).

CE OPPORTUNITY FOR MGs

OSU Intro to Permaculture Class Online

Starts May 2, 2016

Ends May 30, 2016

Details [here](#).

Early Structural Pruning of Trees (Info Attached)

Wenatchee, WA

April 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rocky Reach Dam Visitor Center and Park Arboretum

Presenters: Paula Dinius, Urban Horticulturist, WSU Chelan County Extension and Ben Thompson, Urban Forestry Specialist, WSDA DNR U&CF

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

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS E-NEWS BLAST

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NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS CONFERENCE

September 19 - 23, 2016
Yellowstone National Park
(Still no details about registration)

INTERNATIONAL MG CONFERENCE

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

NATIONAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM

April 10-13, 2017
Asheville, North Carolina
For more information like the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/1NECV>

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