



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

July 2013

STATE CONFERENCE MEETING/YOUR INPUT NEEDED

Master Gardener Coordinators' Meeting at State Advanced Education Conference

We'll meet the morning of Thursday, the 26th at the Hansen Center. Details and agenda to be announced. We will begin at 9:30am and meet until 12:00pm. A continental breakfast will be available. If you need reimbursement for your hotel room for Wednesday (the night before the meeting) and you have not let me know, please do so soon. I will work on an opportunity for us to meet Wednesday night for dinner, as well, for those of you who can make it.

Doodle Poll for Monthly Coordinators' Webinars

Please let me know what time and which day of the month works best for you.

<http://doodle.com/6hcwyirpnksbt7vy>

The day and time that most of you choose will be our regular meeting time each month. Thank you.

2013 Master Gardener Advanced Education Conference (Flier attached)

September 26-28, 2013

Hansen Conference Center at Comcast Arena

Everett, WA

Great Rates have been negotiated on Top Notch Hotels near the Conference Center (please open attachment)

For Complete Conference and Hotel Information please go to:

www.wa-mg-conf.org

"Celebrating 40 Years of Growing... Together"

Sharing Success at the State Advanced Education Conference

Do you have ...

- a Master Gardener in your program with a special skill or project?
- a tried-and-true display to educate the public?

Have you created ...

- a hands-on activity for children?
- partnerships in your community?

Do you have a demonstration garden that ...

- showcases a particular gardening technique?
- targets a particular demographic?

Are you willing to share these or any other achievements ...

- so we can recognize and celebrate the hard work and bright ideas of Master Gardeners in

your county

For more information on format and timing ...

- visit mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgfws or contact jane.billinghurst@gmail.com

Social Media Training Needs Survey

The purpose is to identify interest and needs among both master gardener coordinators and master gardener volunteers for utilizing nationally available social media training resources, which would apply to Extension horticulture and master gardener programming, specifically for:

- Extension Master Gardeners
- County Extension Master Gardener Coordinators
- State Extension Master Gardener Coordinators

Those who complete the survey and provide a contact email address will be entered into a drawing for a garden book.

To take the survey yourself:

Take the EMG Program Social Media Need Assessment survey @ this link:

https://vte.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b9o2Lk2Tqj1uVmt

To distribute the survey, use the same survey link as above, and send to:

- EMG volunteers
- EMG coordinators that might not be on this listserv

More about this survey?

This survey was created in response to feedback and insights from our EMG Coordinators session about social media and customer service in November, (Webinar recording is here <http://create.extension.org/node/90952>). Since that meeting a team of Extension communicators have put together this EMG Program Social Media needs assessment survey.

If you have questions regarding this study, you may contact the investigators at:

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WEBINARS

Extension Master Gardener Coordinators' (EMGC) Webinars

Sign up to get announcements of national Extension Master Gardener Coordinator webinars.

<http://create.extension.org/node/93850>

ITEMS TO NOTE

Recent Posts to State MG Website

MG Coordinator Job Description (I am a Volunteer Coordinator)

Master Gardener Programs, Foundations and the MOAs that Bind Them (I am a Volunteer Coordinator)

Research Guidelines for Master Gardeners (I am a Master Gardener

Volunteer) Updated *Coordinators Directory* (I am a Volunteer Coordinator)

Extension Publication Updates for June (Notification attached)

Roommate for Conference

Kat Satnik (Kittitas County)—ksatnik@yahoo.com is looking for a **roommate for the State MG Advanced Education Conference in September**

WSU's HortSense in Regional Gardening News National Gardening Association e-newsletter

<http://image.garden.org/campaigns/show/7903>

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Bugs and Blights

Here's the direct link to the newest ***Bugs & Blights Newsletter*** (hot off the PDF press (draft), but the pretty one will be posted next week)—**Timely diagnostic information.**

<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/newsletters/BugsandBlights/BugsandBlights.htm>

Here's the page **link to it on the website if you want to look at other B&B Newsletters:**

<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/newsletters/BugsandBlights/BugsandBlights.htm>

Email collmans@wsu.edu to get on the listserve for the newsletters.

Neonicotinoids and Bee Impact (Paper attached)

Recently, the **Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) responded to a request from Thurston County Commissioners regarding the use of neonicotinoids in urban areas by unlicensed pesticide applicators.** The concern of Thurston County is the impact of over use of neonicotinoids in urban areas and the potential effect they may have on honey bees and other pollinators. The WSDA has opted to not move forward with new rule making on the use of neonicotinoids at this time, primarily due to the lack of data on the urban use of these products and their impact on the pollinators; and the uncertainty about singling out any variable as the definitive cause of the decline of honey bees and native pollinators (See <http://agr.wa.gov/News/2013/13-19.aspx>). (Full Article Attached)

WSU Pesticide Training Videos

Now Available on YouTube (2 hrs continuing ed), an archived version of Catherine Daniels' excellent pesticide training. The video is divided into four 30 minute parts.

Here are the links to the **YouTube videos:**

Part 1: http://youtu.be/lv_w0w0XMdl

Part 2: <http://youtu.be/RlChwPRQXL8>

Part 3: <http://youtu.be/PM1KnWUD9Hs>

Part 4: <http://youtu.be/yDRzUGHX9qA>

WSU/OSU Turf Field Day (Flier attached)

When: Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Where: R.L. Goss Research Facility (directions on back)

Time: Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Announcements: 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Program: 9:15 a.m. - 12:15, BBQ lunch at immediately following

Speakers Include: Dr. Alec Kowaleski, Dr. Gwen Stahnke, Dr. Bill Johnston, Dr. Rita Hummel, Dr. Marianne Elliott, Mr. Nathan Stacey, Mr. Charles Golob, Mr. Brian McDonald and Mr. Clint Mattox.

Rinsing and Recycling Caged Tanks

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 (Webinar)

The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA) will hold a webinar on ***Rinsing and Recycling Caged Tanks***. Penton Media is hosting the free webinar, which will be at 2:00 Eastern time (1:00 Central or 11:00 am Pacific). The webinar is focused on an audience of growers and applicators, but is open to all interested parties. To register, see TPSA's home page (<http://www.tpsalliance.org/>) or Penton Media's web site (www.deltafarmpress.com/tpsa).

Wilson Banner Ranch Opening to the Public Monday, July 8th

<http://tilthproducers.org/>

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Poplar for Biofuels – Pilchuck Field Tour August 19

Near Stanwood, Washington, hybrid poplar trees are growing to demonstrate the potential of purpose-grown woody crops for biofuel production in the Northwest.

Join policymakers, Extension professionals, and researchers in learning about the latest biofuel developments in the Northwest focusing on:

- Cellulosic biofuels and the Renewable Fuel Standard
- Hybrid poplars as a renewable energy crop in Western Washington
- Biomass production tour highlighting operational and research poplar plots

When: Monday, August 19, 2013 | 10:30am – 1:00pm

Where: Stanwood, WA

RSVP: Lunch provided! Please respond no later than August 12, 2013 to reserve your space and your meal.

Contact Nora Haider at WSU Extension nora.haider@wsu.

