



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

APRIL 2017

APRIL WEBINAR

CANCELLED- I'll be at a conference.

MAY WEBINAR

Wednesday, May 3rd 10-11am

AGENDA

- **Guest Presenter: Jim Kropf (Natural Resources and County Operations Director)**
- **Topic: Affirmative Action- Reaching Parity in Your County**
- Clinic Pesticide Survey Protocol and Timeline
- June Coordinators Meeting
- Please send me other agenda items

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/948881790>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,948881790# or +16465588656,948881790#

Or Telephone:

Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 948 881 790

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/join?j=948881790>

JUNE STATE MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING

****Please RSVP to me (nmartini@wsu.edu) for the dinner and our meeting by March 28th.**

State MG Program Coordinators Meeting and Dinner Thursday Night

Friday, June 2nd 8:30am-3pm

Confluence Technology Center

285 Technology Center Way #102

Wenatchee, WA 98801

<http://ncwctc.com/>

Agenda Items to Date (final agenda to follow soon)

- Diversity in the MG Program
- Civil Rights Reporting
- State Report
- Pesticide Policy
- Clinic Survey
- Evaluation Plan

**Please send me items you'd like to discuss and let me know if there are professional or program development items you'd like presented in panel form or by a guest presenter.

Group Dinner

Thursday, June 1st 6-8pm
Garlinis Napoletana
212 Fifth Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

A block of rooms is reserved at:

Best Western Chieftain Inn
1017 N. Wenatchee Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: 509-665-8585

**Ask for "WSU Extension room block."

Reservation cutoff date is April 30, 2017.

I will cover your travel expenses. You'll use the information below to fill out your TA (prior to travel) and TEV (for reimbursement).

TA No. 17TA6045

Budget No. 09G 4127-3552

WELCOME TO "NEW" PROGRAM COORDINATORS!

Loren Imes in Island County

Caitie Blethen in San Juan County- Was interim since about November, is now permanent)

Danielle Harrington in Pierce County- Was interim since about November, as well, now permanent)

Jeannine Polaski in Mason County

CLINIC SURVEY TALKING POINTS FOR PROGRAM COORDINATORS AND MGs

Please use the attached document to explain to MGs why we're asking them to collect clients' email addresses and the purpose of the clinic evaluation.

IMPORTANT WSU PESTICIDE POLICY AND TRAINING

(Please be sure the MGs in your county get this information)

If you engage in pesticide research, application, handling, or recommendation activities as part of your WSU employment, you must follow all WSU Pesticide Policy requirements as defined in the WSU Business Policies & Procedures Manual (BPPM).

Refresh your knowledge of WSU Pesticide Policy requirements by visiting [WSU Employee Resources](#) at the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service (WSPRS) website. The Pesticide Policy training modules are available as videos, video transcripts, and podcasts.

Find the related WSU Pesticide Policy BPPM sections here:

- [Overview \(BPPM 45.65\)](#)
- [Approval to Make Pesticide Recommendations \(BPPM 45.67\)](#)
- [Use of Registered Pesticides \(BPPM 45.69\)](#)
- [Experimental Use of Pesticides \(BPPM 45.70\)](#)

WSU Pesticide Policy applies to ALL WSU EMPLOYEES (with or without a pesticide applicator's license) who are engaged in pesticide-related work, including students, **volunteers**, faculty and staff.

If you have any questions about the training, pesticide policy, pesticide license requirements, or experimental use of pesticides, please contact Dr. Catherine Daniels, WSU Pesticide Coordinator, at 253-445-4611 or cdaniels@wsu.edu.

UPDATED HERBICIDE BROCHURES FROM WSDA

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/597BSingleSheet.pdf>

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/597ATriFold.pdf>

STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE (Registration Open!)

[2017 State MG Advanced Education Conference](#)

"Can You Dig It"

September 20-23, 2017 (Registration is Now Open!)

Yakima, WA

[YouTube video](#) (Very fun!!)

Note from John Strong (Yakima County MG and MG Foundation of WA State Secretary):

We have waited a year and a half since our last conference, and I know many of you are eager for this one.

The folks here in Yakima have been working hard for over a year to put together a conference that the entire state can be proud of.

