



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

OCTOBER 2016

OCTOBER WEBINAR

TOMORROW, Oct. 5th 10am-11am

Clinic Count Sheet Discussion and Email Survey about Pesticide Use

Let me know if you have anything to add to the agenda.

****We're going to try something different and use **Zoom** tomorrow.**

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,987511186# or +16465588656,987511186#

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Meeting ID: 987 511 186

International numbers available:

https://zoom.us/join?m=Of50o7s6ikVmE1Uo1QWBj6Z_dEqYJFyt

WELCOME NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I'm pleased to announce a new program coordinator:

Danielle Herrington (danielleharringt@wsu.edu) was hired as the Interim **Pierce County** MG Program Coordinator beginning October 1.

ONLINE TRAINING INFORMATION

Attached are the **instructions for registration** for online training. Instructions are the same for each county and for each session of training. For instance, All Year trainers use the same instructions as Fall trainers.

****The cost for the online training has increased to \$75.**

Quiz answers have been uploaded in the [State Program SharePoint site](#).

An **introduction video** for students is also available on the SharePoint site.

NEW STINKBUG APP

WSDA and WSU Extension are going to try a new webapp approach to mapping some of our more visible and identifiable pests. We are going to start with the southern green stink bug, with the red lily beetle soon to follow. We haven't quite worked out where this will be integrated on our various agency pages, but I anticipate that will be solved in the next few weeks. In the mean time, I'd like to see if we can get some more people to try and populate the site with observations. I'm contacting you because you have either reported the bugs before, or may have been in contact with someone who has.

At your leisure, please take a look at the app, and give it a try! If you have thoughts or suggestions about how to spread the word please chime in. Let's see how well we can put our collective minds together and delineate this new arrival.

<http://arcg.is/1OjbC7i>

Feel free to contact me with questions, comments, concerns, etc.

Thanks, and cheers!
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NATIONAL EMG MOTIVATIONS STUDY- NOTE FROM SHERI DORN (Letter to use in your newsletter to Master Gardeners is attached)

Dear Local Master Gardener Coordinator:

Last week, you received a message about a national study of Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs). The University of Georgia and Iowa State University are working together on a research study entitled, "A National Study of Motivations of Extension Master Gardeners." The results of this study have the potential to benefit all of us, and we need your help to make it happen! We hope that you shared last week's message with local coordinator and Extension Master Gardeners in your state, preparing them for the survey link.

As a local coordinator, you are asked to participate in the Motivations study in three ways:

1. Please complete a simple online survey about your county(ies) EMG program. While this survey is not anonymous, the information provided will be used in summary form to approximate a response rate at the close of the Motivations study (i.e., 50% of the counties with EMG programs in your state responded). Please click the link to complete the Local Master Gardener Coordinator survey (about 25 short questions): <http://tinyurl.com/LocalMGCoordinator>

2. Please distribute the Motivations survey materials to EMGs in your county(ies).
 - Paste the *Letter to Extension Master Gardeners* file (attached) into an email message to be sent to all current and inactive EMGs (do not send to 2016 trainees).
 - Write a personal note of support for the study at the top of the message (example included in the document) to ask local EMGs to participate.
 - Please encourage the EMGs to respond right away.

3. Please distribute survey reminders to EMGs at weeks two, four, and six of the study (I will send these to you).

There is no need for you to complete the Motivations study unless you are a current or inactive EMG.

The survey uses Qualtrics survey software to present the questions and collect responses. You can respond to the survey using a tablet or computer. Accessing the survey link is not harmful to your computer. To participate, simply click on the link that will be provided. It will take you directly to an online survey where you simply click your responses or type in short answers. Completion of this online Motivations survey should take about 30 minutes.

In return for helping us launch this survey, you will receive results specific to your state and counties that participate. You will learn information about your EMG volunteers that will help you coordinate and develop your EMG program. Additionally, the study has the potential of identifying additional tools to select individuals who are good matches for your EMG volunteer program.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and assistance!

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CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MGs

2017 IMGc International Master Gardener Conference

July 10-14

Portland, OR

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

2016 Horticulture Series

Quality Trees, Quality Cities

Oct. 27

Wenatchee, WA

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The Art and Science of Gardening

Master Gardener Advanced Training

October 21

Bellingham, WA

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Ready. Set. Grow. Gardening Conference

Educational Gardening Conference

October 28-29

Leavenworth, WA

[More...](#)

2017 Whidbey Gardening Workshop- Save the Date

March 4, 2017

[More...](#)

2017 WA State MG Advanced Education Conference "Can You Dig It?" - Save the Date

Sept. 21-23, 2017

Yakima, WA

NEW PUBLICATIONS

[Environmental Injury: Winter Burn of Evergreens](#)

OUT OF PRINT PUBLICATION

EB1579 Landscape Plants for the Inland Northwest

Link to other [new/revised publications](#)

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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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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