



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MAY 2017

## MAY WEBINAR

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

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

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Meeting ID: 948 881 790

International numbers available: [https://zoom.us/join?m=Xjl9edoTYiSf5AdfO-zUux6gzd\\_9L9W7](https://zoom.us/join?m=Xjl9edoTYiSf5AdfO-zUux6gzd_9L9W7)

## 2016 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Number of MGs is **up to 3,515!** That's almost **200 more** MGs than last year! Great job!!

Number of volunteer hours (minus CE) was **235,000!**

CE hours 45,855!

The State Report will be finalized next week. I'll send it out as soon as it's ready.

## GOVERNORS PROCLAMATION (Attached)

Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Week.

Please share the attached proclamation with the MGs in your county!

## **JUNE STATE MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING**

### **State MG Program Coordinators Meeting and Dinner Thursday Night**

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am-3pm  
Confluence Technology Center  
285 Technology Center Way #102  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
<http://ncwctc.com/>

**\*Draft agenda attached**

### **Group Dinner (Location has changed!!)**

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm  
Wenatchee Valley Brewing Company (**not** the Pybus Market location)  
108 Island View Drive  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

**You will be reimbursed by the State MG Program for your travel expenses.**

**TA No.** 17TA6045

**Budget No.** 09G 4127-3552

## **A'KEY GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FROM MG FOUNDATION OF KING COUNTY (Application attached)**

Apply for funding from the A'Key Memorial Grant program. We wish 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!

## **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!!)

\*\*Several documents are attached to distribute to the MGs in your county.

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"!

### 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.

### NEW MGFWS WEBSITE AND SEEDS FOR THOUGHT NEWSLETTER ATTACHED

- The Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State has a new [website](http://mgfws.org/). Check it out.
- Seeds for Thought May issue is attached.

### COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

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### 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](#).

### **Citizen Science – Advanced Entomology Training**

May 12 – June 30

Snohomish County

Snohomish County Master Gardeners Diagnostic Team is once again offering an expanded and updated advanced entomology training course this May to June 2017. This class will be organized generally around orders of insects (rather than as pests of specific plant groups) so by the time you finish the beetles section you should have a pretty good idea of what a beetle is and is not. The course will be a practical mix of lecture and hands-on lab activities and field walks when topics and weather permit. The course will be taught primarily by local Master Gardeners and regional experts. Arthropod and entomologist experts Dave Pehling and Sharon Collman will be offering their knowledge and insights as well.

The course is focused on applied identification of the types of insects Master Gardeners are likely to encounter in Clinics. Emphasis will also be on Life Cycle considerations which can be used to assist in management strategy development when needed.

New students who commit to all eight\* classes will have priority.

*[\* If you can't attend all eight classes, please indicate which ones you can attend. If the class is not full we will take those who can make 7 classes, then 6 classes, etc]*

*New students will have priority, but if there's space, those who have taken the previous class may repeat.*

*Registration cost is \$50 for all eight sessions. There is no "per session" rate.*

**Classes will be held on Fridays from 10am to 1:30 pm in the Cougar Room at Snohomish County Extension on the dates listed below (please note that one session on June 15 is a Thursday and NOT a Friday). The address is 600 128th St SW, Everett, Wa.**

May 12 - Foundations of Entomology

May 19 - Lepidoptera - Caterpillars, Butterflies, and Moths

May 26 - Coleoptera - Beetles

June 2 - Hymenoptera - Ants, Bees, Wasps, and Termites

June 9 - Diptera (true flies) and some species from other orders, Grasshoppers, Mantis, and Earwigs

June 15\* - Sucking Bugs - True Bugs, Aphids, Lace Bugs, Mealy Bugs, Whitefly

June 23 - Arthropods - Spiders, Fleas, Lice, Ticks, Mosquitoes, Mites, Bed Bugs, Silverfish, Millipedes, Centipedes

June 30 - Wrap up and Special Topics

**\* June 15 is a Thursday and is the only non-Friday session.**

**If you plan to attend (and for which classes), please register with Karie Christensen by email at [christensen4@wsu.edu](mailto:christensen4@wsu.edu) or call her at 425-357-6039.**

-Snohomish County Master Gardener Diagnostic Team

## **PLANTS DO THAT INFOGRAPHIC**

#Plantsdothat [infographic](#) developed as part of the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture- an effort lead in partnership with USDA-NIFA, Land-grant Universities and non-profits.

## **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](https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg_coordinators/home)

## **EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS E-NEWS BLAST**

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## **NEWSLETTERS**

WSU Green Times [Newsletter](#)

Archived State MG Program [Newsletters and Webinars](#)

## **FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS**

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

