

SUMMER, 2009



**ANNUAL MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/MGConf2009.html>

Take a look at the great lineup of speakers/topics and plan to attend. In addition to meeting and hearing from our distinguished Pullman-based faculty, attending this conference is a great opportunity to network with faculty, staff and volunteers in the WSU Extension MG program.

Program Management tools to be “unveiled” include the new MG Online Training program and templates for MG signs, brochures, and other promotional materials.

Please distribute the conference registration website address to your volunteers OR download the appropriate information and send it out to them.

**MG ONLINE TRAINING...how to use it your county**

Thank you for “attending” the webinars in June that Cinde Johnson hosted on how to use the MG on-line training program for your volunteer training. What?? Missed it? Need to bring someone else on board? No worries!

Cinde is ready to host another set of classes to show you or someone new how to use the MG online training course in your county. You only need to attend one class. All you need is a computer and a telephone. Cinde will send you instructions on how to log on. Once you’re on, sit back and listen as Cinde teaches over the phone and demonstrates how the Online training program works on your screen. You can ask questions at any time during the class and discuss concerns with others who are taking the class.

If you are interested in taking this class, let me know soon.... [tjfitz@wsu.edu](mailto:tjfitz@wsu.edu)

**MG VOLUNTEERS HOURS DATABASE...continuing ed hours separated from other hours**

Due to popular demand, a feature to track continuing education hours separate from volunteer hours has been added. Check out the new feature at <http://ext.wsu.edu/testVolunteer/logon.aspx>. Log on and find it under the “reports” menu, listed as MG CE hours.

How is this system working so far for your volunteers to report their hours? Kathleen Duncan has been a saint in helping us work out problems, so let me know if you’re having any problems with it.

**DR. ART ANTONELLI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Dr. Arthur Antonelli will be retiring from Washington State University this fall. Art has served the people of Washington State and the University for over 35 years. Whether it be the Master Gardener program, 4-H, visitors to the WSU Puyallup Plant Clinic, those seeking training and continuing education, or the many commodity groups and commissions that he has served, there are few individuals who do not know Art. It would be impossible to count the tens of thousands with whom Art has had contact

through personal presentations, identifications of pests and beneficials, and print and web-based media. In academia, we often count numbers of publications, grant dollars procured, and presentations at “scientific” meetings. While Art has an impressive record in all of these areas, it is the genuine concern and interpersonal associations that Art has fostered that set him apart. The number of insects, both good and bad, that Art identified for private citizens, businesses, and the state of Washington would astound us all. The number of phone calls that he has answered would scare most of us.

In an attempt to recognize Art for all that he has done, the Department of Entomology and the Puyallup Research and Extension Center hope to establish a WSU scholarship in Art’s name. The scholarship will serve worthy students through a set of criteria that will be developed by Art. If you are interested in donating to this scholarship and in helping us to honor Art for all of his many contributions, please send your donation to:

The Department of Entomology  
c/o Dr. Art Antonelli Scholarship  
Washington State University  
Pullman, WA 99164-6382

If you have questions please feel free to contact Richard Zack at the address above or at [zack@wsu.edu](mailto:zack@wsu.edu), John Stark at the WSU, Puyallup Research Center ([starkj@wsu.edu](mailto:starkj@wsu.edu)), Terry Whitworth ([WPCTWBUG@aol.com](mailto:WPCTWBUG@aol.com)) or Carol Ramsay ([ramsay@wsu.edu](mailto:ramsay@wsu.edu))

Thank you! From the Art Antonelli Scholarship Group

### **CLUSTER MEETINGS**

MG Cluster meetings are opportunities for faculty and staff involved with the MG program to come together for regional program planning, development of materials and discussions related to program management. Most recently we have come up with template ideas for MG brochures, signs and other promotional materials. The Northwest and Eastern Districts are developing plans of work for several MG programs common to most counties.

Because new district boundaries have been set by WSU Administration, it makes sense that the MG Clusters be organized as such:

**NW MG Cluster:** Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Thurston, Kitsap, Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan and Island

**Next NW MG cluster meeting, Sept 14**, place to be announced

**SW MG Cluster:** Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Lewis, Cowlitz, Clark and Skamania.

**Next SW MG cluster meeting, Sept 15**, Place to be announced

**Eastern MG Cluster:** Everyone else

**Next Eastern MG cluster meeting, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, WSU Spokane or WCEN

As always, if you miss your own cluster meeting, feel free to attend another since announcements from me and items of discussion are the same at each cluster. And, if a volunteer is your program manager, send her or him to these meetings.

### **WHERE’S THE BLOG?**

It's still there at <https://sharepoint.cahnrs.wsu.edu/blogs/mg/default.aspx>  
Log on there to find archived issues, add comments, etc.

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