- There are over 30 fascinating breakout sessions led by key experts and great presenters.
- There are interesting tours to entertain and inform you.
- There is good food, comfortable and inexpensive lodging for your rest and sustenance.
- Throughout the hotels and convention center you'll find free parking and free wi-fi.
- And... we plan to have a lot of fun!

Get all the details at the official conference website: <http://canyoudigit-2017.org>. Go there, pick out your favorite classes, your meal choice, the tours that look irresistible, and the hotel where you'd like to stay. Then click the link on the REGISTER page and sign up!

Oh, and then you should go through your attic or the thrift stores and find some tie-dye and bell bottoms so you'll fit in with all the rest of us "Hippie Gardeners"!

Can You Dig It?!

SHARING SUCCESS AT STATE MG ADVANCED ED CONFERENCE

Share your program's successes with other programs statewide at the State MG Advanced Education Conference in Yakima! Flier attached.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase outstanding programs in your county!

RSVP by August 1 using the attached application form.

MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF WA STATE NEWS

- The MGFWS is **looking for an Executive Vice President**. The job description is attached- please share with the MGs in your county.
- Is your county **interested in hosting the 2018 State MG Advanced Education Conference?**

Note from Kathleen LaFrancis Eaton (President Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State):

Attached is a cover letter, and the official RFP for the 2018 Advanced Education Conference. Please review them, and spend some time with your local Master Gardener group considering the experience of hosting our conference next year. You can contact John Strong or any of his 2017 Conference Steering Committee to find out how much fun they are having, and how they're looking forward to the conference. Yes, it takes some time and some planning. But there are lots of folks out there who are willing to help... from prior conferences and from your neighboring counties. And it really is fun, and it brings your volunteers closer, and forms a great camaraderie.

- Have an **article, program or fund-raiser** to submit to the quarterly **Seeds for Thought Newsletter**? Submit it to Erin Landon (editomgfws@gmail.com) by April 1 for the May issue.

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NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH



April is National Safe Digging Month

National Safe Digging Month (NSDM) begins this Saturday. NSDM is recognized by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. The goal of National Safe Digging Month is to spread awareness for 811, the national number you call before doing any digging, big or small. Whether building a fence or pulling a deep ripper, a call to 811 should be made to protect the workers, the public, the environment and our buried infrastructure.

There are many promotional materials available at the [Common Ground Alliance](#) website including infographics, print and social materials, web buttons, case studies and a governor proclamation toolkit. Many infographics are also located at the [PASA website](#) in the Ag Agent login portal. If you have any questions, please let us know and help us spread the safe digging message!

Never Assume

As spring is upon us and farmers are preparing the fields, the following is a story about a spring plant, featured in the [2016 AG Excavation Safety Guide](#).



If you'd like copies of the [2016 AG Excavation Safety Guide](#), please let us know.

To identify if there is a transmission pipeline in a particular area, go to npms.phmsa.dot.gov and search by county. For the full article, [click here](#) and go to page 15, "I just HIT a pipeline, Now What?".

Resources

[Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance](#)

[Call Before You Dig Info](#)

[Find Pipelines in Your County](#)

Let us Know!



[Click here](#) to send us a link to any media posts you have made using PASA resources and we will send you a gourmet coffee shop gift card and enter you in a drawing to win an iPad at the 2017 NACAA Conference (need not be present to win).

2017 INTERNATIONAL IMGC INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

Registration

Master Gardeners can get CE while attending.

July 10-14

Portland, OR

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

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CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MGs

Scotch Broom Ecology and Management Symposium

May 23, 2017

Snoqualmie, WA

[More information.](#)

2017 Horticulture Series (Flier Attached)

Right Tree, Right Place April 20 – October 26, 2017

Wenatchee, WA

Fliers Attached.

Free Gardening Green Sustainable Landscaping Class

April 24 – May 10, 2017

Bellingham, WA

Flier Attached.

From the Ground and Up Workshop

June 24, 2017

Tacoma, WA

[Schedule](#) (Also attached).

[Flier](#) (Also attached).

Register [here](#).

YEAR OF THE BRASSICA

The [National Garden Bureau](#) has declared 2017 Year of the Brassica.

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

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